The 2012 Tajikistan Demographic and Health Survey (TjDHS) provides up-to-date information on the population and health situation in Tajikistan. The 2012 TjDHS is the first national demographic and health survey conducted in the country.

The 2012 TjDHS included questions on HIV/AIDS-related knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors.

**Knowledge of HIV/AIDS by Education**
Percent of women 15–49 who have heard of AIDS

- None/primary: 35%
- General basic: 50%
- General secondary: 65%
- Professional primary/middle: 91%
- Higher: 93%
- Total: 62%

**Knowledge about AIDS Transmission**
Percent of women 15–49 who know that:

- A healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus: 30%
- HIV cannot be transmitted by mosquito bites: 32%
- HIV cannot be transmitted by kissing someone with HIV: 31%
- A person cannot be infected by sharing food with a person who has HIV: 36%

**Knowledge of Mother-to-Child Transmission**
Percent of women 15–49 who know that:

- HIV can be transmitted by breastfeeding: 38%
- Transmission can be reduced by mother taking drugs during pregnancy: 23%

**HIV Prevention Knowledge**
Percent of women 15–49 who know that using condoms and limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner reduces the risk of getting HIV:

**Attitudes Toward People Living with HIV/AIDS**
Percent of women 15–49 who:

- Are willing to care for a family member with AIDS in the respondent’s home: 42%
- Would be willing to buy vegetables from a shopkeeper with HIV: 27%
- Say that a female teacher with HIV should be allowed to continue teaching: 26%
- Would not want to keep secret that a family member got infected with HIV: 57%

**Acceptance attitudes on all 4 indicators above**: 6%

**Attitudes Towards Negotiating Safer Sex with Husband**
Percent of women 15–49 who believe that a woman is justified in:

- Refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband if she knows he has sex with other women: 57%
- Asking husband to use a condom if she knows that her husband has an STI: 58%

1 in 5 women age 18–49 agree that children age 12–14 years should be taught about using a condom to avoid AIDS.
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**HIV/AIDS**

Overall, 85% of women age 15-49 have never been tested for HIV.

Only 5% have been tested in the past year and received the results.

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**Recent HIV Testing by Education**

Percent of women 15–49 who have been tested for HIV in the past 12 months and received the results

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Only 31% of women age 15-49 know where to get an HIV test.

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**HIV Testing During Antenatal Care**

Percent women 15-49 who received counseling on HIV and an HIV test during ANC and received the results among those who gave birth in the 2 years before the survey

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