



Fijian HIV Situation

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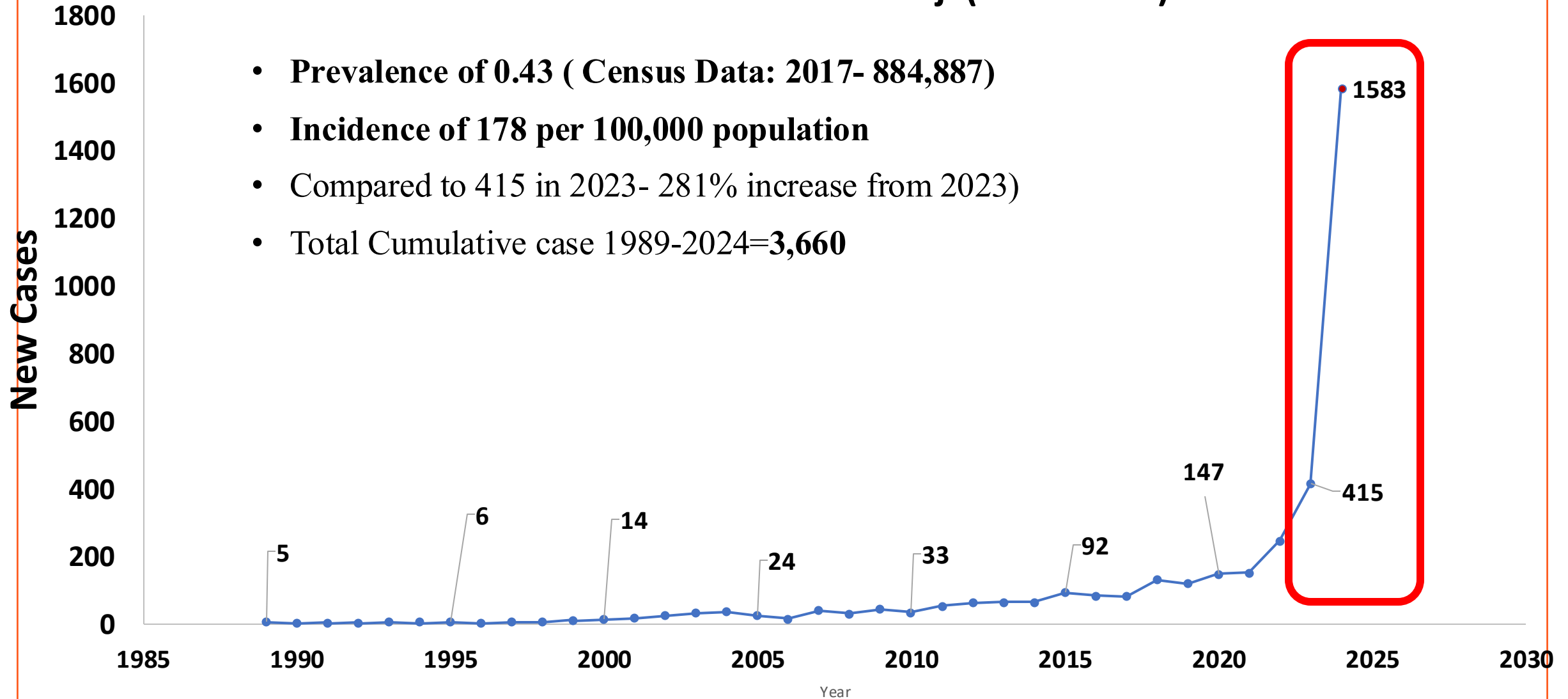
Fiji Islands

