

## **IRELAND**

(pop. 4 467 854)

By the end of 2010, Ireland had reported a cumulative total of 5599 HIV cases, 1081 AIDS cases and 421 deaths among AIDS cases to the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). For the year 2010, the country reported 330 new HIV infections, 38 new AIDS cases and 5 deaths among AIDS cases. The rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections in 2010 was 7.4 per 100 000 population. Among the HIV infections reported with a known mode of transmission in 2010 (100%), 42% had been infected through heterosexual contact, 8% through injecting drug use, 47% through sex between men and 3% through mother-to-child transmission. Of the 122 cases acquired through heterosexual contact in 2006, 56% were from countries with generalized HIV epidemics and 7% had partners from generalized epidemic countries. 73% of the new HIV cases were male. Ireland has reported a total of 64 mother-to-child transmission cases, 9 of which occurred in 2010.

Taking undiagnosed infections into account, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and WHO estimate that 6900 people were living with HIV in Ireland in 2009 and that less than 100 people died from AIDS-related causes during 2009.

The most recently reported data on the number of people on antiretroviral therapy are from 2004 (1600 people).

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