

HIV outbreak 2016 – role of prison

Lithuania



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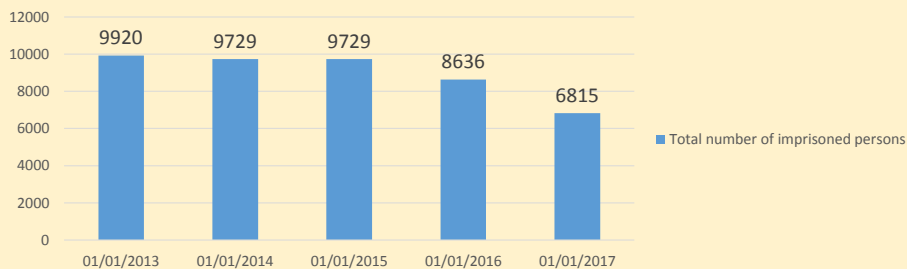
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Imprisonment system in Lithuania

- There are **11** penal institutions in Lithuania;
- In 2016 – **6815** prisoners (602 – arrested, 6213 – sentenced);

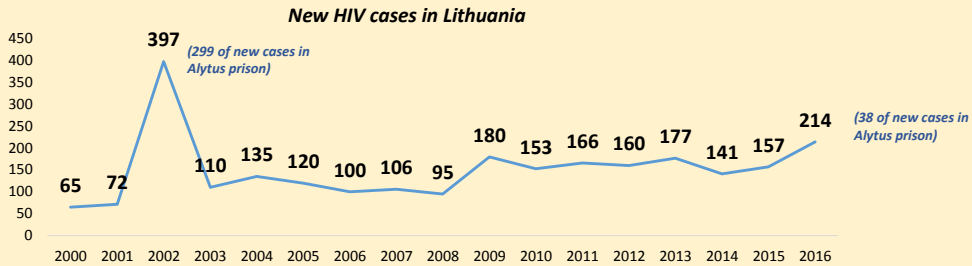


- Most of them are placed in ***Pravieniškės Correction House – Open Prison Colony*** (2049 prisoners) and ***Alytus correction House*** (1197 prisoners);

Source: Prison Department of Lithuania

Officially registered HIV cases in Lithuania

- In 2016 – **214** newly diagnosed HIV cases.

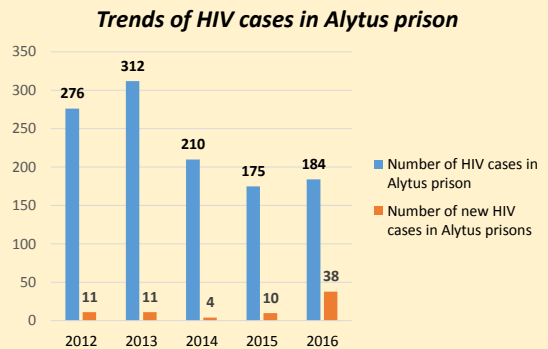
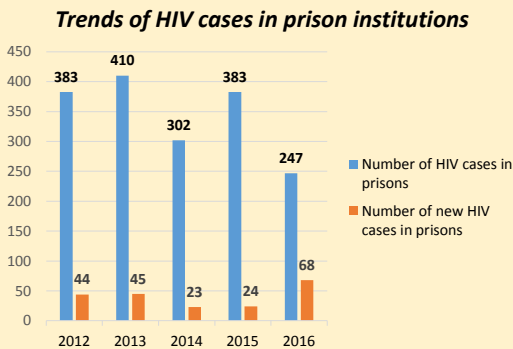


- For January 1st – since HIV registration start in Lithuania – **2749** HIV cases in total (2182 – males, 567 – females).

Source: Centre for Communicable Diseases and AIDS at the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania

Officially registered HIV cases in Imprisonment institutions

- In 2016 – **68** newly diagnosed HIV cases in prisons.



Source: Prison Department of Lithuania

Officially registered HIV cases in Imprisonment institutions

- *HIV situation among persons in imprisonment institutions, Lithuania, 2016*

Imprisonment institutions	Total number of prisoners (in the end of the year)	Newly registered HIV cases	Number of HIV infected prisoners (in the end of the year)	Proportion of HIV infected prisoners among total number of prisoners (%)
<i>Alytus Correction House</i>	1197	38	184	15.4
<i>Kybartai Correction House</i>	361	0	0	-
<i>Marijampolė Correction House</i>	876	0	1	0.11
<i>Panevėžys Correction House</i>	257	0	15	0.58
<i>Vilnius Correction House</i>	519	0	0	-
<i>Pravieniškės Correction House – Open Prison Colony</i>	2049	0	0	-
<i>Kaunas Juvenile Remand Prison – Correction House</i>	95	0	0	-
<i>Kaunas Remand Prison</i>	209	1	3	1.43
<i>Lukiškės Remand prison – Closed Prison</i>	696	17	19	2.73
<i>Šiauliai Remand Prison</i>	357	12	15	4.2
<i>Central Prison Hospital</i>	123	0	10	8.1
<i>In total</i>	6815	68	247	3.6

