Age-Adjusted* Trends in the Prevalence of Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 (HSV-1) and Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 (HSV-2) Among Adolescents and Adults Aged 14-49 Years — United States, 1999-2000 Through 2015-2016


* Age-adjusted by the direct method to the 2000 U.S. Census population, using age groups 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, and 40-49 years.

During 2015-2016, the age-adjusted prevalence of HSV-1 was $48.1 \%$ among adolescents and adults aged 14-49 years (50.9\% for females and $45.2 \%$ for males). Prevalence was higher for females than males in most 2-year periods from 1999-2000 to 2015-2016. Also during 2015-2016, the age-adjusted prevalence of HSV-2 for those aged 14-49 years was $12.1 \%$ (15.9\% among females compared to $8.2 \%$ among males) and was higher for females than males for all 2 -year periods. Prevalence significantly declined from 1999-2000 through 2015-2016 for HSV-1 and HSV-2 among both males and females.

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