

# HIV/AIDS Mortality

## HIGHLIGHTS

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Globally it was estimated that 2.9 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses in 2006.<sup>1</sup> Between 1980 and June 2006, there were 13,326 AIDS deaths in Canada.<sup>14</sup> In Peel Region, 88% of AIDS-related deaths between 1987 and 2003 were among males.

AIDS mortality rates increased in Ontario and Peel Region until the mid-1990's, after which time a decline is noted (*see Figure 13 below*). This was largely due to the introduction of antiretroviral therapy in 1996. Mortality rates have been stable since 1999.

**Figure 13: Mortality from AIDS by Year, Region of Peel and Ontario, 1987–2003**

