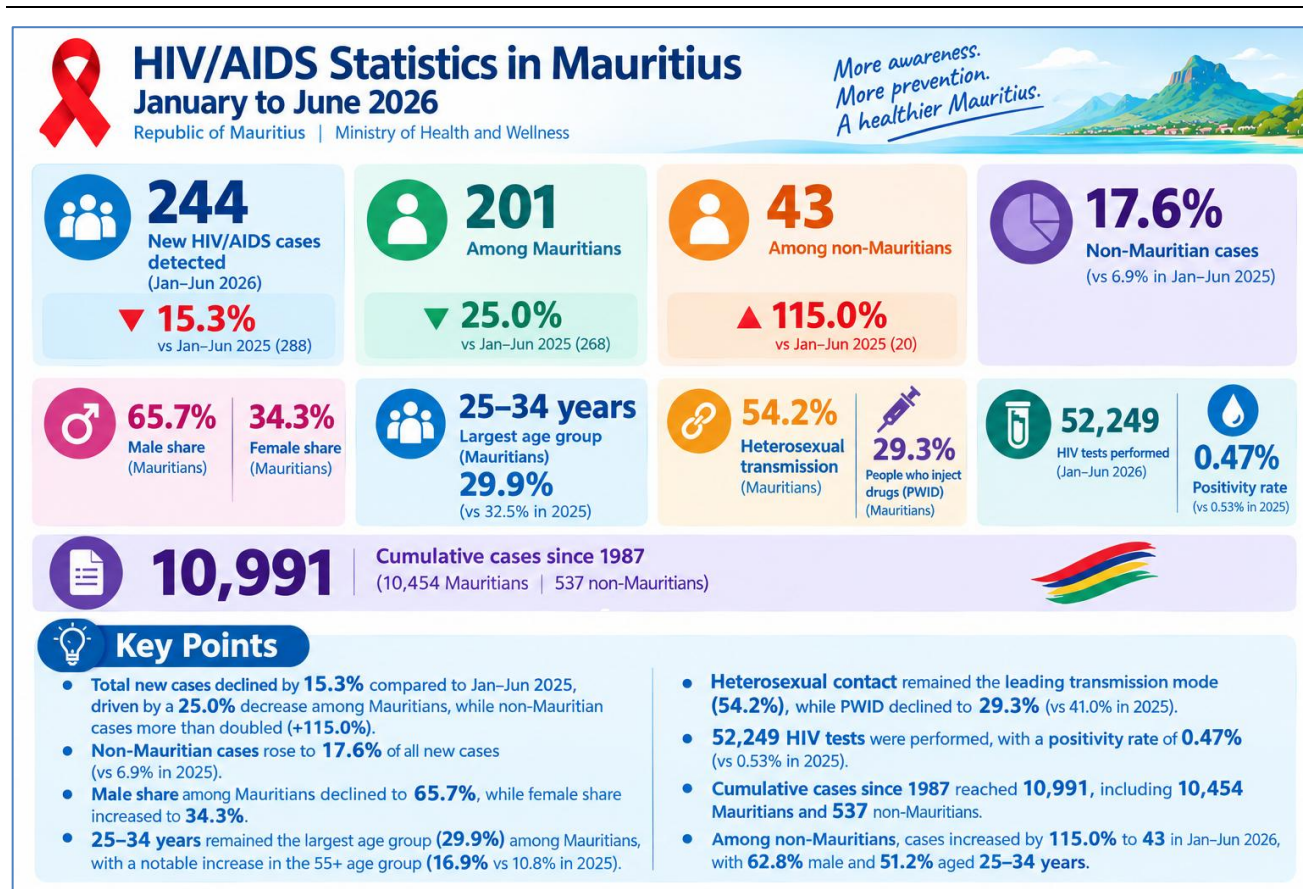


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STATISTICS ON HIV/AIDS as at end of June 2026



Executive Summary

A total of 244 new HIV/AIDS cases were detected in Mauritius during the first semester of 2026, including 201 cases among Mauritians and 43 among non-Mauritians. Compared with January to June 2025, the total number of new cases declined by 15.3%. This overall decline was driven by a 25.0% reduction in cases among Mauritians, while cases among non-Mauritians more than doubled (+115.0%). Consequently, the composition of newly detected cases changed substantially: non-Mauritian cases accounted for about 17.6% of all new cases in January–June 2026, compared with about 6.9% in January–June 2025.