Population: 884,887

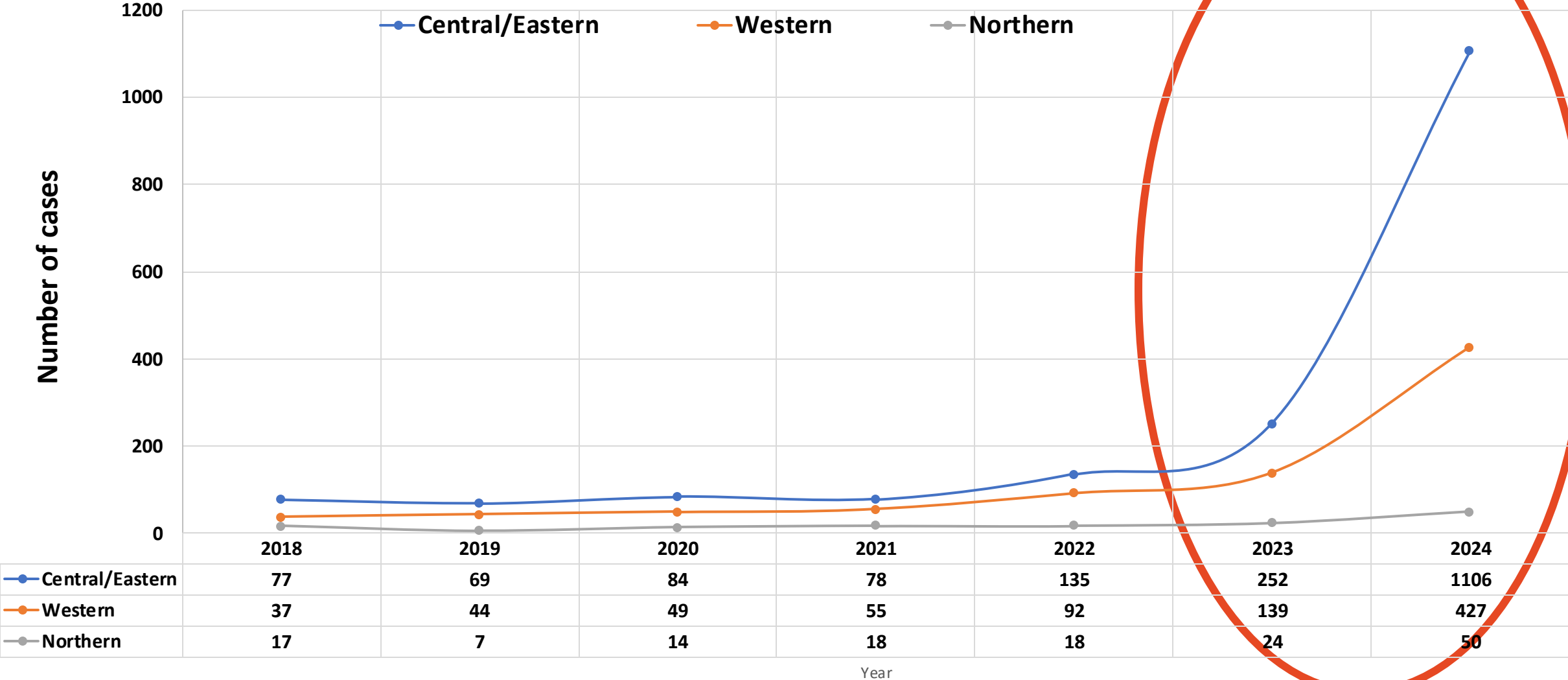
**212 Health
Facilities across Fiji**

Annual New HIV Cases in Fiji (1989-2024)

- Prevalence of 0.43 (Census Data: 2017- 884,887)
- Incidence of 178 per 100,000 population
- Compared to 415 in 2023- 281% increase from 2023)
- Total Cumulative case 1989-2024=3,660



HIV Cases Trend by Divison (2018-2024)



Indicator

2024 Data

Total Diagnosed

1,583

Total PLHIV(excluding deaths)

1,523

Enrolled in Care

770(50.6%)

