

# Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS

## HIGHLIGHTS

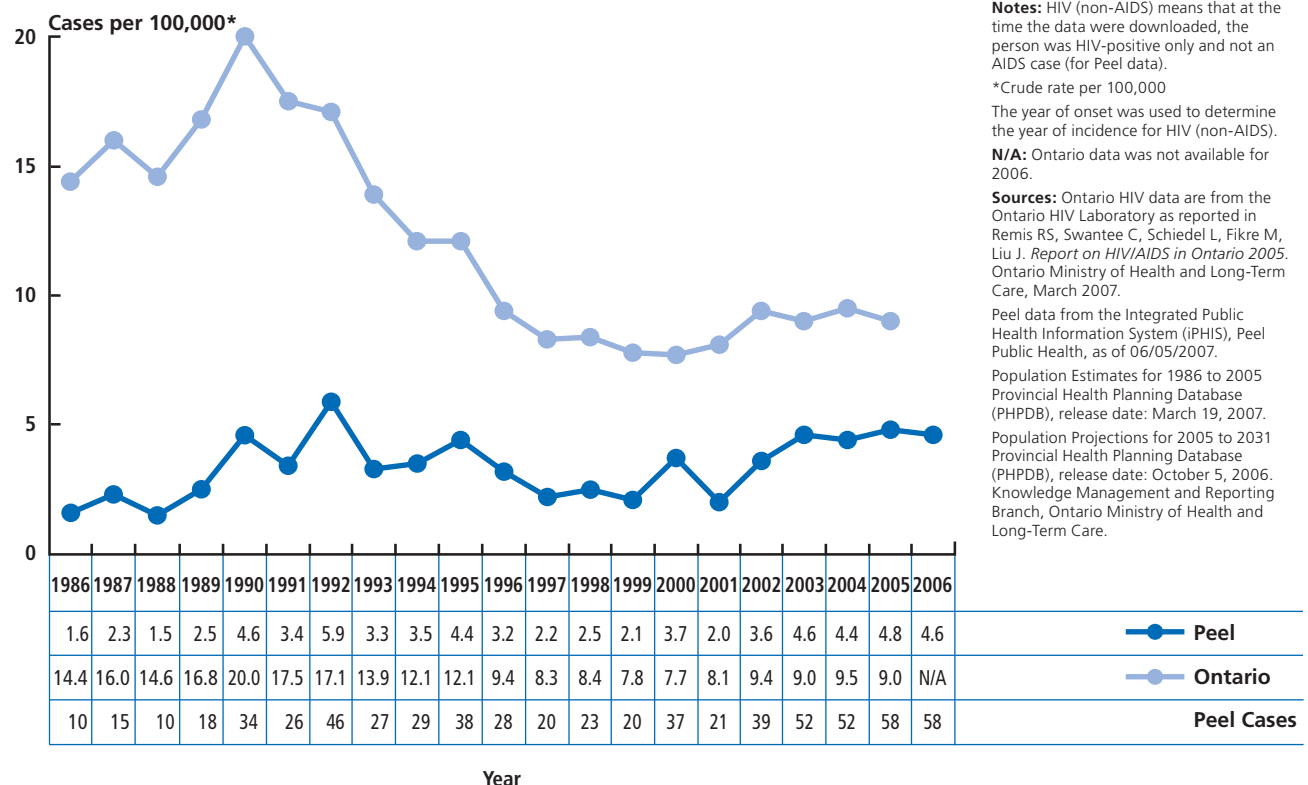
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- Between 1997 and 2006 the incidence rate of HIV/AIDS was higher among males than females except in the under 20 age group where incidence was higher among females.



