

Key Findings on HIV/AIDS Knowledge and Behavior from the 2007 Ukraine Demographic and Health Survey (2007 UDHS)

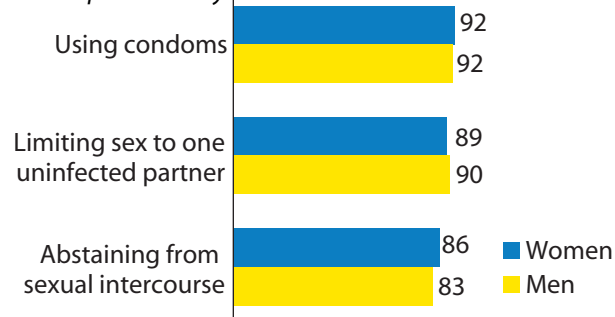
The 2007 Ukraine Demographic and Health Survey provides up-to-date information on the population and health situation in Ukraine. The 2007 UDHS is the first national demographic and health survey conducted here. The UDHS includes information on fertility and family planning, maternal and child health, HIV knowledge, women's status, spousal violence, and other adult health issues, such as tuberculosis and hypertension.

The survey is based on a nationally representative sample. It provides estimates for rural and urban areas of the country and for each of the 5 regions. 6,841 women and 3,178 men age 15-49 were interviewed for the UDHS.

Findings on HIV/AIDS

Knowledge of HIV Prevention

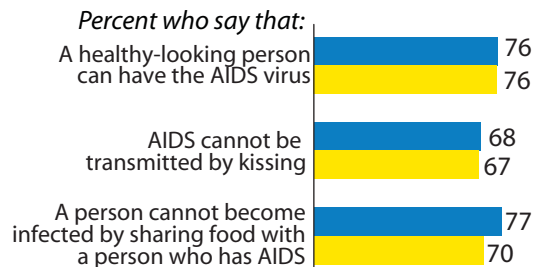
Percent who know that HIV can be prevented by:



Almost all (99 percent) Ukrainians have heard of AIDS. About 90 percent know that HIV can be prevented by using condoms or limiting sex to one uninfected partner. Slightly less know that abstaining from sex can limit HIV risk.

Beliefs about AIDS

■ Women ■ Men



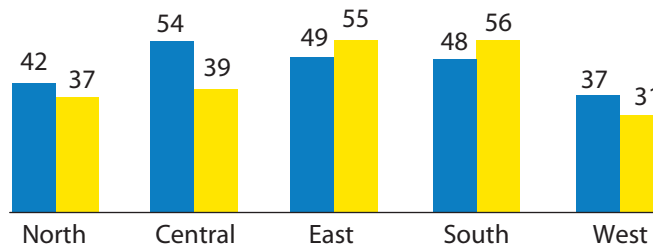
Percent of women and men 15-49

Three-quarters of Ukrainians know that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus. More than two-thirds reject the two most common myths about AIDS and know that AIDS cannot be transmitted by kissing or by sharing food.

Comprehensive Knowledge of HIV by Region

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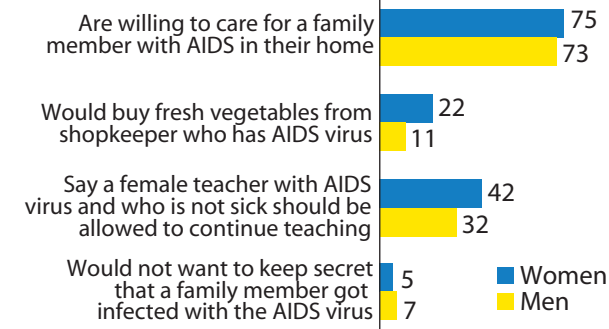
Percent who know that consistent use of condoms during sex and having just one uninfected faithful partner can reduce the chance of getting AIDS, know that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus, and know that AIDS cannot be transmitted by kissing or sharing food.



Among women, HIV knowledge is highest in Central Region, while men in South Region are most knowledgeable.

Accepting Attitudes about AIDS

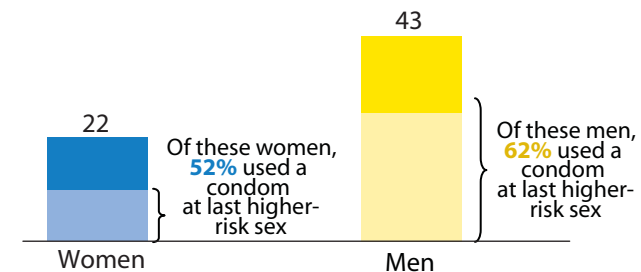
Percent of women and men 15-49 who:



There is a lot of stigma associated with HIV in Ukraine. While most Ukrainians would care for a family member with AIDS in their home, almost all would want the family member's HIV status to remain a secret.

Higher-Risk Sex and Condom Use

Among those who had sex in the 12 months preceding the survey, percent of women and men (age 15-49) who had sex with a nonmarital, noncohabiting partner



Two in ten women and four in ten men had higher-risk sex in the year before the survey. More than half used a condom the last time they had higher-risk sex.

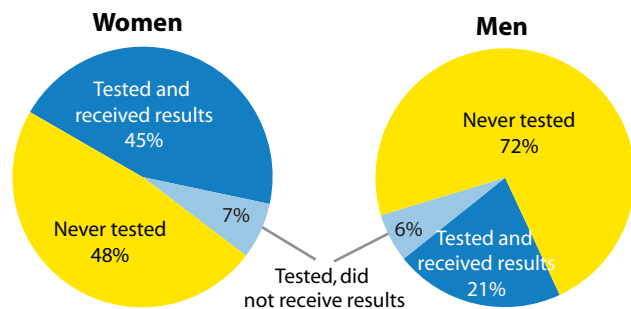


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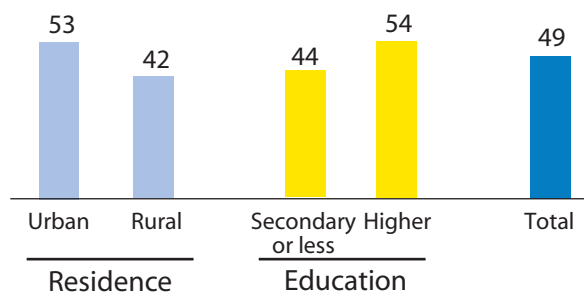
HIV Testing
Percent of women and men 15-49 who have ever been tested for HIV



Only 21 percent of men have ever been tested for HIV and received the results, compared to almost half of women. This is most likely because half of women who gave birth in the 2 years before the survey were offered and accepted an HIV test during antenatal care.

Pregnant Women Counseled and Tested for HIV

Percent of pregnant women who were counseled, were offered and accepted an HIV test and received results



Women living in urban areas and those with higher levels of education are most likely to receive HIV testing through antenatal care.

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