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On May 23, Vicente Bayard, Health Ministry epidemiology director, told reporters that 137 men and 24 women have died of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) since the first case of AIDS was diagnosed in Panama in 1984. Health Ministry statistics indicate that between 1984 and 1991, 249 cases of AIDS were diagnosed, and that 205 of the infected persons were between ages 20 and 44. Bayard estimated that 11.7 Panamanians per 100,000 are carriers of the AIDS virus. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 05/23/91)

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