## INCIDENCE OF HIV/AIDS

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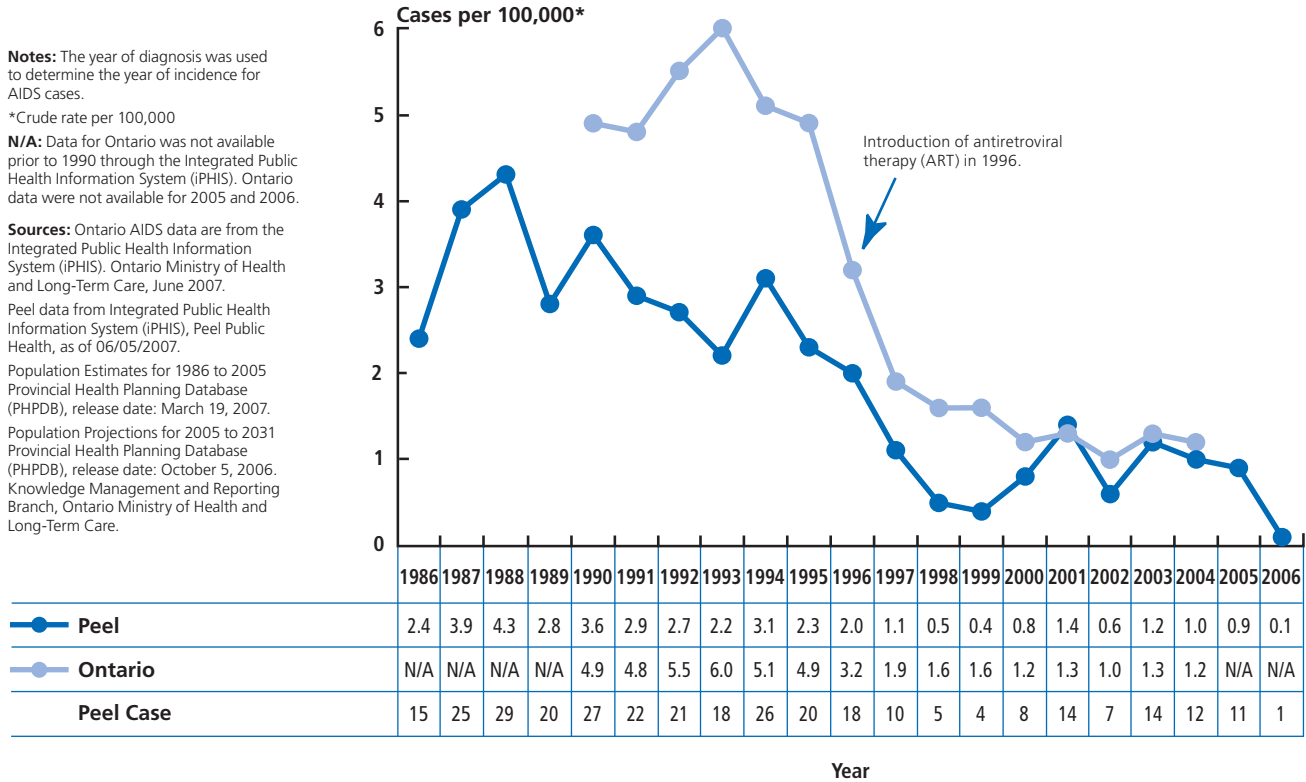
**Figure 1: Incidence of HIV (non-AIDS), Region of Peel and Ontario, 1986–2006**



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Recent AIDS incidence is estimated to be about 1.0 per 100,000 in Ontario and Peel, although the Peel incidence rate has declined to 0.1 per 100,000 in 2006 (see Figure 2 below).

**Figure 2: Incidence of AIDS, Region of Peel and Ontario, 1986–2006**



Between 1997 and 2006, the incidence rate of HIV/AIDS was higher among males than females except in the under 20 age group where incidence was higher among females. In the under 20 age group, most HIV/AIDS cases were due to mother-to-child (MTC) transmission.

Among women 20 years of age and older, incidence was highest in the 20–29 age group and declined steadily with age. Among men 20 years of age and older, the highest incidence was among those who were 30–39 years (*see Figure 3 below*).

**Figure 3: Incidence of HIV/AIDS by Age Group\* and Sex, Region of Peel, 1997–2006 Combined**

