

Surveillance of HIV/AIDS in Albania



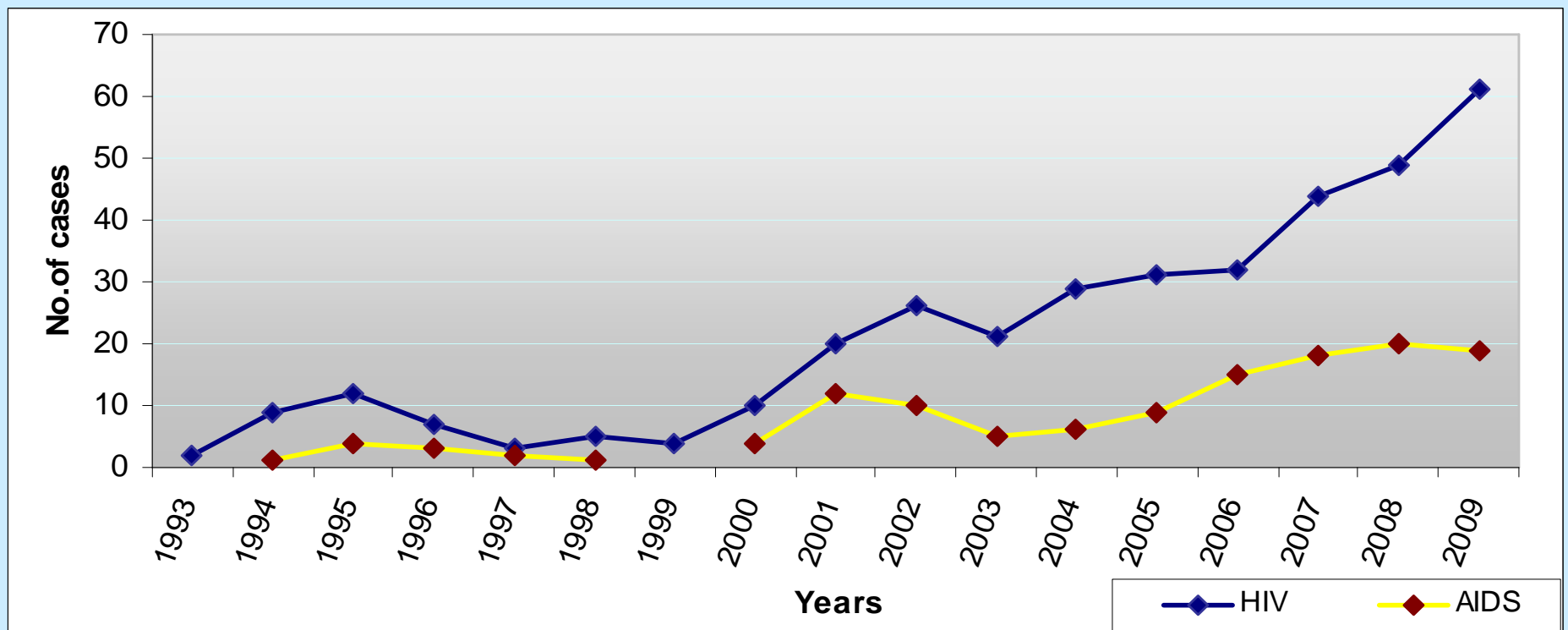
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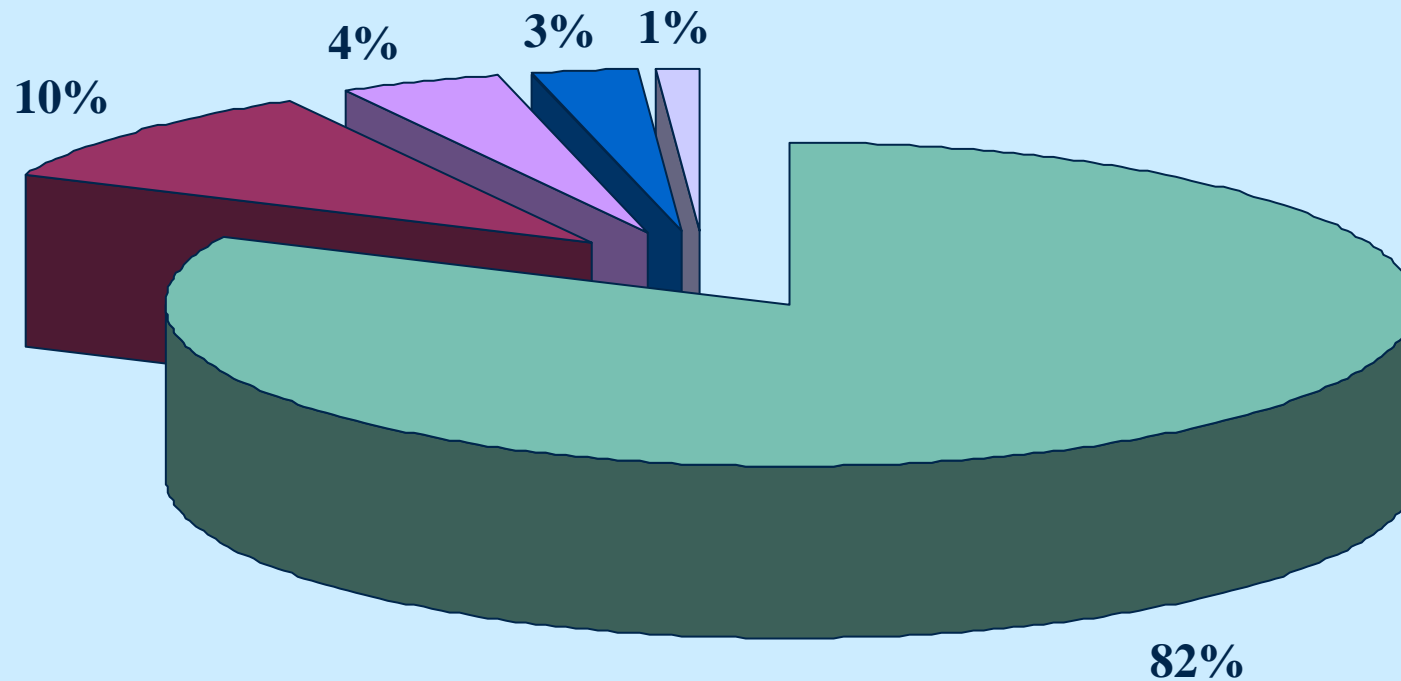
- ❑ As of end of December 2009, there are **365 reported HIV positive cases.**
- ❑ **129** have developed AIDS and **77** have died.
- ❑ **61 new cases** reported only in the last year (2009).
- ❑ **114** have received ART.
- ❑ **21** HIV cases among **children.**
- ❑ **Sexual transmission** still predominant (hetero and homo-bi sexual).