Among Mauritians, the epidemiological profile also shows important shifts. The male share declined to 65.7%, while the female share increased to 34.3%. The 25–34 years age group remained the largest group at 29.9%, but the share aged 55 years and over increased markedly to 16.9%, compared with 10.8% in January–June 2025. Heterosexual contact remained the leading reported mode of transmission at 54.2%, whereas the proportion attributed to people who inject drugs (PWID) declined to 29.3% from 41.0% when compared to the same period in 2025.

A total of 52,249 HIV tests were performed during the first six months of 2026, with a reported positivity rate of 0.47%, compared with 0.53% for the full year 2025. The cumulative number of notified HIV/AIDS cases since 1987 reached 10,991 as at the end of June 2026, including 10,454 cases among Mauritians.

1.0 New Cases Detected Among Mauritians

During the period January to June 2026, 201 new HIV/AIDS cases were detected among Mauritians, representing 67 fewer cases than the 268 cases recorded during the corresponding period in 2025. This corresponds to a 25.0% decrease. The number of cases was also approximately 28.0% lower than the peak of 279 cases recorded in January–June 2024.

As shown in Figure 1, the semester-to-semester trend indicates a continued decline in newly detected cases among Mauritians following the peak observed in 2024. Cases decreased from 268 in January–June 2025 to 223 in July–December 2025, and further to 201 in January–June 2026. This represents a sustained decline over the last two reporting periods. However, the number of cases recorded in January–June 2026 remained higher than those reported in either semester of 2023.

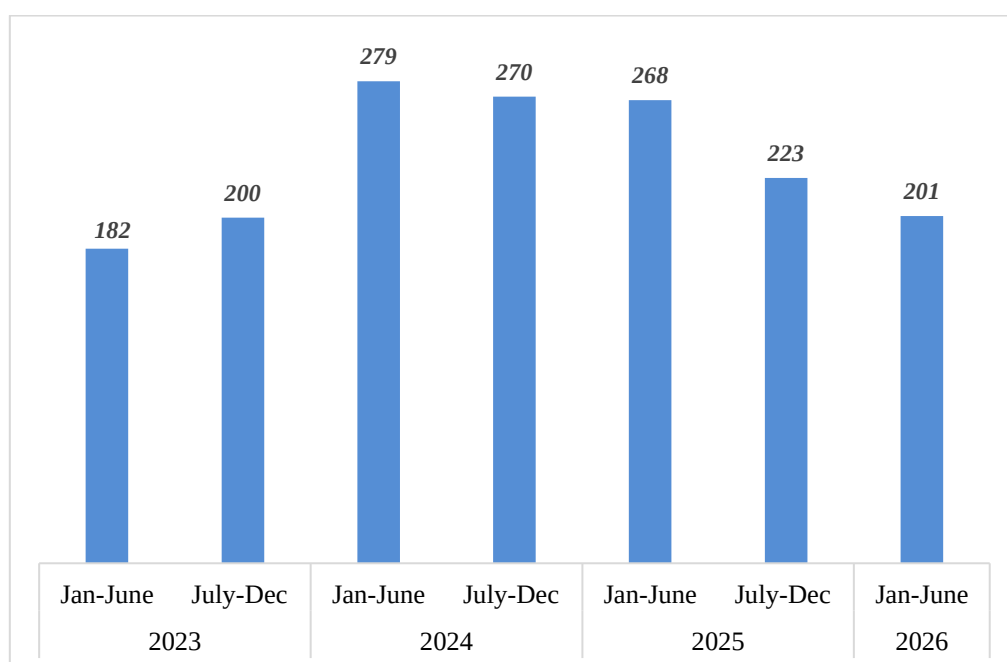


Figure 1: New cases of HIV/AIDS detected among Mauritians (Jan 2023–Jun 2026)

1.1 Distribution of Cases by Gender — Mauritians

Males continued to account for the majority of newly detected HIV/AIDS cases among Mauritians, with 65.7% of cases from January to June 2026. This represents a decrease from 67.2% in January–June 2025. Conversely, the proportion of female cases increased from 32.8% to 34.3%, representing an increase of 1.5 percentage points.

