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Health Ministry spokespersons recently reported that the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) death toll increased significantly in 1990 and 1991. Of a total 96 since 1983, 44 died in the past two years. As of February 1992, 636 AIDS cases had been confirmed in El Salvador. Most victims are in the 15 to 39 years of age cohort. About 96% of victims were infected via sexual contact; 1% through blood transfusion; and 3%, mother to child transmission. (Basic data from Salpress, 03/11/92)

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