

Local HIV/AIDS situation 1st half of 2025

Special Preventive Programme









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Recommendations to the Public

HIV/AIDS situation at a glance

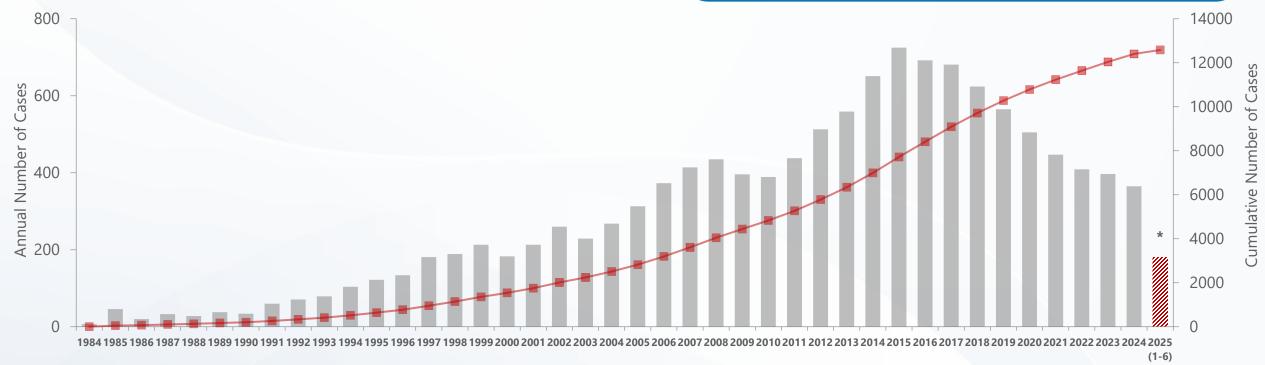
HIV infection (Cumulative)

12,583

AIDS (Cumulative)

2,604

- The local HIV infection rate remained at 0.1%, at a level far below the global average
- The number of new HIV cases has been decreasing since the peak in 2015



HIV/AIDS situation at a glance

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Number of reported cases

- Gender
- Age
- Ethnicity
- Route of transmission
 - > Homosexual / Bisexual
 - → Heterosexual
 - > Injecting drug use
 - → Others
 - > Undetermined

HIV infection 180 140 (Man) **40** (Woman) 20-75 years old **123** (Chinese) **36** (Non-Chinese) 21 (Unknown) 85 **65** 0 29

AIDS
47
33 (Man)
14 (Woman)
24-72 years old
32 (Chinese)
15 (Non-Chinese)
13
28
0
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HIV infection alone ≠ AIDS

