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# Laboratoire de Rétrovirology

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"The HIV epidemic in Luxembourg (situation  
end 2005)"

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## **The HIV epidemic in Luxembourg (situation end 2005) Why do we need an epidemiological HIV surveillance in Luxembourg?**

- HIV is a major public health problem
- to compare our situation to the EU data
- to allow to better focus HIV prevention
- to help HIV research
- reporting the cases of HIV infected people (asymptomatic or symptomatic) is a much better indicator of the current epidemic than solely the AIDS cases

### **Major definitions:**

Incidence : I= number of new cases per year

Prevalence : P= number of people living with HIV/AIDS at a certain moment

### **Short description of the HIV population in Luxembourg (1983 to 2005)**

Since 1983, the cumulative number of known HIV infections is 715. 540 (75,52%) are men and 175 (24,48%) are women. The number of deaths is 126 (17,62%).

Age distribution:

<15 years: 8 persons

15-24 years: 120 persons

>=25 years: 586 persons