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Population and HIV in Ethiopia

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- ❖ The population of Ethiopia is 96,633,458 people. There is an estimated population growth rate of 2.9%.²
- ❖ There are approximately 28,063,000 Muslims in Ethiopia¹, making up 33.9% of the country's overall population.² There are about as many Muslims in Ethiopia as there are in Afghanistan. The Muslim population in Ethiopia constitutes 1.8% of the world Muslim population.¹
- ❖ The Muslim population of East Africa, which includes Ethiopia, is expected to increase from 70.3 million in 2010 to 109.5 million in 2030.¹
- ❖ Ethiopia has a significant youth bulge, with 44.4% of its population 14 years old or younger, and 64.3% of the population under the age of 25. Life expectancy at birth is 60.75 years.²
- ❖ The average age of an Ethiopian mother at the birth of her first child is 19.6 years old. The mean fertility rate is 5.31 births per woman.²
- ❖ The prevalence rate of contraceptive use was 29% in 2011. This refers to the rate of married women ages 15-49 who report that they and/or their sexual partners are practicing any form of contraception.³
- ❖ Ethiopia is one of five priority countries (joining Angola, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nigeria) with the status of "generalized epidemic" in regards to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS, as designated by UNAIDS.⁴
- ❖ The 2012 estimated rate of HIV prevalence among adults (ages 15-49) in Ethiopia was 1.3%, down from 3.6% in 2001. There are an estimated 760,000 people (all ages included) living with HIV in Ethiopia. 170,000 of those infected are under the age of 15.⁵
- ❖ A 2012 estimate gave the number of Ethiopian women living with HIV as 380,000.⁵
- ❖ 23.9% of Ethiopian females and 34.2% of males aged 15-24 met the UNAIDS designation as having "comprehensive correct knowledge" about AIDS and HIV prevention.³

¹ <http://www.pewforum.org/2009/10/07/mapping-the-global-muslim-population/>

² <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/et.html>

³ <http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.DYN.CONU.ZS>

⁴ http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/epidemiology/2013/gr2013/UNAIDS_Global_Report_2013_en.pdf

⁵ http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/ethiopia_statistics.html