On ART

711(44.9%

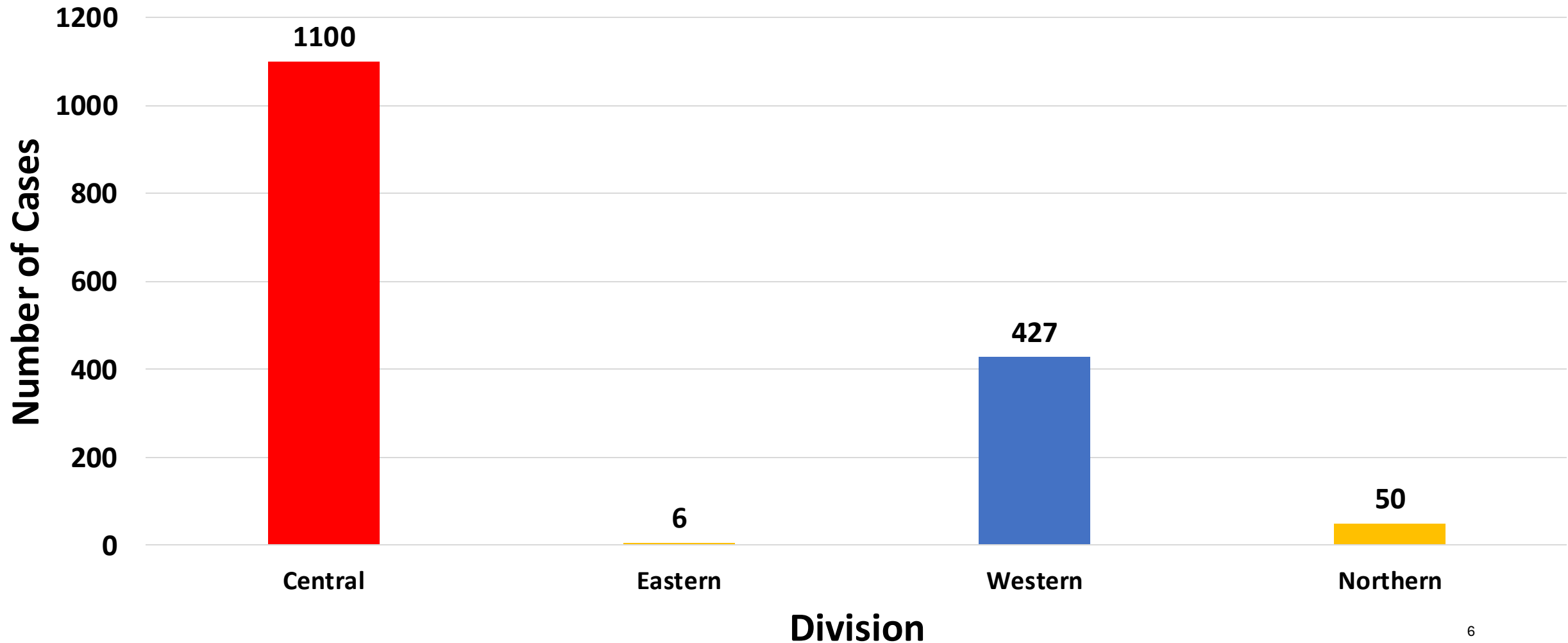
Not Enrolled in Care

753(47.6%)

