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**China will have about 780,000 people infected with the AIDS virus by the end of this year, state media reported Wednesday, with most having contracted it through heterosexual sex.**

**Xinhua, the state-run news agency, said that a report from the Ministry of Health and the United Nations estimates that there will be about 48,000 new H.I.V. infections in China this year. It quoted the report as saying that the virus remains “mildly prevalent” in China.**

**H.I.V. gained a foothold in China largely because of unsanitary blood plasma buying schemes and tainted transfusions in hospitals. The health authorities have said that heterosexual sex has now overtaken drug abuse as the main channel of transmission. (AP)**