



South Africa Has Highest HIV Incidence in the World

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New data from a nationwide survey shows South Africa now ranks first worldwide in HIV incidence, Mail & Guardian reports. The country had more than 400,000 new HIV cases in 2012, which is the most recent data available. The groups with the highest new HIV cases were women ages 30 to 34 with 36 percent and men ages 35 to 39 with 28.8 percent.

HIV prevalence also has risen from 10.6 percent in 2008 to 12.2 percent in 2012. That brings the total number of people living with HIV in South Africa from 5.2 million in 2008 to 6.4 million in 2012.

This data comes from the 2012 National HIV Prevalence, Incidence and Behaviour Survey, which had been previously conducted in 2002, 2005 and 2008. According to the survey, the country is unlikely to meet its goal of a 50 percent reduction in new HIV cases by 2016.

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