The longer-term trend shown in Figure 2 indicates a gradual shift in the gender distribution of newly detected cases. The male share reached a peak of 72.4% in January–June 2024 and subsequently declined in each reporting period, reaching 65.7% in January–June 2026. Over the same period, the female share increased from 27.6% to 34.3%.

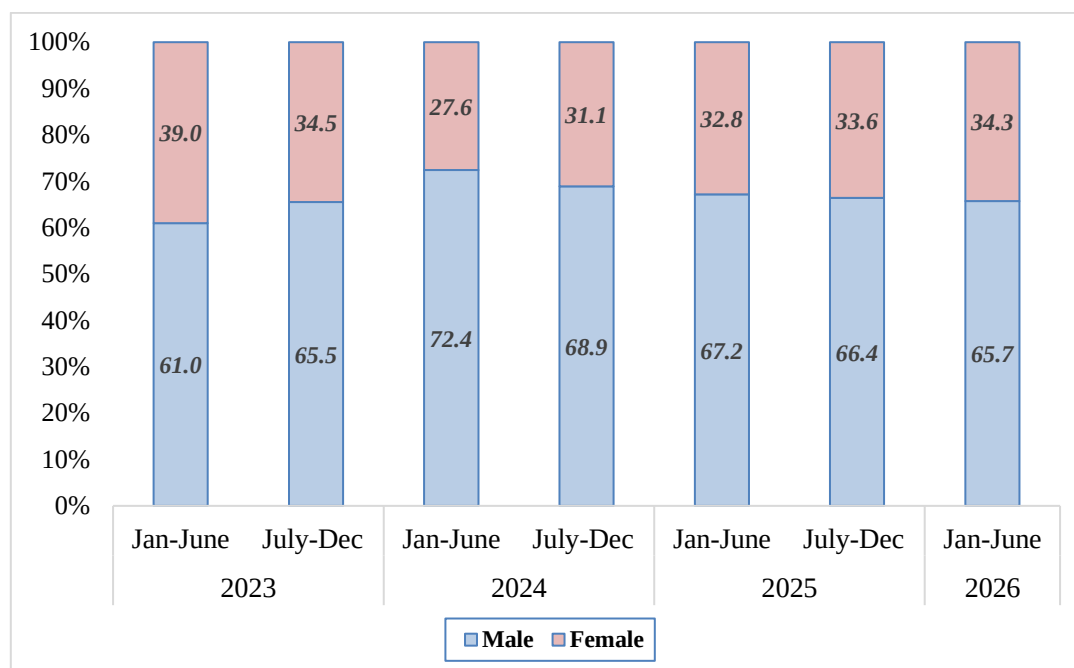


Figure 2: Percent distribution of new cases of HIV/AIDS by gender (Jan 2023–Jun 2026)

1.2. Distribution of Cases by Age Group — Mauritians

The 25–34 years age group remained the largest age group among Mauritian cases in January–June 2026, accounting for 29.9% of newly detected cases. This was followed by the 35–44 years group (22.9%), while the 15–24 years and 45–54 years groups each accounted for 14.5% and 14.9% respectively.

A notable change in the age distribution was observed among persons aged 55 years and over. As shown in Figure 3, their share increased from 10.8% in January–June 2025 to 16.9% in January–June 2026, representing an increase of 6.1 percentage points. In contrast, the proportion of cases among the 25–34 years age group declined from 32.5% to 29.9% over the same period.

