

# AIDS/HIV KEY DATES

Somewhere between **1914** and **1941** SIV turned into HIV when (most likely) a hunter with an open wound got infected by monkey blood probably in Cameroon

Turning point of the epidemic in the **1950s**:  
Virus spreads to the Brazzaville and Léopoldville (Kinshasa) in the Congo

**1960s** and **1970s**:  
UN sends many Haitians as technical experts and teachers to Zaire (DRC)

**June 5, 1981**:  
LA Times publishes: *Outbreaks of Pneumonia Among Gay Males Studied*

**June 6, 1981**:  
San Francisco Chronicle publishes: *A Pneumonia that Strikes Gay Males*

**July 3, 1981**:  
New York Times publishes: *Rare Cancer Seen in 41 Homosexuals*

**January 25, 1991**:  
New York Times reports: *U.S. Reports AIDS Deaths Now Exceed 100,000*  
It does this on page 18 and compare that with [this](#) !!!!

**As of 2022**:  
Around 85.6 million people have been infected with the HIV virus and around 40.4 million people have died of HIV-related causes

If you want to read more on how something so awful can get started and grow:

- The origins of AIDS by Jacques Pépin.
- The African AIDS epidemic: A history by John Iliffe