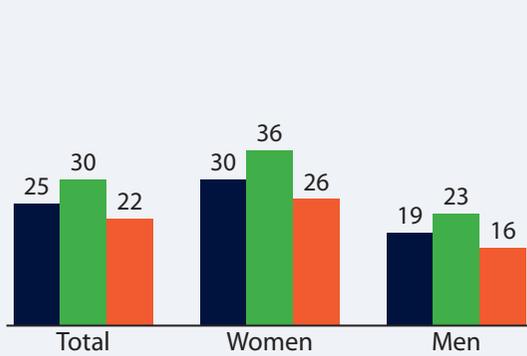


# Results from the 2014 Lesotho Demographic and Health Survey

## HIV Prevalence by Residence

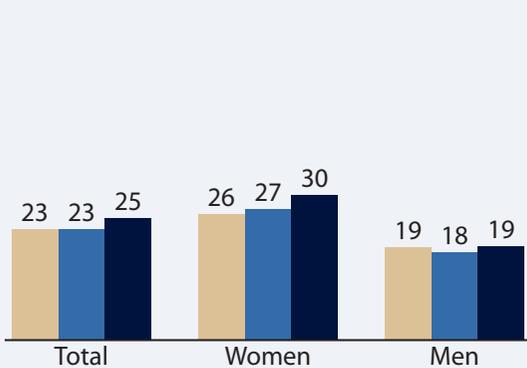
Percent of women and men age 15-49 who are HIV-positive  
 ■ Lesotho ■ Urban ■ Rural



Overall, 25% of Basotho women and men age 15-49 are HIV-positive. HIV prevalence is higher among women (30%) than among men (19%). Basotho women and men living in urban areas are more likely to be HIV-positive than those in rural areas (30% versus 22%).

## Trends in HIV Prevalence

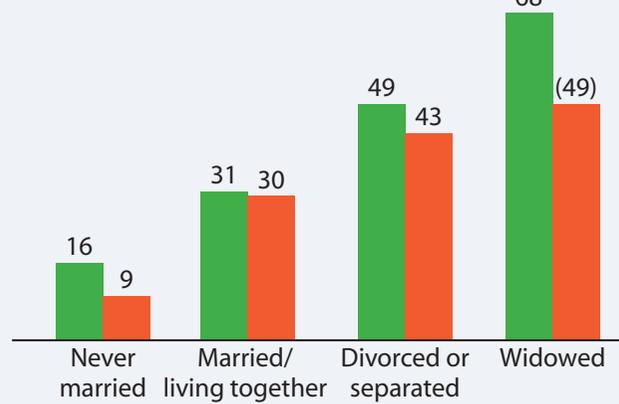
Percent of women and men age 15-49 who are HIV-positive  
 ■ 2004 LDHS ■ 2009 LDHS ■ 2014 LDHS



HIV prevalence has increased from 23% in 2004 to 25% in 2014. Among women, HIV prevalence has increased from 26% in 2004 to 30% in 2014. HIV prevalence among men has remained fairly stable (19% in 2004, 18% in 2009, and 19% in 2014). Only the HIV prevalence increase among women is statistically significant.

## HIV Prevalence by Marital Status

Percent of women and men age 15-49 who are HIV-positive  
 ■ Women ■ Men

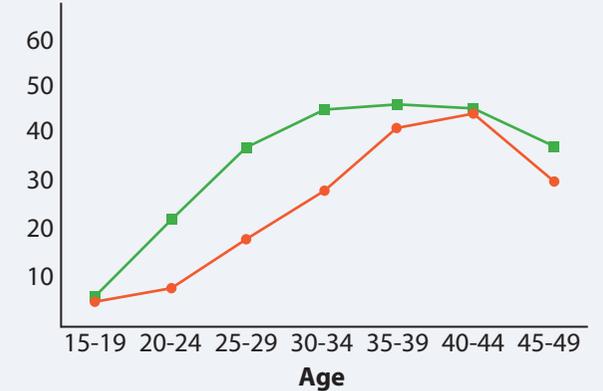


Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases

HIV prevalence is lowest among never married women (16%) and men (9%). HIV prevalence is highest among widowed women (68%), and women and men who are divorced or separated (49% and 43%, respectively).