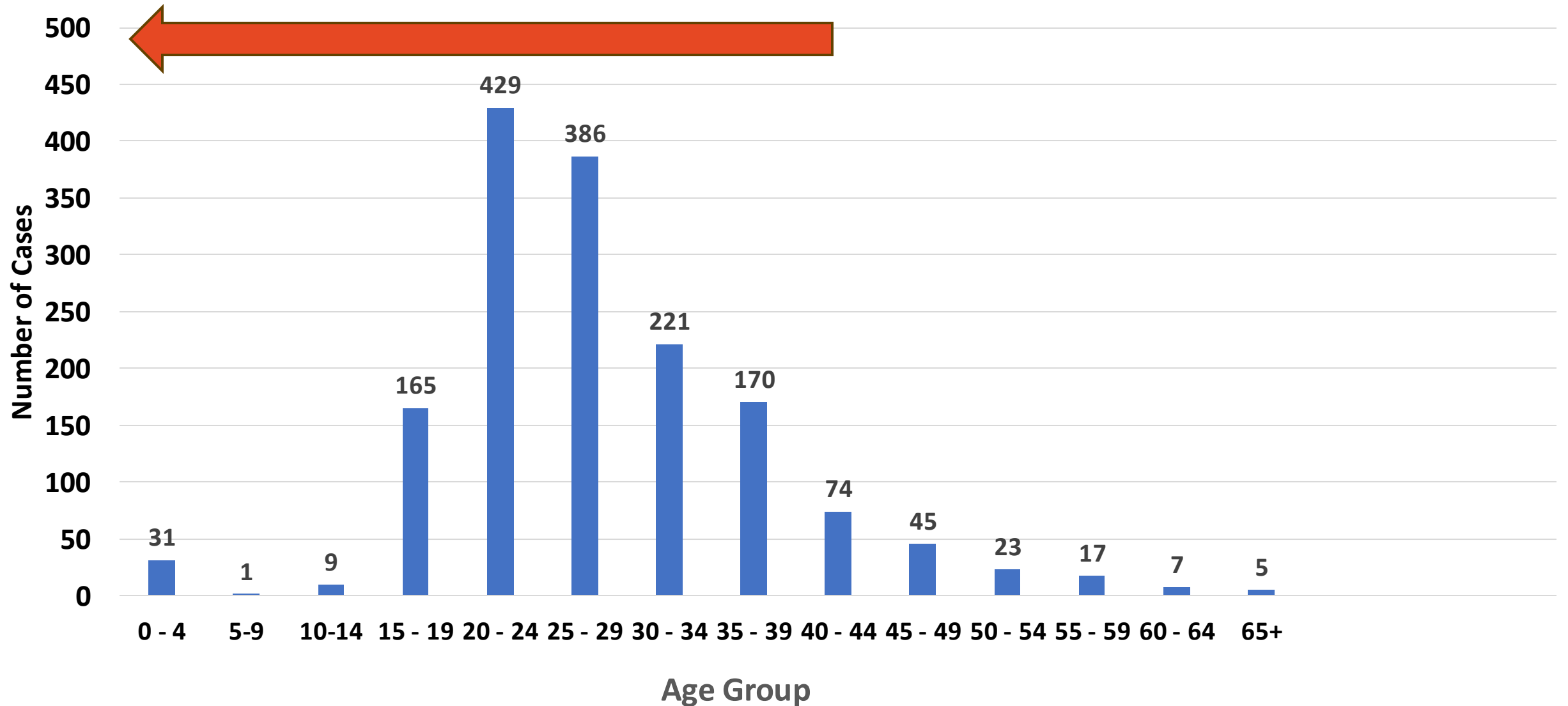
Reported Deaths

126

Number of cases Diagnosed by Division Jan- Dec 2024

