

HIV PREVALENCE IN LESOTHO

IN-DEPTH LOOK AT HIV PREVALENCE IN LESOTHO

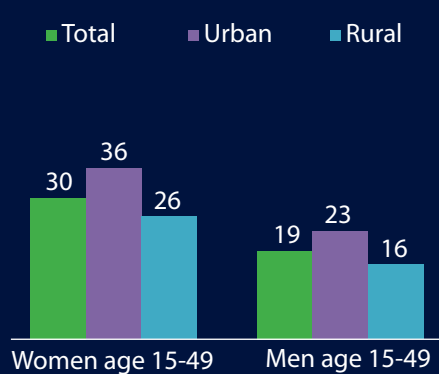


The 2014 LDHS once again included HIV testing among women and men, to track trends in HIV prevalence among the general population, and for the first time, to provide an estimate of HIV incidence. The results of this testing will be used to refine HIV prevalence estimates based on the sentinel surveillance system and to allow better monitoring of the epidemic. Overall, 92% of LDHS respondents who were eligible for testing were both interviewed and tested.



Overall, **25%** of Basotho adults age 15-49 are infected with HIV.

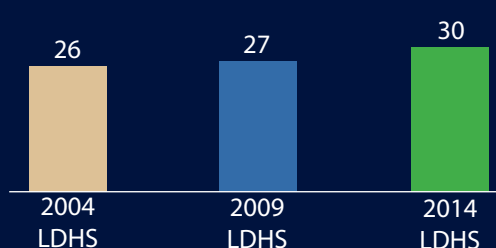
HIV prevalence by residence and sex



HIV prevalence is **higher among women (30%)** than men (19%), across residences.

Trends in HIV Prevalence among Women

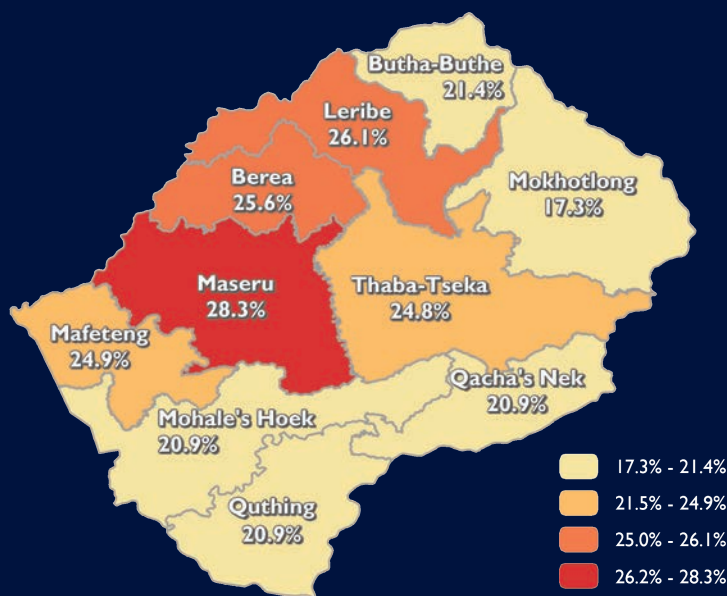
Percent of women age 15-49 who are HIV-positive



Prevalence among **women** has **increased**, from **26%** in 2004 to **30%** in 2014. This is a **statistically significant** change.

HIV prevalence by district

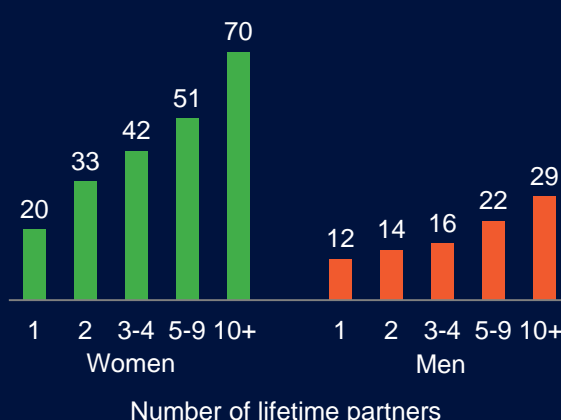
Percent of women and men age 15-49



HIV prevalence **ranges** from a **low of 17%** in Mokhotlong to a **high of 28%** in Maseru.

HIV prevalence by number of lifetime partners

HIV prevalence among women and men age 15-49 who ever had sex



Among both women and men, HIV prevalence **increases** with an **increasing number of lifetime partners**.



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