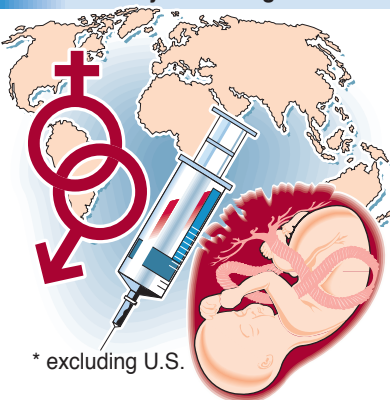
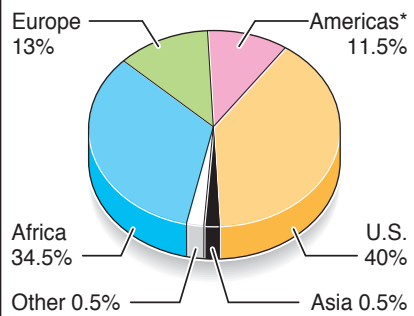


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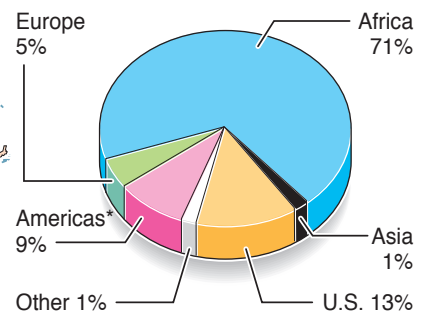
Worldwide increase in HIV and AIDS

Latest World Health Organisation figures show that 718,894 cases of AIDS have been reported worldwide since the start of the pandemic in 1979. WHO believes a more accurate figure to be 2.5 million – the discrepancy caused by under-diagnosis and under-reporting from the developing world

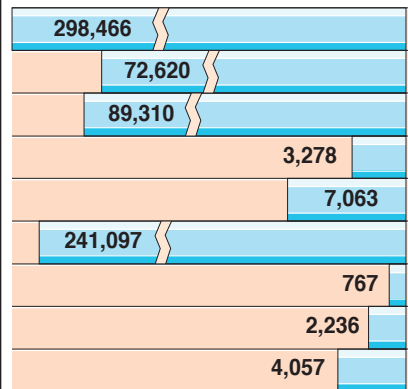
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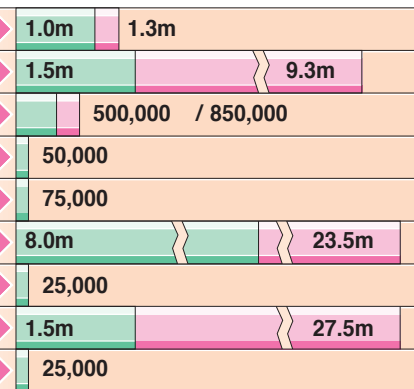
Estimated AIDS cases – 2.5m



AIDS numbers by region



Estimated HIV infection



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