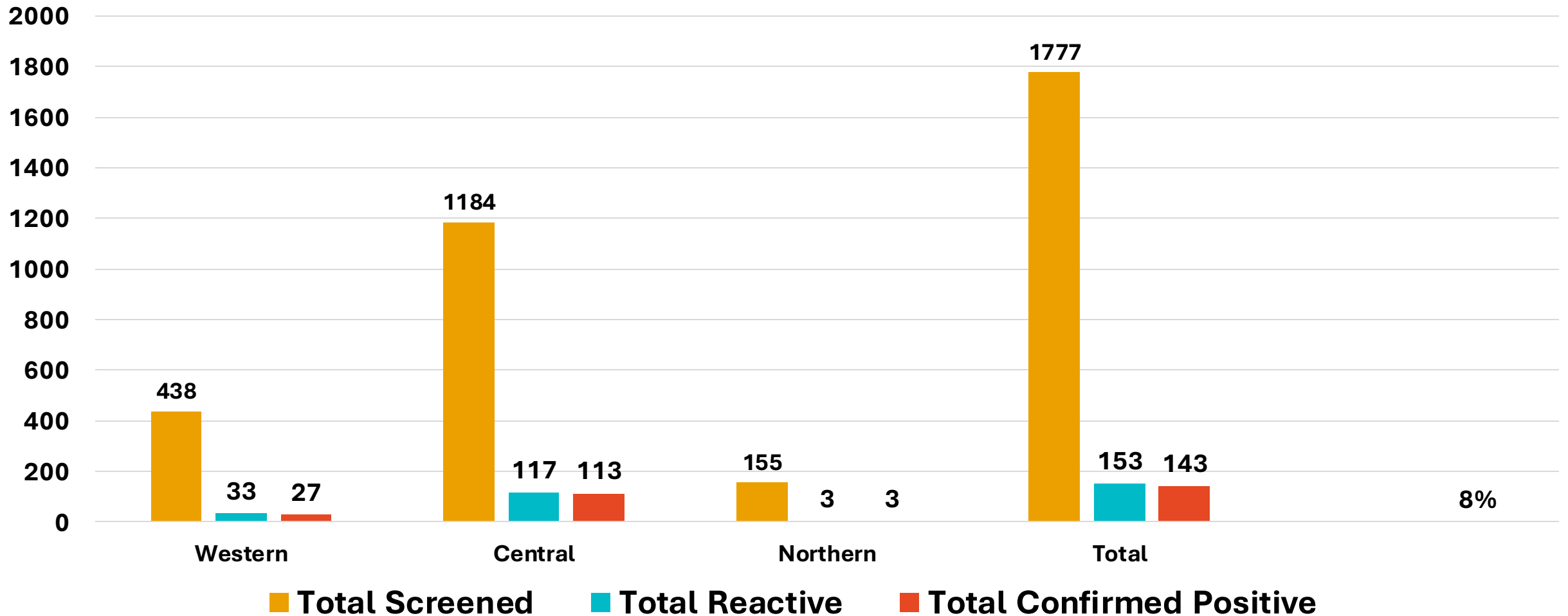


HIV Cases by Age Group 2024



