



REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA

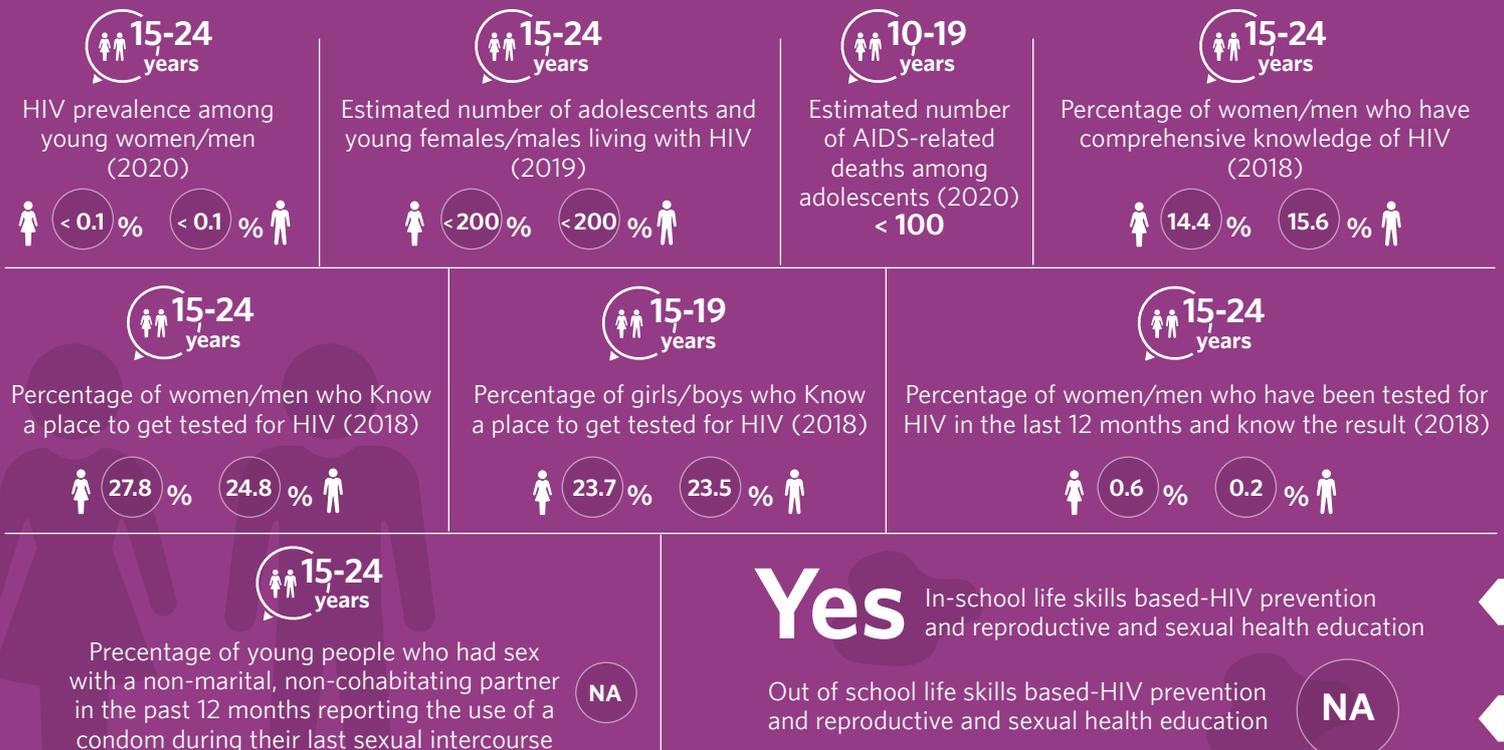
- Total population (millions)(2019) **11,694,719**
- Population aged 10-24 (%) **20.8**
- HIV prevalence among people aged 15-49 years (2020) **< 0.1**
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The prevalence among the general population (15-49 years, 2019) is less than 0.1%. The epidemic is concentrated among key populations, namely Sex Workers (SWs), Men having Sex with Men (MSMs) and Persons Injecting Drugs (PIDs). The main modes of transmission are heterosexual, sex work and homosexual relations. In-depth HIV/STIs knowledge on modes of transmission and prevention remains very low among young people especially among HSH, SW, PID and migrants. Sexual risk behaviors are observed in relatively worrying rates across different groups of young people including frequent multiple sex partners coupled with low condom use rate and sex work among MSMs and PIDs. Education policies guiding delivery of Life Skills based HIV and sexuality education, according to international standards, exists only in secondary school (implementation 76-100%) and teacher training. Combined prevention is offered by thematic NGOs and CSOs for Key and vulnerable populations. National prevention strategy to reduce new infection among adolescent girls, young women and their male partners in communities with high HIV incidence includes: community-based outreach, community-based promotion and distribution of condoms, Youth-friendly health services, school-based HIV prevention campaigns, and new media interventions. Laws do not require parental consent for adolescents to access SRH services. However, parental consent is required for adolescents younger than 18 years to access contraceptives, including condoms, HIV testing and HIV treatment. Young people participate in policy/guidelines/strategy development related to their health in technical teams for development/review/update of national AIDS strategies and plans; for access to HIV testing, treatment, care and support services, elaboration of educational documents, participation in sensitization activities; Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism, and Civil Society coordination spaces of populations most affected by HIV.