Early HIV treatment effectively prevents progression to AIDS

No treatment Early diagnosis and early drug treatment

Viral load continues to rise

- Weakened immune system
- → AIDS

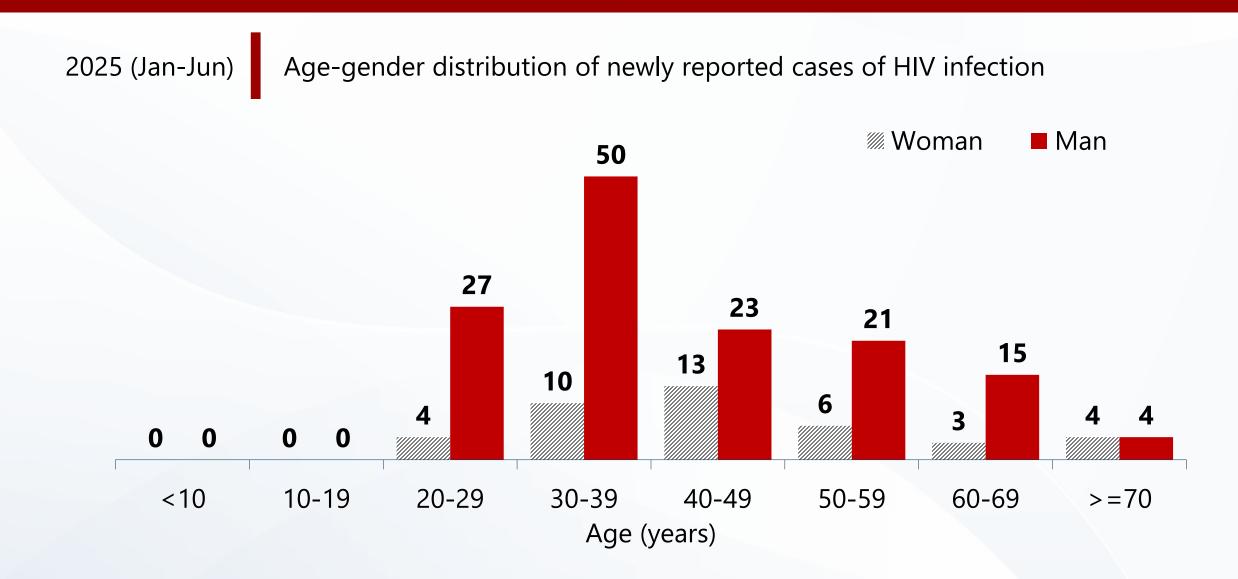


infection

Effectively suppress viral replication

- → Prevent progression to AIDS
- → Live a healthy life

Age of newly reported cases ranged from 20 to 75



Routes of HIV Transmission



Sexual contact

> Heterosexual or homosexual contact



Blood contact

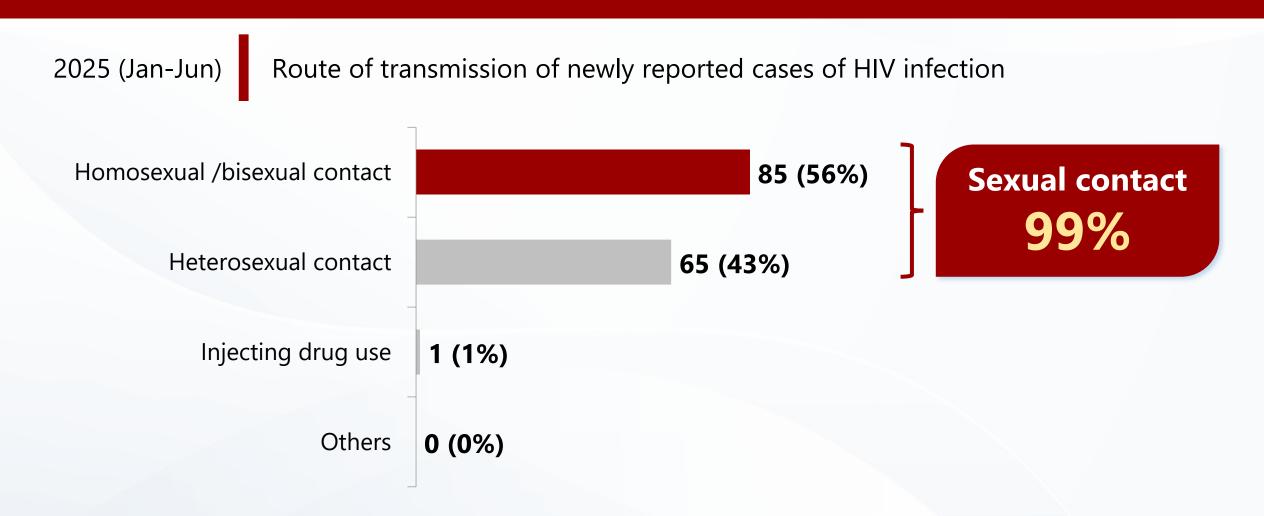
- > Sharing of injection equipment
- > Contaminated blood / organ / needles