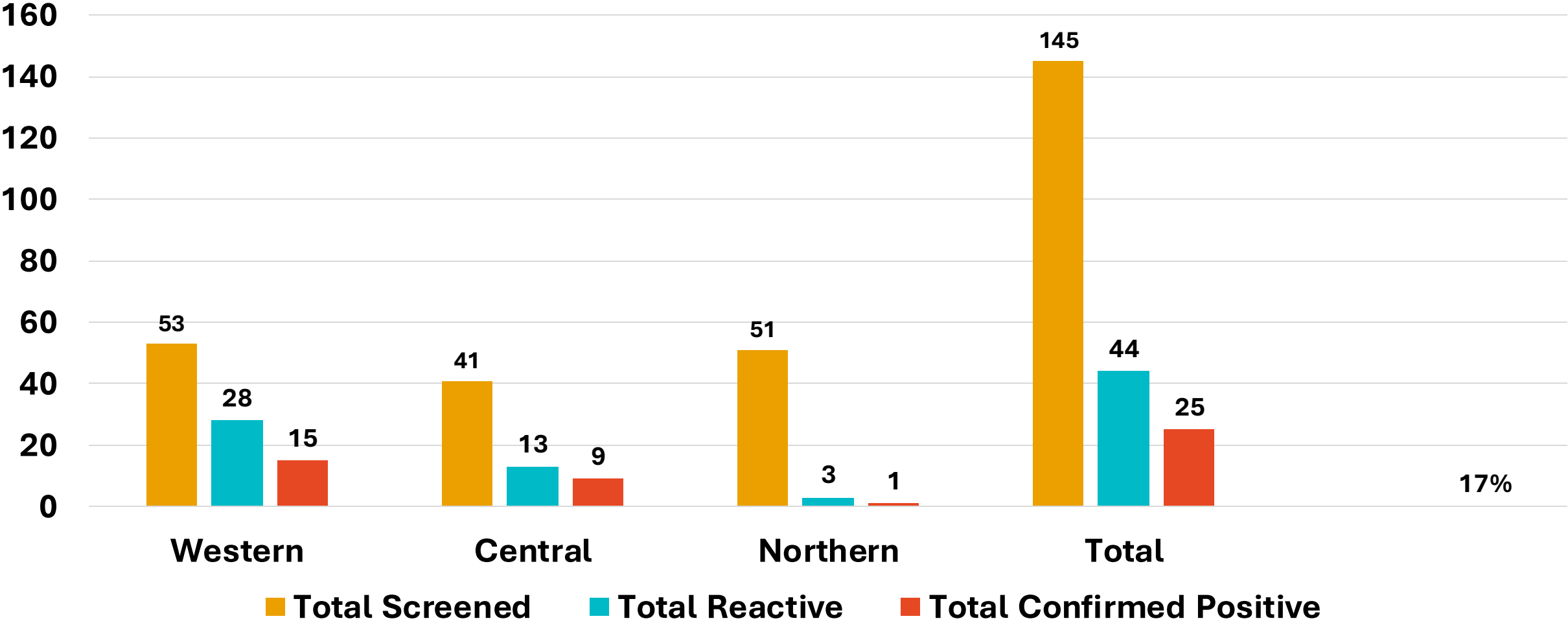
Prisoners Screening

POCT with Prisoners

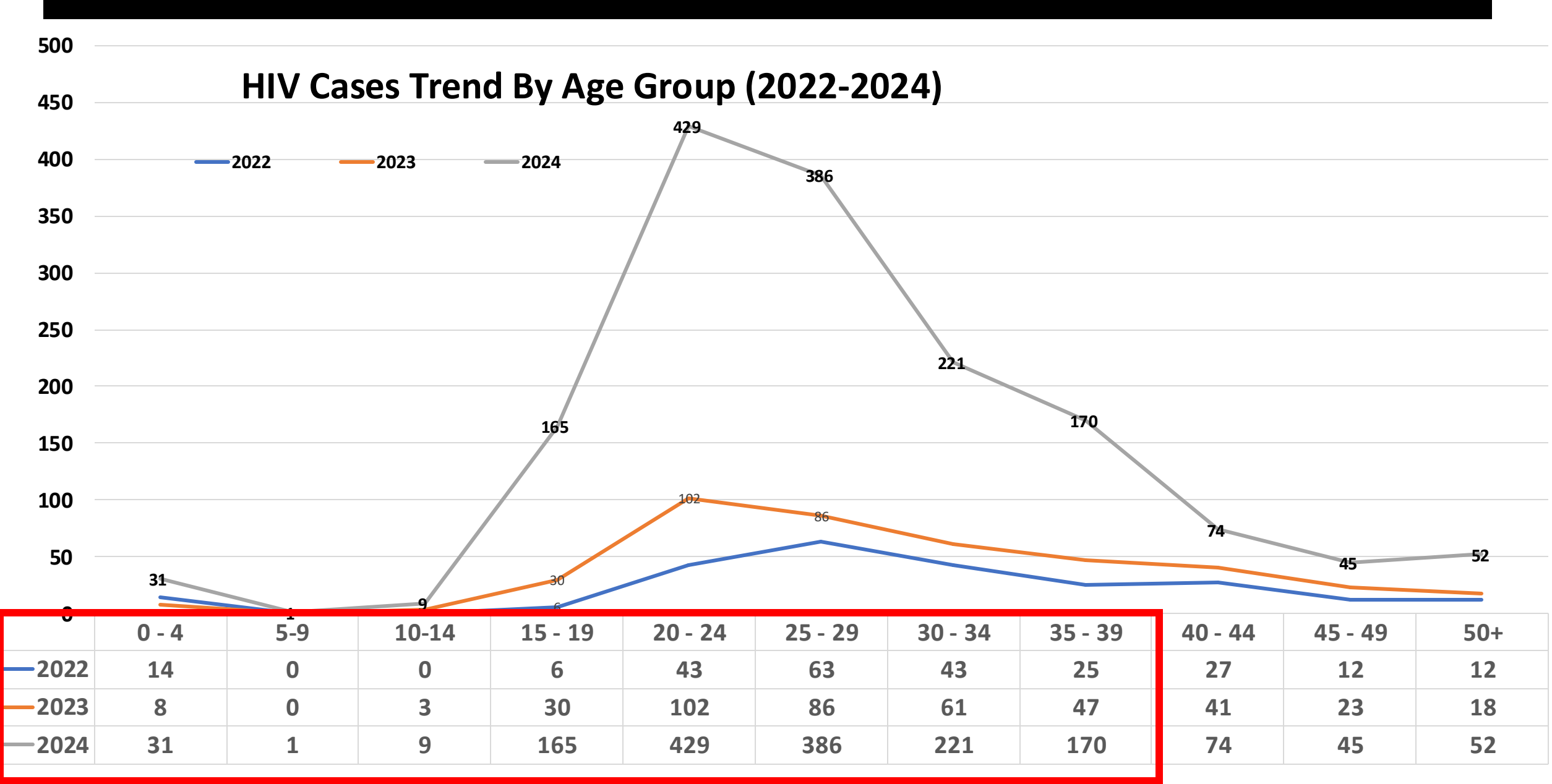


