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The number of newly HIV-infected persons per 100,000 in Russia, the highest rate in Europe, and almost twice as high as in Ukraine (37), the next highest state. 250 people are being infected with AIDS each day. {Russian Federal Scientific and Methodological Centre for Prevention and Control of AIDS; avert.org}

# R81,800

The average salary of a Moscow resident, which is up 10% since the start of the year (a rate that includes inflation). For a doctor, the average is 137,000R. The fastest growth in wages (14%) was seen in the Kemerovo, Omsk and Zabaikalsk regions. Overall, wages are expected to grow 6.1% this year. {Komsomolskaya Pravda}

# 63%

Percent of deaths in Russia that can be tied to poor eating habits and nutrition, namely high consumption of fats, sugars and salt. {Consumer watchdog Rospotrebnadzor}

# 3,586,128

The number of soldiers serving in the Russian Army. This is more than China (2,693,000) or the US (2,083,100). {Global Firepower}

# 88%

Russian business leaders who feel that doing business in Russia is difficult. 59% said Western sanctions had had a negative effect on the economy. 66% see China as Russia's main trading partner in the coming three years. {RWS and NAFI}

# 61%

Percent of Russians who feel Vladimir Putin is fully responsible for the problems the country is facing (last year it was 55%). 56% of Russians said they would vote for him as president if elections were held today (versus 66% one year ago). In March 2018, Putin received 76.7% of the vote for president. {Levada Center}

The number of people (36 were women) assassinated in so-called "honor killings" in the North Caucasus between 2008 and 2017, according to the NGO Legal Initiative. Most of the victims were women between 20 and 30 years old. 14 cases out of 33 that were analyzed by the NGO's lawyers reached trial, and 13 persons were convicted and sentenced to terms of between 5 and 15 years in prison. The NGO concluded that honor killings are often the result of personal ambitions inside a victim's clan and fueled by rumors in the community; rarely are the individuals committing the crime as part of a Caucasian "adat" or customary law.

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