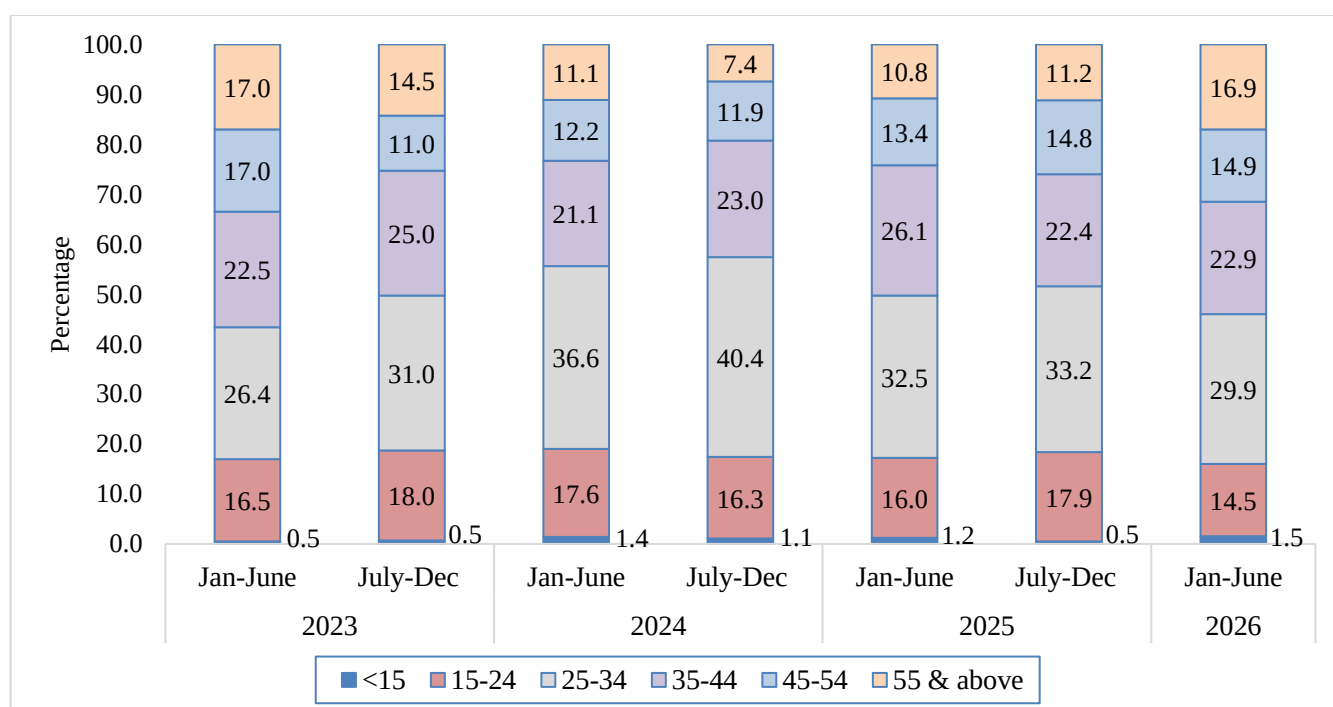


Figure 3: Percent distribution of new HIV/AIDS cases by age group (Jan 2023–Jun 2026)

The proportion of cases among children aged under 15 years remained relatively low at 1.5%.

Overall, although the 25–34 years age group continues to account for the largest proportion of newly detected cases, the January–June 2026 distribution shows a greater contribution from older age groups, particularly those aged 55 years and over.

1.3 Distribution of Cases by Mode of Transmission — Mauritians

Heterosexual contact remained the leading reported mode of transmission during January–June 2026, accounting for 54.2% of newly detected cases. People who inject drugs (PWID) accounted for a further 29.3%. Together, these two categories represented 83.5% of reported cases (Figure 4).