Screening with Sex Workers

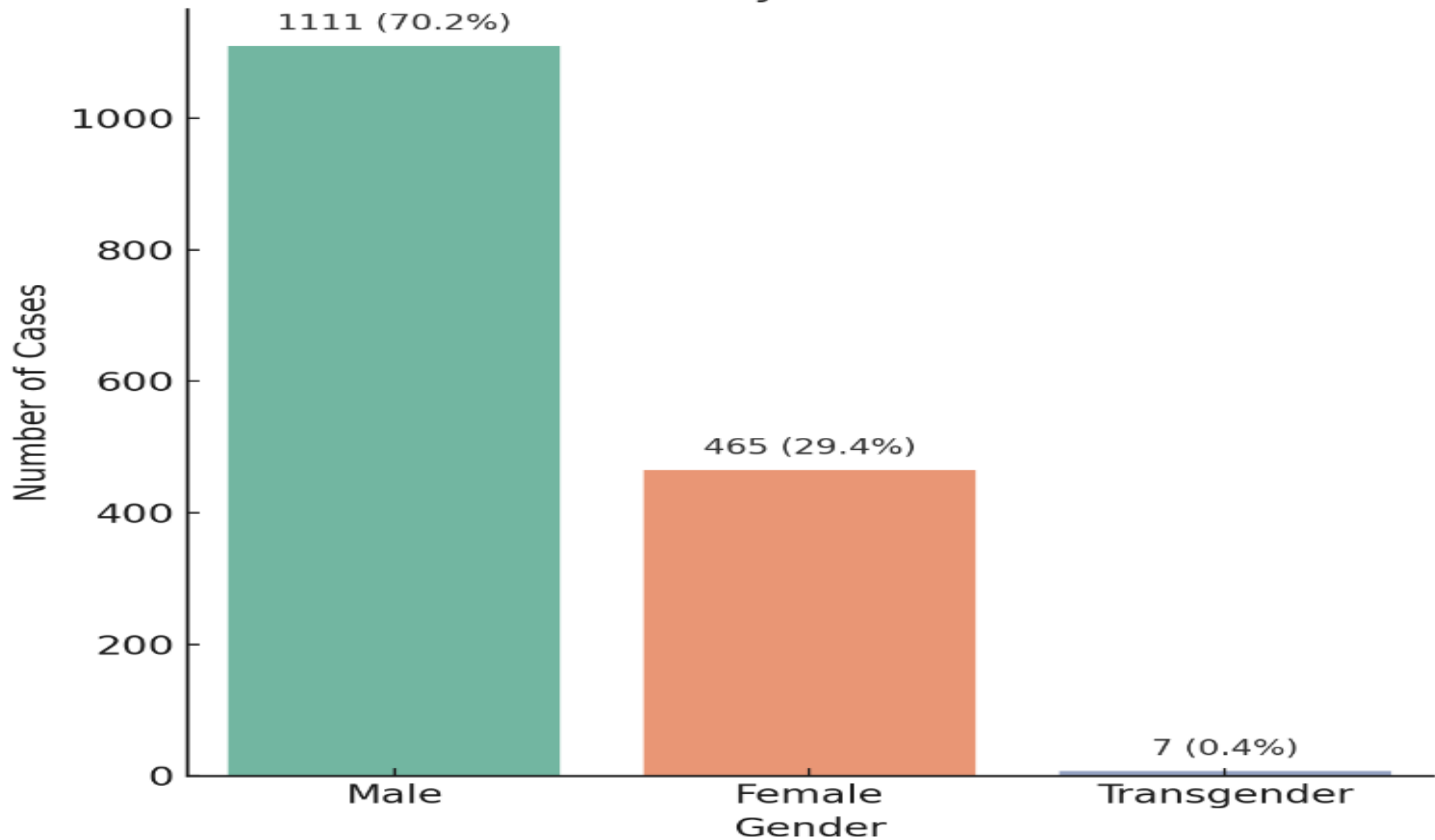
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