**Epidemic Snapshot 2018 | Lao PDR**

- **People living with HIV (PLHIV)**
  - Low estimate: 10,000
  - High estimate: 14,000
- **Women living with HIV**
  - Low estimate: 4,500
  - High estimate: 5,800
- **New HIV infections**
  - Low estimate: n/a
  - High estimate: n/a
- **People on ART (2017)**
  - 5,631
- **AIDS-related deaths**
  - Low estimate: <500
  - High estimate: <500

Source: Global AIDS Monitoring 2018 and UNAIDS 2018 Estimates

**New HIV Infections Trend**

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Source: UNAIDS 2018 HIV Estimates

**HIV Prevalence (%)**

- **Transgender People (2012)**
  - National: 3.1
  - Vientiane and Savannakhet: 6.1

- **Men who have sex with Men (2017)**
  - National: 2.8
  - Vientiane: 7.7

- **People who inject drugs**
  - National: 8.4
  - City: 4.3

- **Female Sex Workers (2017)**
  - National: 1
  - Luang Namtha: 2

Source: Serological surveys and Global AIDS Monitoring 2018

**Treatment Cascade, 2017**

- **Estimated PLHIV**: 12,000
- **PLHIV know their status**: 8,939
- **PLHIV receiving care**: 5,631
- **People on ART**: 4,607
- **Tested for viral load**: 4,045
- **Suppressed viral load**: 4,345

* Number of people on ART who received a viral load test in the past year and have viral load of <1000 copies/ml

Source: Global AIDS Monitoring 2018 and UNAIDS 2018 Estimates
## Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT), 2017

- Estimated pregnant women living with HIV: 125
- Pregnant women living with HIV who received ARVs for PMTCT: 500

Source: Global AIDS Monitoring 2018 and UNAIDS 2018 Estimates

## Key Populations

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### Behaviour and Response:

- Condom use at last sex (%): 26
- Safe injection practice (%): n/a
- HIV testing coverage (%): 10

### STigma Index

Percent of PLHIV respondents who avoided going to a local clinic when needed because of HIV status: 36% (2012)

## Punitive Laws

- Criminalization of same-sex sexual activities: NO
- Compulsory detention centres for people who use drugs: YES
- Criminalization of sex work: YES
- Criminalization of HIV transmission or exposure: YES
- HIV related restrictions on entry, stay and residence: NO

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