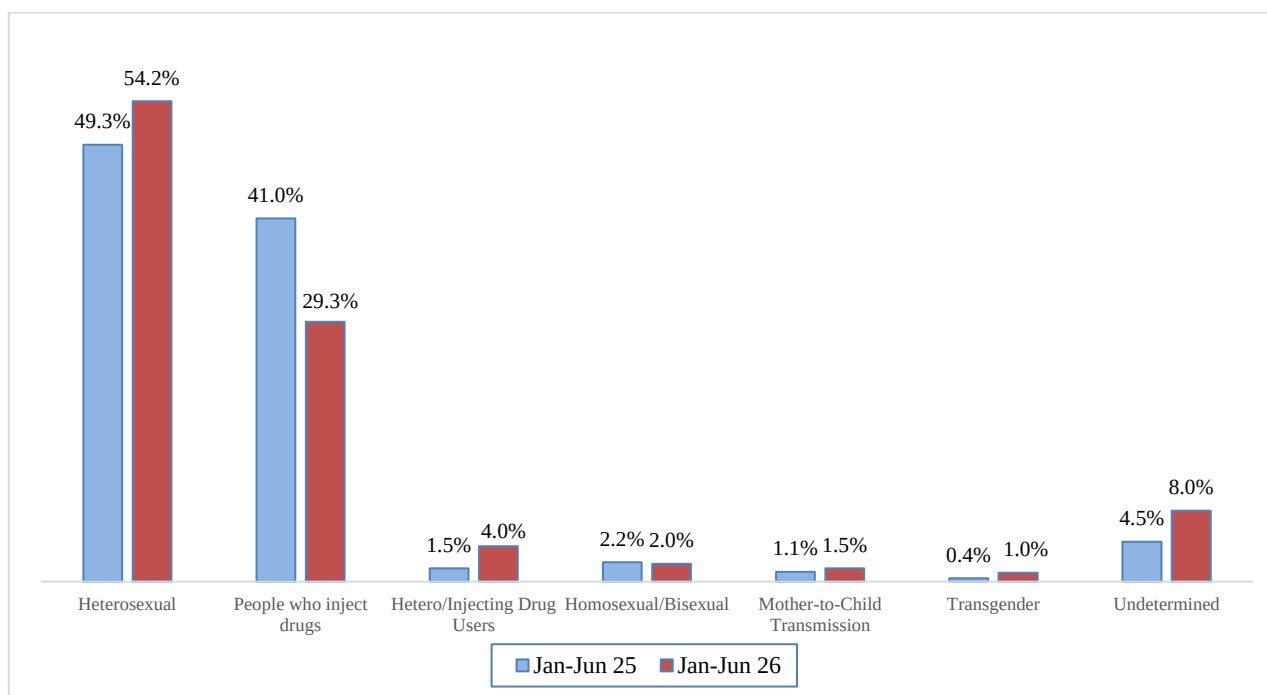


Figure 4: Percent distribution of new cases by mode of transmission (Jan–Jun 2025/2026)

Compared with January–June 2025, the proportion attributed to heterosexual contact increased by 4.9 percentage points, from 49.3% to 54.2%. In contrast, the percentage attributed to PWID declined by 11.7 percentage points, from 41.0% to 29.3%.

Consequently, the combined contribution of heterosexual contact and IDU decreased from 90.3% in January–June 2025 to 83.5% in January–June 2026, while the proportion classified under other transmission categories increased from 9.7% to 16.5%. Within the latter group, undetermined transmission increased from 4.5% to 8.0%. Mother-to-child transmission increased from 1.1% to 1.5%, while homosexual/bisexual transmission accounted for 2.0% and transgender transmission for 1.0% during the period January–June 2026.

2.0 New Cases Among Non-Mauritians

A total of 43 new HIV/AIDS cases were detected among non-Mauritians during the first semester of 2026, compared with 20 cases during the same period in 2025. This represents an increase of 115.0%. Notably, the 43 cases detected during the first six months of 2026 already exceed the 42 cases recorded among non-Mauritians during the whole year of 2025.

The semester-to-semester pattern (Figure 5) shows considerable variation, with cases increasing from 11 in January–June 2023 to a peak of 32 in January–June 2024, followed by lower numbers in the subsequent three semesters. This was followed by a marked increase to 43 cases in January–June 2026.

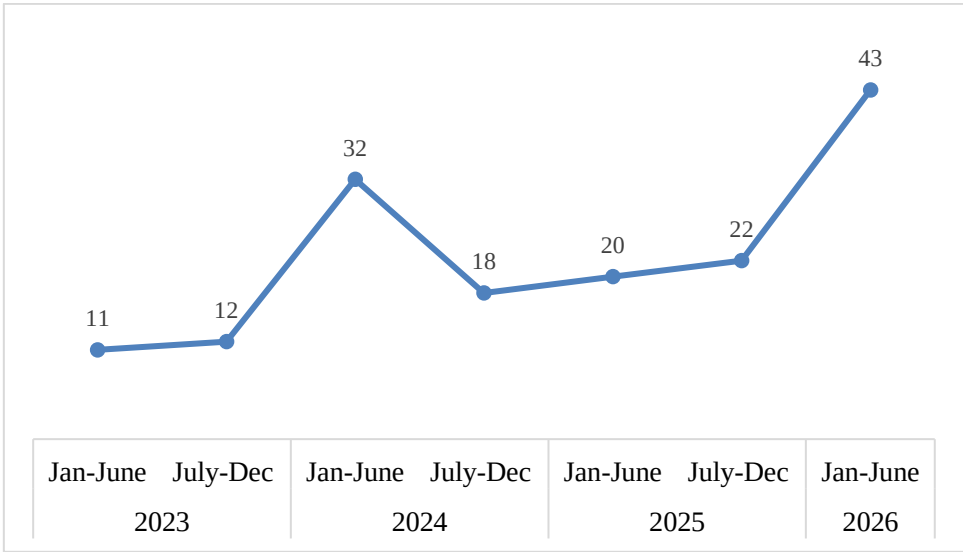


Figure 5 : New cases of HIV/AIDS detected among non-Mauritians (Jan 2023–June 2026)