Mother-to-child transmission

 During pregnancy, delivery or breastfeeding

The vast majority of transmission occurred through sexual contact

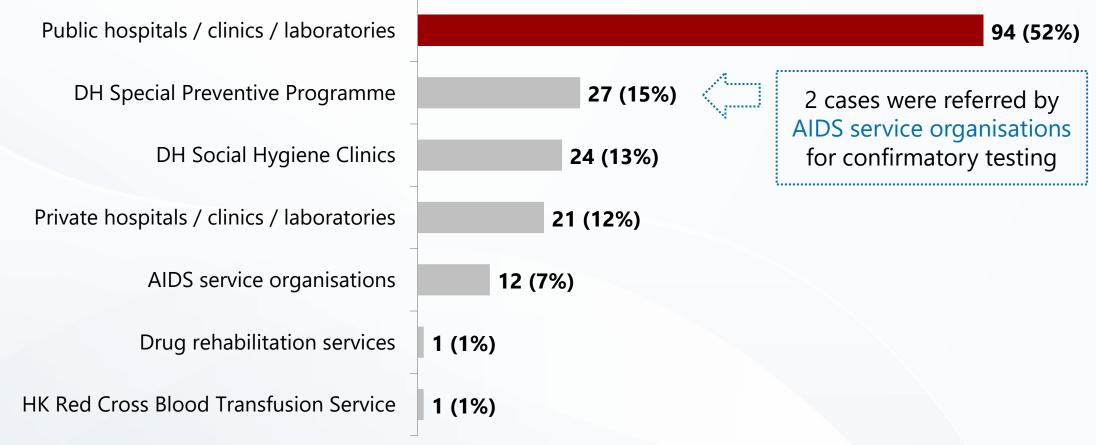


The routes of transmission of the remaining 29 cases are yet to be determined. The percentage may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Over half were reported by public hospitals / clinics / laboratories

2025 (Jan-Jun)

Reporting source of newly reported cases of HIV infection



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HIV infection + AIDS-defining illness = AIDS

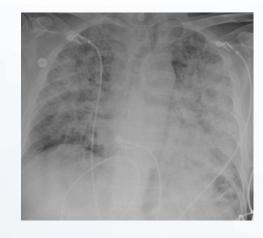
AIDS-defining illness

- Opportunistic infections and cancers
- Major clinical complications related to immunodeficiency indicative of AIDS

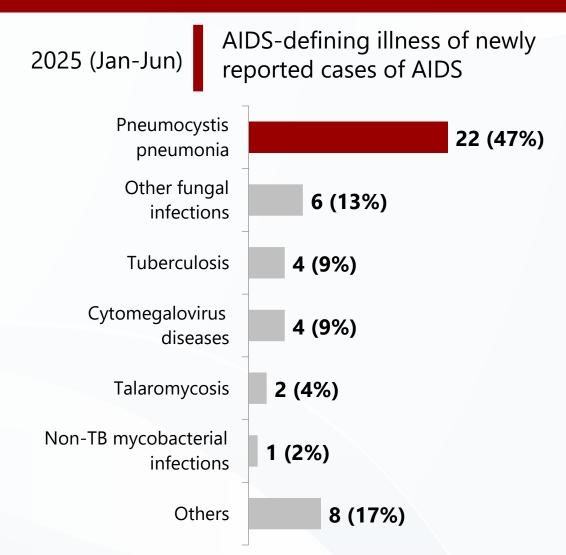
Pneumocystis jirovecii (a type of fungus)



Pneumocystis pneumonia



Source from: https://jetem.org/pjp/



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Late presentation

a matter of grave concern, with adverse impacts on the individual and society

Risk of opportunistic infection

↑ 3.5 times

Recovery of immune function



Risk of transmission in the community

↑ 3.5 times

Mortality rate

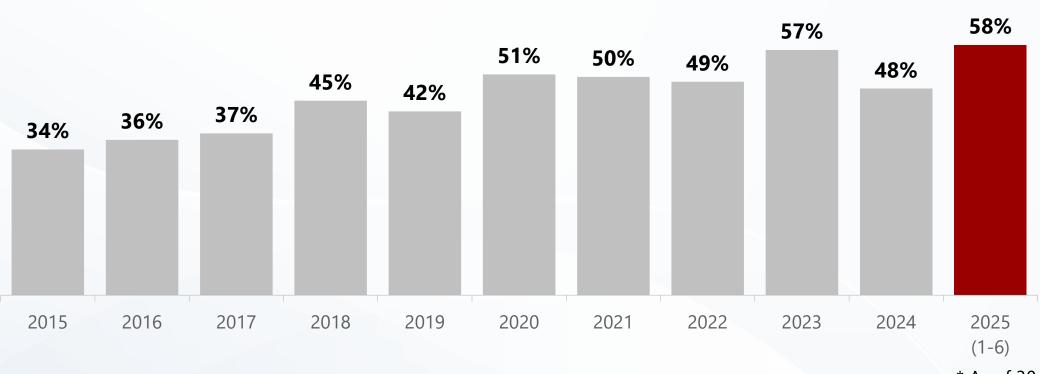
↑ > 10 times

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Late presenters contribute to nearly 60% of cases in recent years

2015 – June 2025 Proportion of late presenters among newly diagnosed cases of HIV infection in Hong Kong

