

Republic of Mauritius

Statistics on HIV/AIDS (as at end of December 2018)

During the month of December 2018, 25 new cases of HIV/AIDS were registered among the Mauritian population by the Virology Laboratory Services of the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life. The monthly average of new cases was 46 in the year 2006 to 2010 compared to 26 in the period 2011 – 2016. For the year 2018, the monthly average was 32 cases compared to 31 for the year of 2017. The number of cases reported during the last 12 months is given in Table A.

Table A

MONTHLY NUMBER OF HIV/AIDS CASES REPORTED						
MONTH	MAURITIAN			NON-MAURITIAN		
	MAN	WOMAN	BOTH SEXES	MAN	WOMAN	BOTH SEXES
January 2018	15	15	30	3	0	3
February 2018	22	15	37	0	0	0
March 2018	16	5	21	1	2	3
April 2018	16	11	27	2	1	3
May 2018	21	24	45	2	0	2
June 2018	21	10	31	0	0	0
July 2018	16	15	31	0	2	2
August 2018	22	10	32	2	2	4
September 2018	16	18	34	2	0	2
October 2018	21	19	40	0	1	1
November 2018	17	12	29	1	1	2
December 2018	15	10	25	1	1	2

Distribution of new cases of HIV/AIDS among Mauritians by age-group – 2008-2018

Year of detection	Age-group				
	<15	15-24	25-39	40-54	55+
2008	6	82	291	149	10
2009	6	86	297	140	19
2010	9	88	284	157	30
2011	3	59	197	115	27
2012	1	59	169	72	19
2013	3	55	121	71	10
2014	7	70	138	89	18
2015	8	51	120	71	12
2016	8	68	132	87	24
2017	10	80	159	86	33
2018	6	63	169	96	48

The data given in the above table indicate an increasing trend in the incidence of the infection among those aged 25 years and above.

The yearly number of cases reported among Mauritians since 2005 is given in Table B. A yearly average of 314 cases has been registered in the period 2011-2016. In 2018, 382 cases have been reported compared to 368 in 2017. The cumulative total since October 1987, when the first case of HIV/AIDS was reported, to December 2018, stood at 7,421. It has been noted that between 2017 and 2018, the number of newly detected cases has increased among women whereas it has decreased among men.

Table B

PERIOD	NEW CASES OF HIV / AIDS NOTIFIED								
	MAURITIAN			NON-MAURITIAN			TOTAL		
	MAN	WOMAN	B.Sexes	MAN	WOMAN	B.Sexes	MAN	WOMAN	B.Sexes
1987 - 2004	869	255	1124	87	22	109	956	277	1233
2005	815	106	921	5	2	7	820	108	928
2006	455	87	542	9	4	13	464	91	555
2007	452	94	546	16	6	22	468	100	568
2008	402	136	538	12	7	19	414	143	557
2009	436	112	548	6	1	7	442	113	555
2010	433	135	568	8	4	12	441	139	580
2011	298	103	401	10	6	16	308	109	417
2012	215	105	320	6	1	7	221	106	327
2013	151	109	260	7	4	11	158	113	271
2014	190	132	322	7	4	11	197	136	333
2015	155	107	262	4	3	7	159	110	269
2016	190	129	319	7	3	10	197	132	329
2017	224	144	368	11	5	16	235	149	384
2018	218	164	382	14	10	24	232	174	406
TOTAL	5503	1918	7421	209	82	291	5712	2000	7712

Since 1987, of all Mauritian HIV/AIDS cases, 62.7% was detected among people who inject drug (PWID). In 2017, it was 38.6% compared to 32.6% in 2016 indicating an increase. In 2018, it has decreased to 31.2%.