The increase among non-Mauritians contrasts with the decline observed among Mauritians and therefore represents an important feature of the January–June 2026 HIV/AIDS profile.

2.1 Gender distribution among non-Mauritians

In January–June 2026, 62.8% of newly detected cases among non-Mauritians were males and 37.2% were females. Compared with the same period in 2025, the male share decreased by 12.2 percentage points, while the female share increased by the same proportion.

The longer-term series (Figure 6) indicates a gradual increase in the proportion of female cases among non-Mauritians, although males continued to account for the majority of cases.

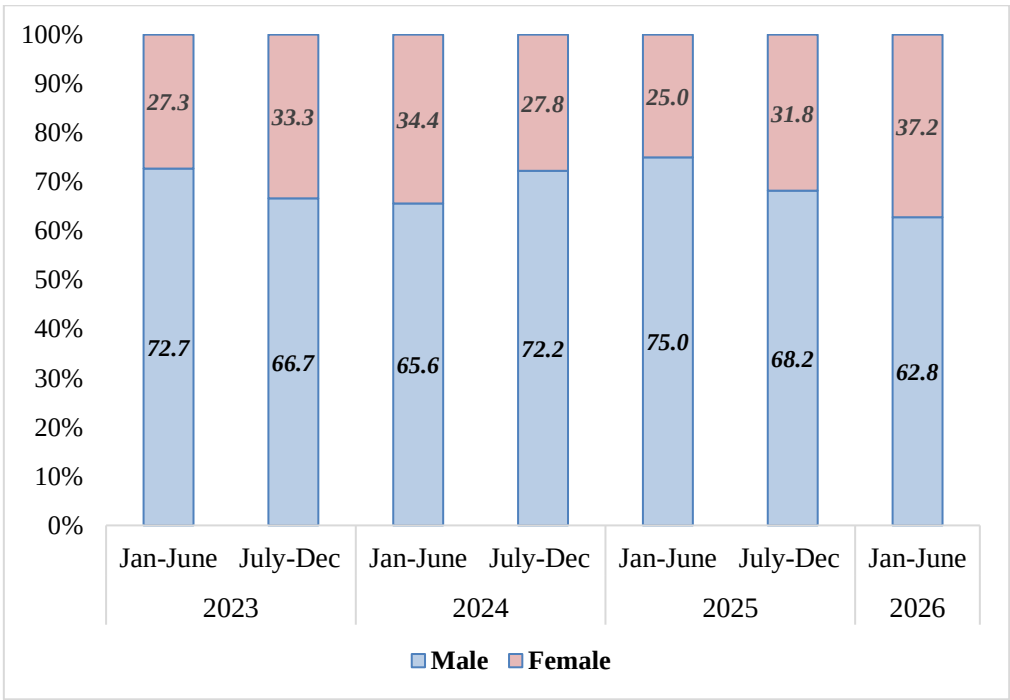


Figure 6: Percent distribution of new cases of HIV/AIDS by gender among non-Mauritians (Jan 2023–Jun 2026)

2.2 Age distribution among non-Mauritians

The 25–34 years age group accounted for 51.2% of newly detected cases among non-Mauritians in January–June 2026, making it the predominant age group. The 35–44 years group accounted for 20.9%, followed by the 45–54 years group with 18.6% and the 20–24 years group with 9.3% of cases as highlighted in Figure 7. No cases were recorded in the 55 years and over age group during January–June 2026.