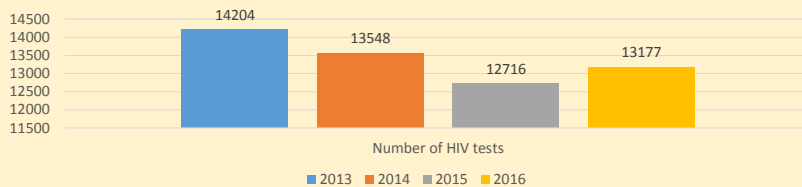
Source: Prison Department of Lithuania

Prison-related health care

- **Medical services** for the detained and convicted persons are provided:
 - by **10 health care services** in each imprisonment place
 - by the **Hospital of Prisons**

Prison-related health care: *HIV testing*

- HIV **antibody detection assay** is performed to the prisoners;
- **HIV testing are carried out to the prisoners as following** (according to the national legislation):
 - When first time arriving to the imprisonment institution or when moving from one imprisonment institution or territorial police custody to another imprisonment place (when more than 4 weeks have past after the last testing);
 - 4 weeks after the first testing;
 - Once a year (if test was not performed for other reasons);
 - According to the epidemiological and clinical recommendations.

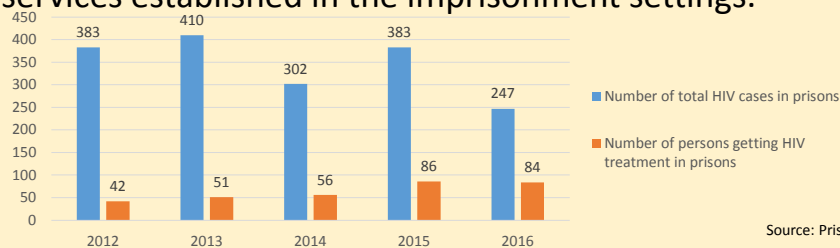


- Rapid HIV tests are used very rarely;

Source: Prison Department of Lithuania

Prison-related health care: *HIV treatment*

- **In 2016:** 84 persons have received treatment, 60 – for 12 months continuously;
- Treatment is appointed and controlled by the **infectologist** working in the central prison hospital;
- According to his treatment recommendations, the antiretroviral treatment is **controlled by the family doctors** working in the health care services established in the imprisonment settings.



Source: Prison Department of Lithuania

Prison role and responses: HIV prevention measures in Alytus prison

- In order to respond to the increased HIV situation in Alytus correction house, **joint action plan** was developed among Prison Department and Alytus prison;
- **3 groups of preventative measures** to avoid the spread of HIV infection in Alytus correction house were initiated:
 1. Preventative measures for psychoactive substances **supply reduction**;
 2. Preventative measures for psychoactive substances **demand reduction**;
 3. **Harm reduction** measures.

Prison role and responses: HIV prevention measures in Alytus prison (1)

- **Supply reduction:**
 - 1) The changes in legislation entitling the right to the director of imprisonment institutions **to isolate the prisoner** who refuses to get a body cavity inspection;
 - 2) More **effective distribution** of the custodians;
 - 3) Evaluation of the possibilities to purchase a **body scanner and stationary metal detector**;
 - 4) Persons entering and leaving prison are checked by the **service dogs** that are trained to search for the psychoactive substances;
 - 5) **To regularly organize controlled perquisitions of** psychoactive substances;
 - 6) Tests for detection of psychoactive substances were purchased;

Prison role and responses: prevention measures in Alytus prison (2)

- **Demand reduction:**

- 1) **Regular screenings** of the prisoners regarding psychoactive substance use;
- 2) **Implementing rehabilitation program for addicted persons** :
 - the space was prepared for rehabilitation center of addicted persons,
 - the head of the detachment was set to work with addicted prisoners,
 - the criteria for prisoners who could stay in the rehabilitation program is being developed,
 - additional psychologist service will be provided;
- 3) **Trainings for the prison workers** on *how to evaluate* the persons that are intoxicated with psychoactive substances and *how to use 'technical measures'*;

Prison role and responses: prevention measures in Alytus prison (3)

- **Harm reduction:**

- 1) The **legislation regarding prophylactic health screening** for infectious diseases of imprisoned persons was revised – suggestion that prisoners should not refuse to perform a test;
- 2) Separate **HIV transmission reduction plan** was prepared and approved for Alytus prison;
- 3) **Patients that were identified as having acute HIV infection** should be **consulted by the medical specialist** to decide regarding the prescription of specific treatment;
- 4) **Survey** among Alytus prison workers, specialists and imprisoned persons **regarding their position of harm reduction programs** (needle and syringe exchange) was conducted.

Thank you for your attention

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