

Queer Discrimination In Blood Donation

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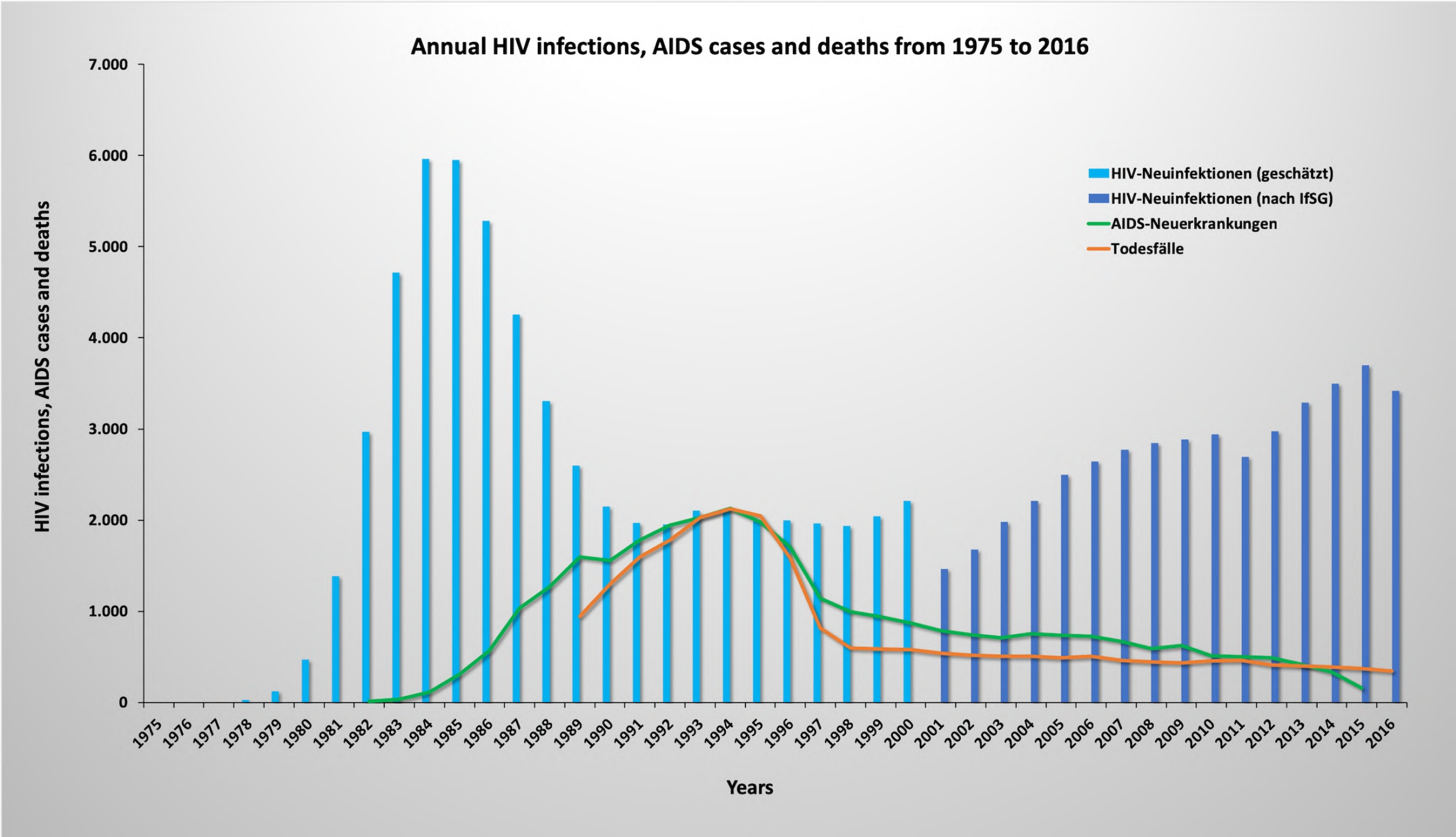
Blood Donation

Up until 2023 some queer people in Germany had a "deference" on blood donation.

Why?

AIDs

The AIDs epidemic spiked in the 1980s and 1990s



<https://www.dpz.eu/en/unit/about-experimental-animal-research/erfolge-der-forschung/therapies-based-on-animal-research/hiv aids.html>

Changes to German Law

2017

Amendment

- whose sexual behavior carries a significantly increased risk of transmission of serious blood-borne infectious diseases, such as HBV, HCV or HIV, compared to the general population, for 12 months:
- Heterosexual persons engaging in high-risk sexual behavior, such as sexual intercourse with frequently changing partners,
- **men who have sexual intercourse with men (MSM),**
- **transsexual persons with sexual risk behavior.**

2021

Amendment

- with sexual behavior that carries a significantly increased risk of transmission of serious blood-borne infectious diseases compared to the general population, for 4 months:
- Sexual intercourse between a woman and a man with frequently changing partners,
- **Sexual intercourse of a transperson with frequently changing partners,**
- **Sexual intercourse between men (MSM) with a new sexual partner or more than one sexual partner.**

2023

Transfusion Act

This abolishes the existing discrimination against gay and bisexual men as well as transgender people when donating blood.



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Discrimination

How even small discrimination can impact



Blood donation: Everything you need to know

Who can and can't donate blood?

According to the WHO, in Europe, the standard age limits are 18-65, with some leeway. If you are younger and want to donate, you can in some cases with parental consent. These age limits are continually stretched due to blood shortages, according to the organization.

Aside from age, if you are part of any of the following risk groups, you can't donate:

- Bi- and homosexual men who have had sexual contact with other men.
- People who have injected drugs, along with drug addicts.
- Prisoners, sex tourists and prostitutes.
- People infected with HIV, AIDs and syphilis.
- People who have different sexual partners very frequently.
- People who have had sex with someone in any of the listed risk groups in the past four months.

<https://www.dw.com/en/blood-donation-everything-youve-ever-needed-to-know/a-49187606> (2019)

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