

HIV/AIDS Profile: Sierra Leone

Demographic Indicators

Population (1,000s)	5,233	Growth Rate (%)	3.7
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)		Life Expectancy	
Both Sexes	149	Both Sexes	45
Male	166	Male	42
Female	131	Female	48
Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000)	46	Crude Death Rate (per 1,000)	20
Percent Urban	37	Total Fertility Rate	6.1
Note: Above indicators are for 2000.			

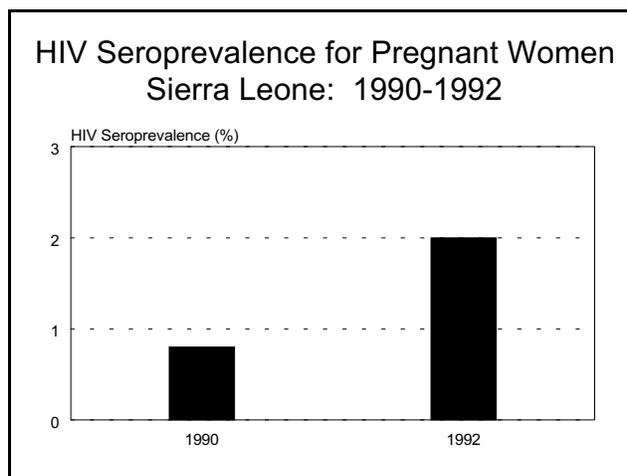
Estimated % of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end 1999		3.0 %	
Cumulative AIDS rate (per 1,000) as of 6/15/96		0.04	
Cumulative AIDS cases as of 6/15/96		205	
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Reference Bureau, UNAIDS, World Health Organization.			

Epidemiological Data

Epidemic State: Generalized

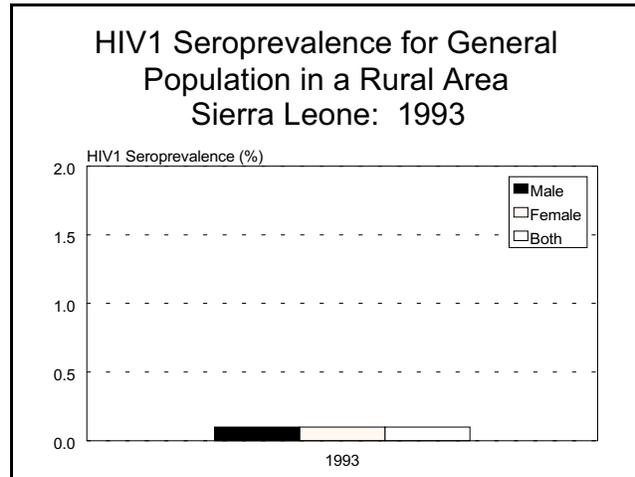
Given the continuing political and social upheaval in Sierra Leone, there is no recent information on the HIV epidemic in the country. Prevalence among blood donors in the early 1990s ranged from 1 to 4 percent. There is little information pertaining to pregnant women.

- In 1990, nearly 1 percent of pregnant women tested in Sierra Leone were positive; in 1992, 2 percent were positive.

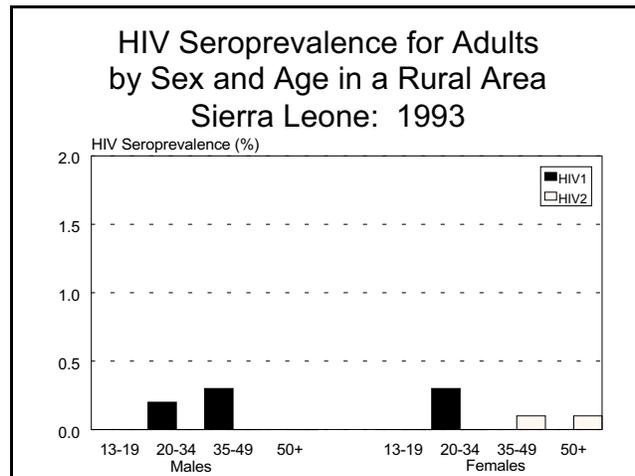


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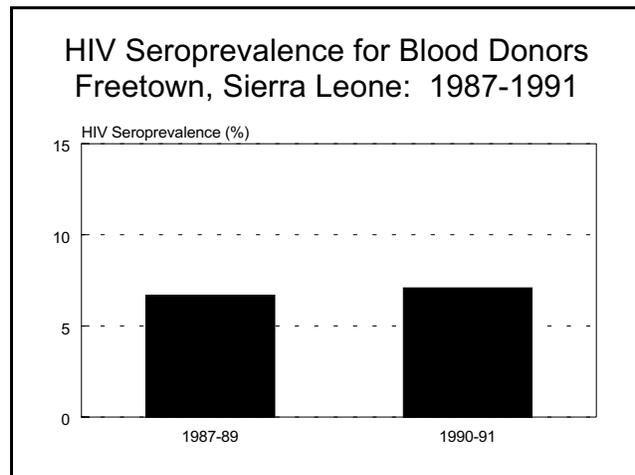
- A study conducted among adults and children residing in 45 small villages in the Northern Province, found that 0.1 percent of males and females were infected with HIV1. No evidence of HIV2 infection was found.



