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**Figure 4.4 Estimated HIV infection rates in the general population and the armed forces in sub-Saharan Africa**

Country	HIV prevalence in 2001, 15–49 year-olds (%)	HIV prevalence in 1997-2002, armed forces personnel (%)
Angola	5.5	50 (1999)
Botswana	38.8	33 (1999)
DR Congo	4.8	50 (1999)
Lesotho	31.0	40 (1999)
Malawi	15.0	50 (1999)
Namibia	22.5	16 (1996)
South Africa	20.1	20–23 (2002)
Swaziland	33.4	48 (1997)
Zambia	21.5	60 (1998)
Zimbabwe	33.7	55 (1999)

Source: Heinecken, 2003<sup>35</sup>

Rates of HIV are generally higher in the armed forces than in the general population. Only Botswana and Namibia's armed forces recorded lower rates in the period studied.

35. Lindy Heinecken, 'Facing a Merciless Enemy: HIV/AIDS and the South African Armed Forces', *Armed Forces & Society* 29 (Winter 2003): 281-300.