The State of HIV Prevention in Islamic Republic of Iran

**Policy and structural barriers**

**Key populations**

- **Gay men and other men who have sex with men**
  - **Prisoners**: No
  - **People who inject drugs**: na

- **Women**
  - **Transgender people**: No

**Criminalization of the behaviour of key populations**

- Gay men and other men who have sex with men: Yes
- People who inject drugs: No
- Transgender people: No

**Population size**

- 118,890
- 56,890
- 10,040
- 172,890

**HIV programme coverage and outcomes**

**Antiretroviral drug-based prevention**

- **Pre-exposure prophylaxis**
  - Number of people actively taking PrEP
  - Change in use of PrEP
  - Number of people acquiring HIV
  - Target: 30%

- **Antiretroviral treatment**
  - People living with HIV who are virally suppressed
  - Target: 72%

**Change in new HIV infections**

- Adults, 15 years: 2020: 2,700; 2021: 1,500
- Young women, 15-24 years: 2020: 2,700; 2021: 1,500
- Children, 0-14 years: 2020: 500; 2021: 100
- Gay men and other men who have sex with men: 2020: 200; 2021: 100
- People who inject drugs: 2020: 5,900; 2021: 3,500

**HIV prevalence**

- Young women, 15-24 years: 2020: 10%; 2021: 5%
- Young men, 15-24 years: 2020: 10%; 2021: 5%
- Sex workers: 2020: 10%; 2021: 5%
- Gay men and other men who have sex with men: 2020: 10%; 2021: 5%
- People who inject drugs: 2020: 10%; 2021: 5%

**Condom use**

- Condom use at last paid sex: 2020: 60%; 2021: 40%
- Condom use at last anal sex: 2020: 70%; 2021: 50%

**(scores 0–20)**

- **Very good**: 10
- **Good**: 8
- **Medium**: 6
- **Low**: 4
- **Very low**: 2
- **Insufficient data**: 0
- **Not applicable**: na

**Notes**

- The 2021 UNAIDS epidemiological estimates represent the year 2020. Other data points may refer to various years when the surveys were conducted.

- Data sources: UNAIDS 2021 epidemiological estimates; Global AIDS Monitoring 2021; and ICF – the DHS Program STATcompiler.

- Target 2010–2021: 75% reduction in new HIV infections by 2025 against 2010, which is required to achieve an 90% reduction by 2030.

- 2020 and 2025 targets represent the country's required contribution to global targets, a 75% reduction by 2020 and 82.5% reduction by 2025 against 2010 as a baseline.