The distribution of HIV/AIDS cases in years (1993-2009).

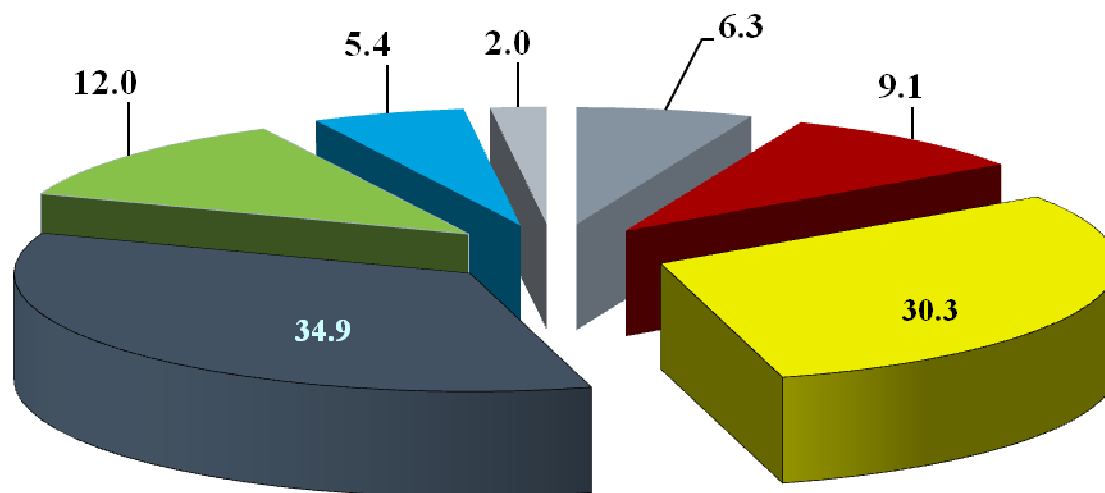
Vitet	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
HIV+	2	9	12	7	3	5	4	10	20	26	21	29	31	32	44	49	61
AIDS		1	4	3	2	1		4	12	10	5	6	9	15	18	20	19



Modes of Transmission



HIV cases by age-groups



■ 0-15 vjec ■ 16-24 vjec ■ 25-34 vjec ■ 35-44 vjec ■ 45-54 vjec ■ 55-64 vjec ■ 65 +

Geographical Distribution

- Regarding geographical distribution of HIV cases, the majority of HIV cases is located in capital city Tirana (54 %).
- Based on epidemiological investigations 54 % are infected during the period of their emigration or their visit in other countries and 46% inside the country.

Estimations

Based in many factors, number of the HIV/AIDS infected persons in Albania is estimated to exceed the number of diagnostic and reported.

- Dr. James Chin
 - Few hundreds to 1,000
- WHO/UNAIDS (spectrum)
 - 400-700 cases

Evolution of Surveillance System

- ❑ Biological surveillance
- ❑ Lack of VCT at the district level,.
- ❑ No involvement of PLWHA
- ❑ No national surveys on HIV knowledge's attitudes and practices.
- ❑ BIO-Behavioral surveillance.
- ❑ 12 VCT all over the country.
- ❑ Establishment of PLWHA NGO.
- ❑ 2 national surveys RHS (2002) and DHS(2008-2009)

Evolution of Surveillance System (cont.)

- No ARV treatment
- No CD4 count, no viral load
- ARV treatment (2004)
- Provision of CD4 count and viral load
- Syndromic surveillance for STI.
- Substitution therapy of methadone
- Outpatient clinic for PLWHA



THANK YOU!