

UN says HIV prevention starting to pay off

The global HIV epidemic continues to expand, with the estimated number of people living with the virus now passing 40 million. However, the United Nations says there is solid evidence that increased efforts to combat the disease are starting to result in a drop in new infections



▲ People living with HIV/AIDS, 2005 (2004)	40.3 million (39.4m)
■ New HIV infections in 2005	4.9 million (4.9m)
● AIDS deaths in 2005	3.1 million (3.1m)

North America

▲ 1.2 million
■ 43,000
● 18,000

Caribbean

▲ 300,000
■ 30,000
● 24,000

Western Europe

▲ 720,000
■ 22,000
● 12,000

Eastern Europe,
Central Asia

▲ 1.6 million
■ 270,000
● 62,000

Asia

▲ 8.3m
■ 1.1m
● 521,000

*Fall
in HIV
prevalence
in Caribbean,
Kenya, and
Zimbabwe*

Latin America

▲ 1.8 million
■ 200,000
● 66,000

Sub-Saharan Africa

▲ 25.8 million
■ 3.2 million
● 2.4 million

Middle East,
North Africa

▲ 510,000
■ 67,000
● 58,000

Oceania

▲ 74,000
■ 8,200
● 3,600