Demographics/ population data

- Adolescent girls/boys (10-14 years) (2019) **7% 7%**
- Adolescent girls/boys (15-19 years) (2019) **6.4% 7.1%**
- Literacy rate among adult females/males (15 years and over) **NA NA**
- Literacy rate among young females/males (15-24 years) (2014) **96 97**
- Rate of out of school young female/male of upper secondary school age **NA NA**
- Young female/male unemployment (15-24 years) (2020) **39.86% 35.6%**

Adolescents and young people, HIV/AIDS (knowledge, testing, treatment)



Discrimination

15-19 years

Percentage of women/men who report discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV (2018)

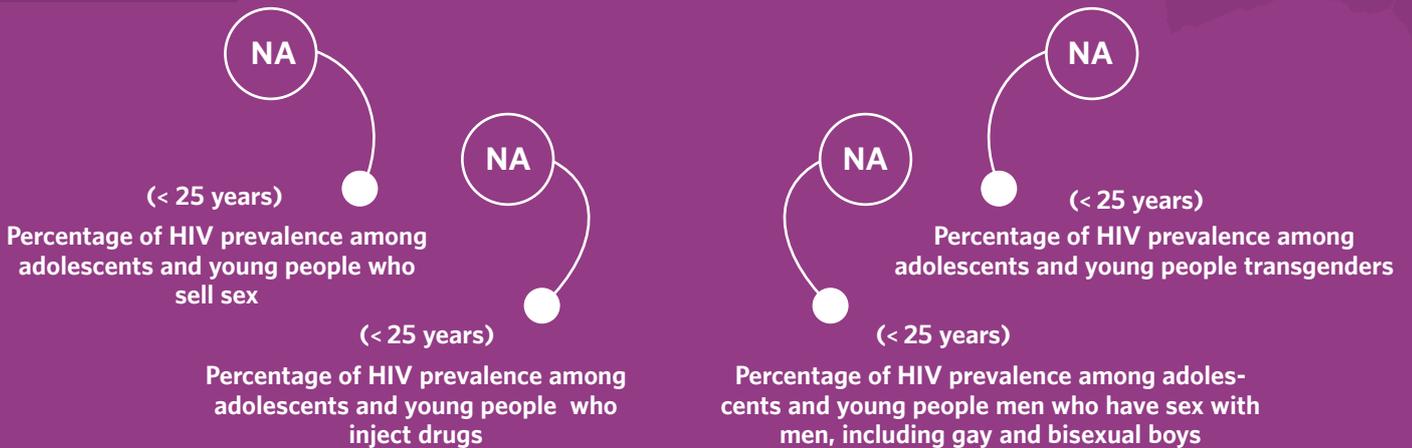


20-24 years

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Key population



Fertility, family planning (FP), sexual and reproductive health (SRH)

NR

Currently married adolescent girls, aged 15-19 years, who use any modern contraceptive methods

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Births among adolescent mothers, aged 15-19 years, attended by skilled health personnel (typically a doctor, nurse or midwife)

0.7

Women, age 20-24 years, who have had a live birth before age 18 (2018)

4 %

Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19 years) (2018)

Physical & sexual violence

Percentage of ever-partnered girls, aged 15-19 years, who have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner during the last 12 months



Among girls, aged 15-19 years, who ever experienced forced sex, the percentage who sought help from professional sources



Percentage of adolescent girls/boys, aged 15-19 years, who justify wife beating for any of the following reasons: she goes out without telling him; she neglects the children; she argues with him; she refuses sex with him; she burns the food (2018)



Percentage of young people, aged 20-24 years, who justify wife beating for any of the following reasons: she goes out without telling him; she neglects the children; she argues with him; she refuses sex with him; she burns the food (2018)

