

HIV/AIDS Profile: Bahamas, The

Demographic Indicators

	with AIDS	without AIDS		with AIDS	without AIDS
Population (1000s)	295	300	Growth Rate (%)	1.0 %	1.3 %
Crude Birth Rate	20	20	Crude Death Rate	7	4
Infant Mortality Rate			Life Expectancy		
Both Sexes	17	12	Both Sexes	71	80
Male	19	14	Male	68	77
Female	15	10	Female	74	83

Percent Urban	84		Total Fertility Rate	2.3	
Note: Above indicators are for 2000.					

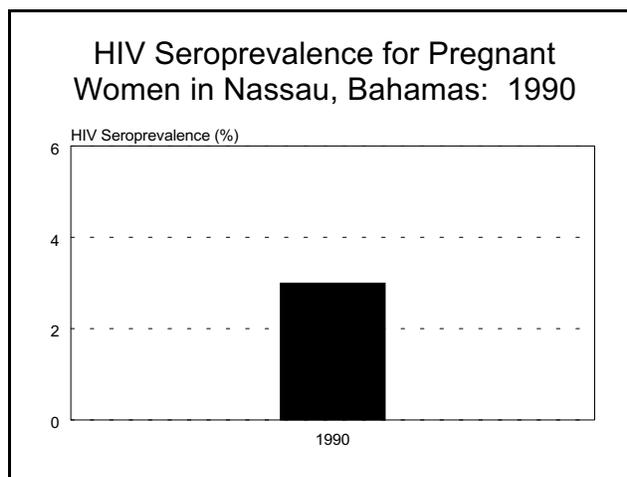
Estimated % of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end 1999			4.1 %		
Cumulative AIDS rate (per 1,000) as of 9/30/97			10.01		
Cumulative AIDS cases as of 9/30/97			2864		
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, UNAIDS, Population Reference Bureau, World Health Organization.					

Epidemiological Data

Epidemic State: Generalized

The Caribbean has one of the most severe HIV/AIDS epidemics outside sub-Saharan Africa. In the Bahamas, an estimated 4 percent of adults were living with HIV/AIDS at the end of 1999, the second highest rate in the region after Haiti. Although no recent data are available, by the early 1990s high levels of HIV prevalence were found among STD clinic patients as well as in pregnant women.

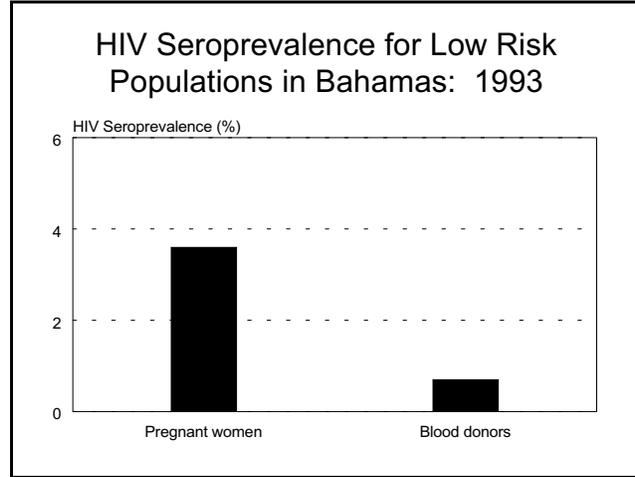
- There is a limited amount of data from Nassau, the capital city, on HIV seroprevalence among pregnant women. However, a study in 1990 reported 3 percent of pregnant women tested were HIV positive.



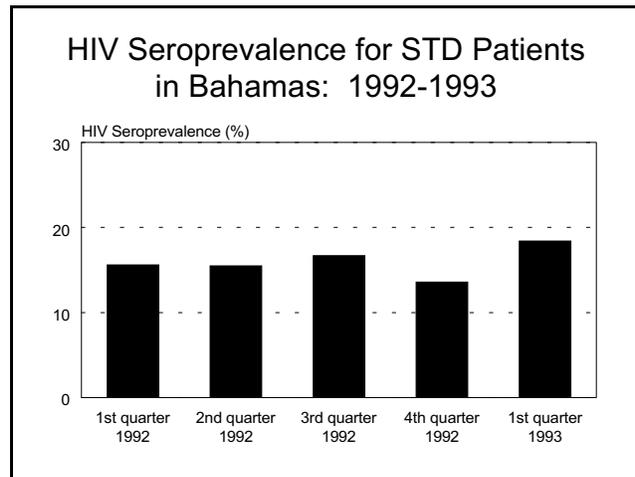
Source: International Programs Center, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base, June 2000.

Bahamas

- The Bahamas Ministry of Health reported nearly 4 percent of pregnant women and nearly 1 percent of blood donors tested positive for HIV during the first quarter of 1993.



- The Bahamas Ministry of Health Community Health Service reported HIV infection levels among STD clinic patients by quarters ranging from 14 percent to 17 percent for 1992. There was a reported increase in the first quarter of 1993 to 18 percent.



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