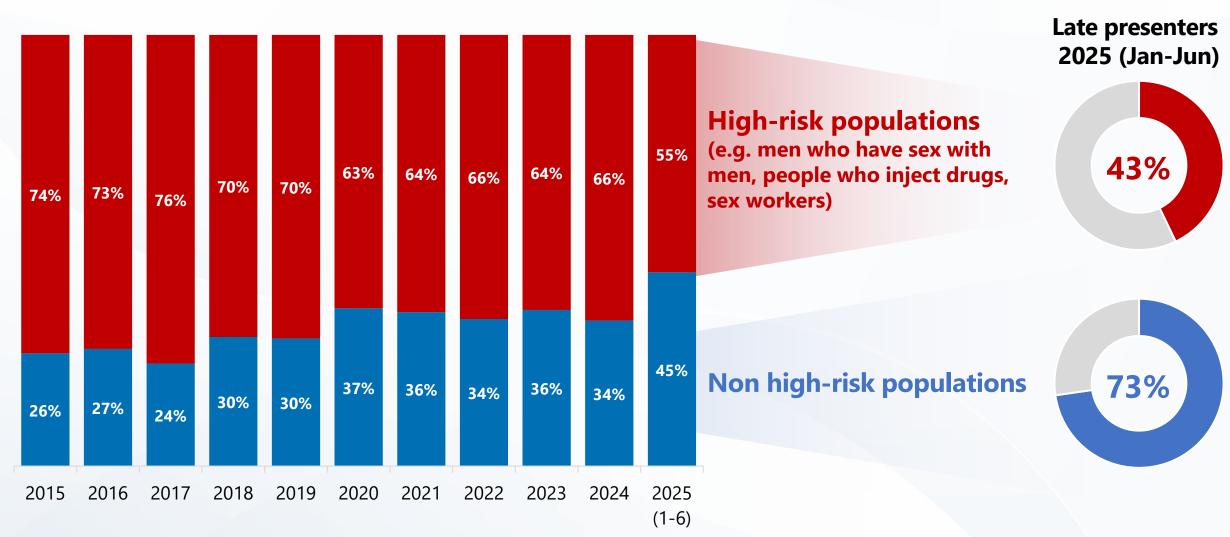


* As of 30 June 2025

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Late presenters: When an individual has already developed AIDS at the time of diagnosis of HIV infection, or when the presenting CD4 count is very low (less than 200 cells/µL)

Around 40% of the newly reported cases do not belong to high-risk populations More than 70% of them were Late Presenters







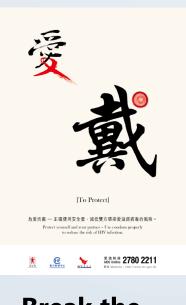
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Recommendations to the Public

Health messages

Prevention is better than cure



Break the needle habit; Methadone does it

Use a condom for safer sex



HIV, Test Early, Treat Early



Early treatment for a healthy life





People who have had sex should get HIV testing at least once to keep track of their health status

Access to HIV testing

- AIDS Hotline 2780 2211
 - > Free, Anonymous, Confidential
- HIV Self-test
 - HIV Testing Service website
 www.hivtest.gov.hk
- Social Hygiene Clinics, DH
- Private doctors



HIV Testing Services by Community Organisations



























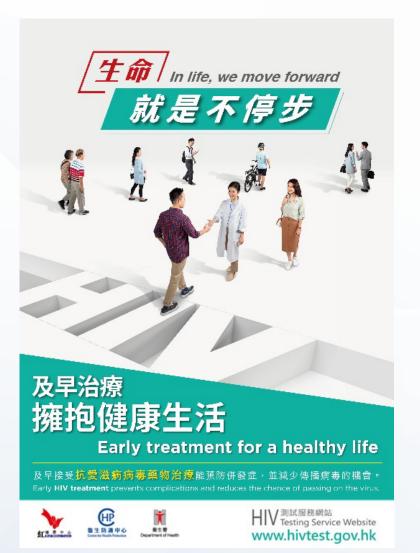


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Never test for HIV via blood donation

HIV infection is a manageable chronic disease



- Early HIV treatment effectively prevents progression to AIDS.
- People with HIV who achieve sustained viral suppression to an undetectable level by antiretroviral drugs will NOT transmit the virus through sex.



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www.aids.gov.hk > Statistics > Latest Statistics

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- Summary table on the updated HIV/AIDS situation through the reporting system
- A graph showing Annual and Cumulative HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong New
- · CHP encourages vigilance against HIV/AIDS
- Unusual Increase of Hepatitis A Cases in HIV Infected Men who have Sex with Men (02/02/2017)