## HIV Prevalence by Age

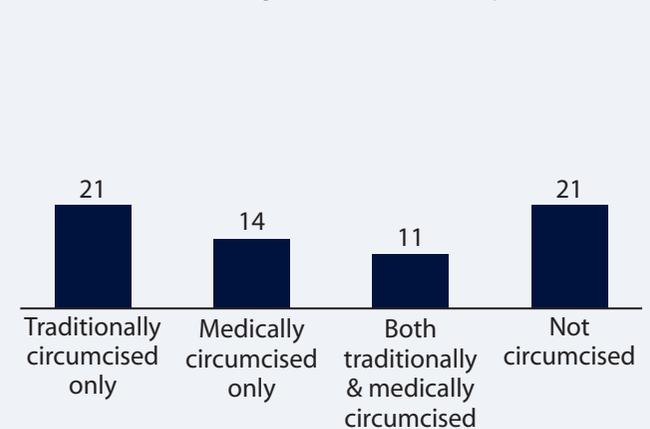
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HIV prevalence generally increases with age. Among women, peak HIV prevalence occurs in the 35-39 age group at 46%. Among men, prevalence is the highest among those age 40-44 (44%).

## HIV Prevalence by Male Circumcision

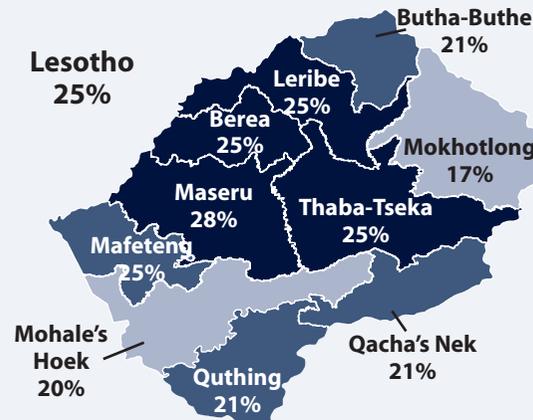
Percent of men age 15-49 who are HIV-positive



HIV prevalence is lowest among men who are both traditionally and medically circumcised (11%) and those who report that they were only medically circumcised (14%). HIV prevalence is highest among men who are not circumcised or report that they were only traditionally circumcised (21% each).

## HIV Prevalence by District

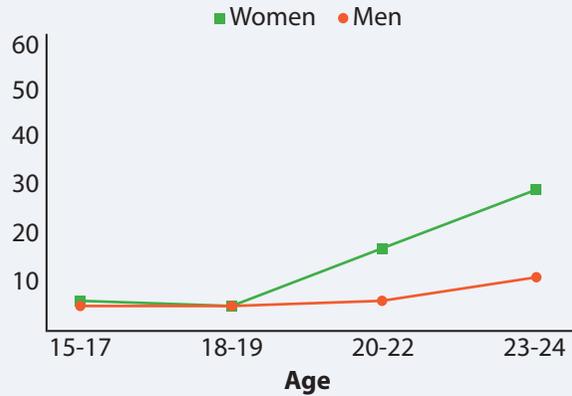
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HIV prevalence varies dramatically by district, ranging from a low of 17% in Mokhotlong to a high of 28% in Maseru.

### HIV Prevalence among Young People by Age

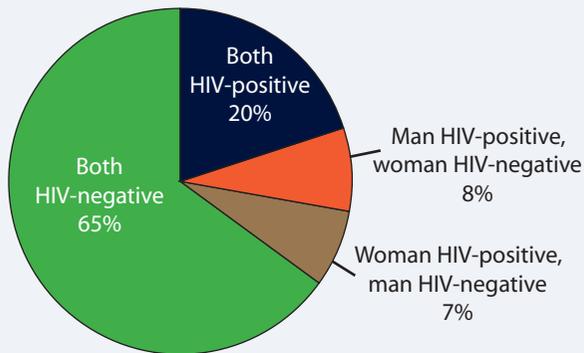
Percent of women and men age 15-24 who are HIV-positive



HIV prevalence is markedly higher among young women age 15-24 (13%) than among young men (6%). HIV prevalence increases with age among young people.

### HIV Prevalence among Couples

Percent distribution of couples living in the same household, both of whom were tested for HIV, by HIV status



In 65% of cohabiting couples, both partners tested negative for HIV. Both partners tested positive in 20% of cohabiting couples, while 15% of couples are discordant, which means one partner is HIV-positive while the other is not.

**Response rates and methodology:** HIV prevalence data were obtained from blood samples voluntarily provided by women and men who were interviewed in the 2014 LDHS. Of the 3,519 women age 15-49 and 3,132 men age 15-59 eligible for testing, 94% of women and 89% of men were tested.



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