- In the same study, no evidence of infection with HIV2 was found among adult males age 13 and over. Among adult females, 0.1 percent of those 35 and over were infected with HIV2. The HIV1 infection level among females 20-34 years of age was 0.3 percent; the corresponding rate for males was 0.2 percent.

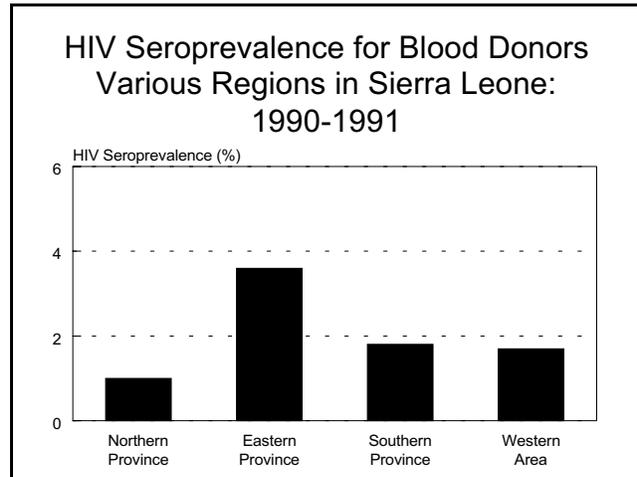


- Studies conducted in Freetown among blood donors showed HIV infection at 7 percent in 1987-89 and 1990-91.

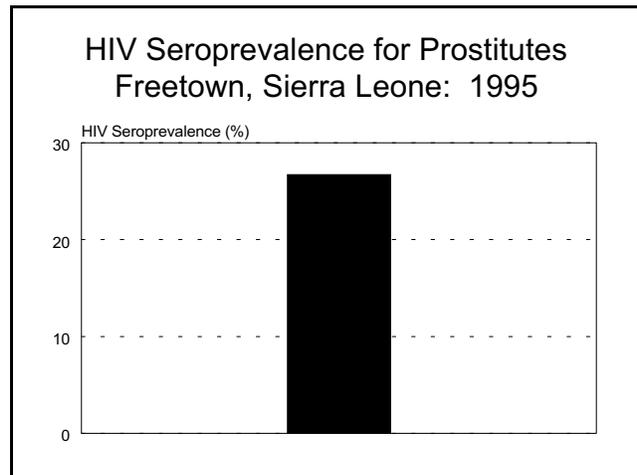


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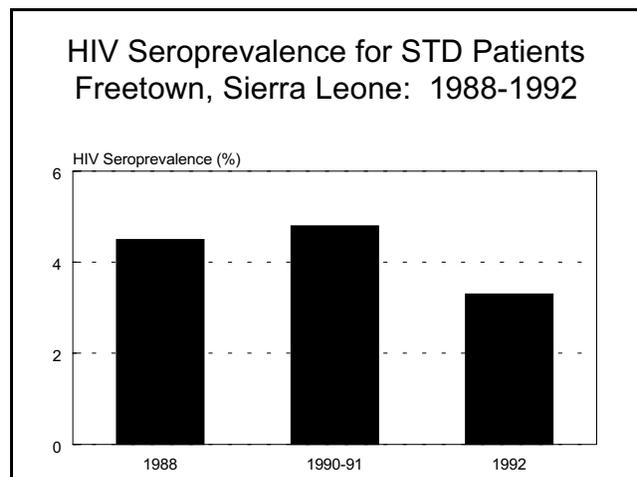
- A regional analysis of HIV infection levels among blood donors showed HIV infection present in the Western area (2 percent), Northern Province (1 percent), Eastern Province (4 percent) and Southern Province (2 percent).



- In Freetown, 27 percent of low-income prostitutes tested in a study done in 1995 were HIV positive.



- In 1988 and 1990-91, 5 percent of patients attending STD clinics in Freetown were HIV positive. Among STD patients tested in 1992 at Connaught Hospital, 3 percent were infected.



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