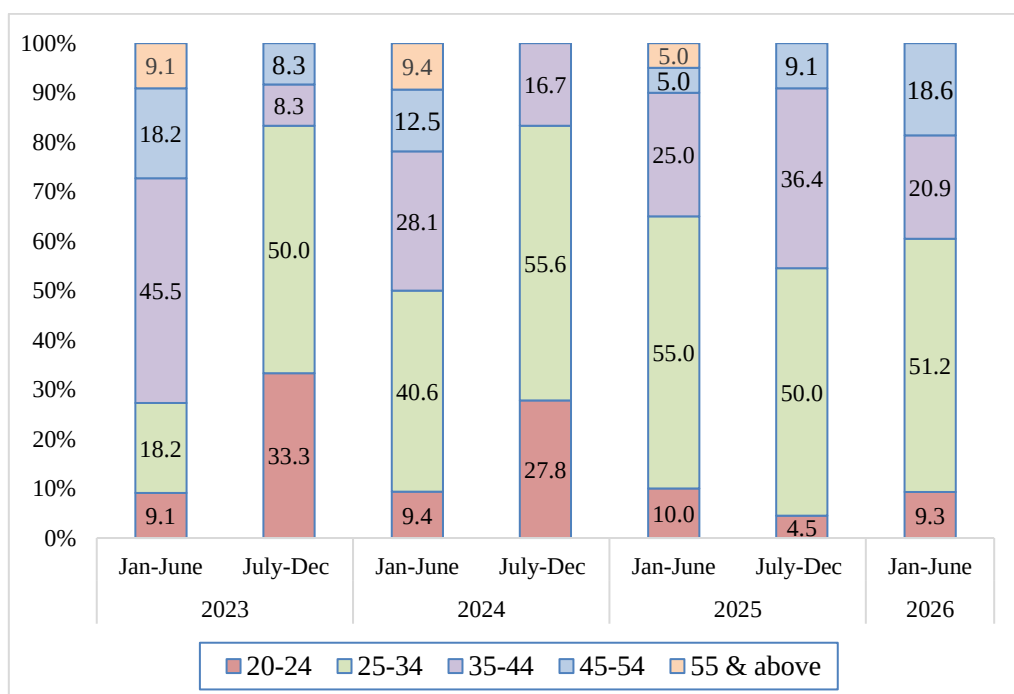


Figure 7: Percent distribution of new HIV/AIDS cases by age group among non-Mauritian (Jan 2023–Jun 2026)

3.0 HIV Testing and Positivity Rate

A total of 52,249 HIV tests were performed from January to June 2026, with a reported positivity rate of 0.47%. The number of tests together with the positivity rate as from 2021 is shown in Table 1 below.

Year	No. of tests	Number of new positive HIV cases detected including foreigners	HIV Positivity Rate (%)
2021	78,667	351	0.45
2022	94,897	411	0.43
2023	98,049	405	0.41
2024	102,375	599	0.59
2025	100,017	533	0.53
2026 (Upto June)	52,249	244	0.47

Table 1: Number of laboratory tests performed and HIV positivity rates

4.0. Cumulative number of HIV/AIDS cases

The cumulative number of HIV/AIDS cases notified since 1987 reached 10,991 by the end of June 2026. This comprised 10,454 cases among Mauritians and 537 cases among non-Mauritians.

Among Mauritians, males accounted for 7,424 (71.0%) of cumulative notified cases, while females accounted for 3,030 (29.0%).

The annual and semester distribution of newly notified cases since 1987 is presented in Table 2, with the final row showing the cumulative number of cases notified up to June 2026.

NEW CASES OF HIV / AIDS NOTIFIED									
PERIOD	MAURITIAN			NON-MAURITIAN			TOTAL		
	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH SEXES	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH SEXES	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH SEXES
1987-2015	4,871	1,481	6,352	177	64	241	5,048	1,545	6,593
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
2019	220	154	374	11	12	23	231	166	397
2020	201	118	319	13	7	20	214	125	339
2021	186	145	331	15	5	20	201	150	351
2022	224	162	386	15	10	25	239	172	411
2023	242	140	382	16	7	23	258	147	405
2024	388	161	549	34	16	50	422	177	599
2025	328	163	491	30	12	42	358	175	533
2026 (upto June)	132	69	201	27	16	43	159	85	244
Total	7,424	3030	10,454	370	167	537	7,794	3,197	10,991

Table 2: New HIV/AIDS cases notified by period, nationality and sex — 1987 to June 2026