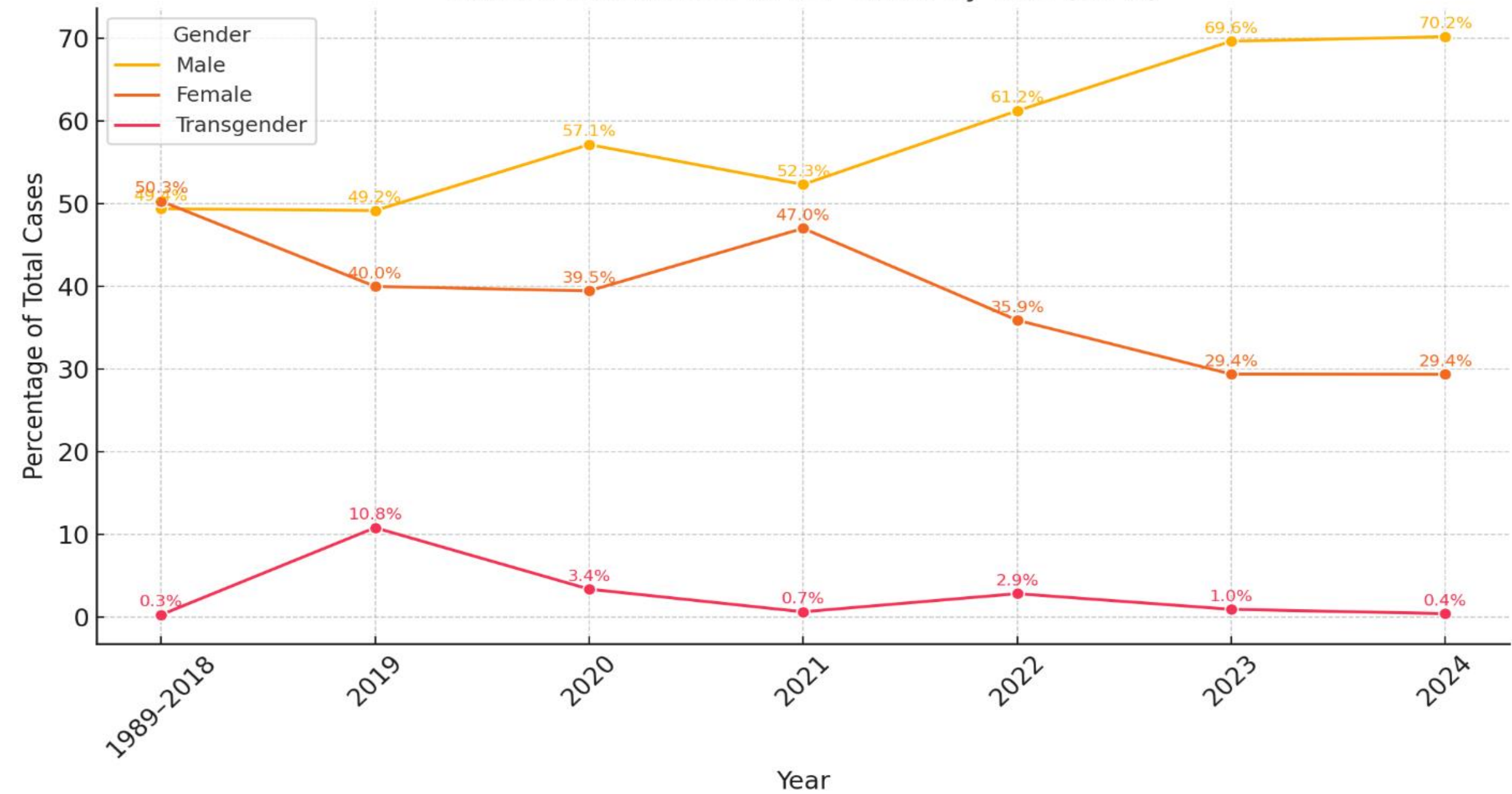
HIV Cases Trend By Age Group (2022-2024)



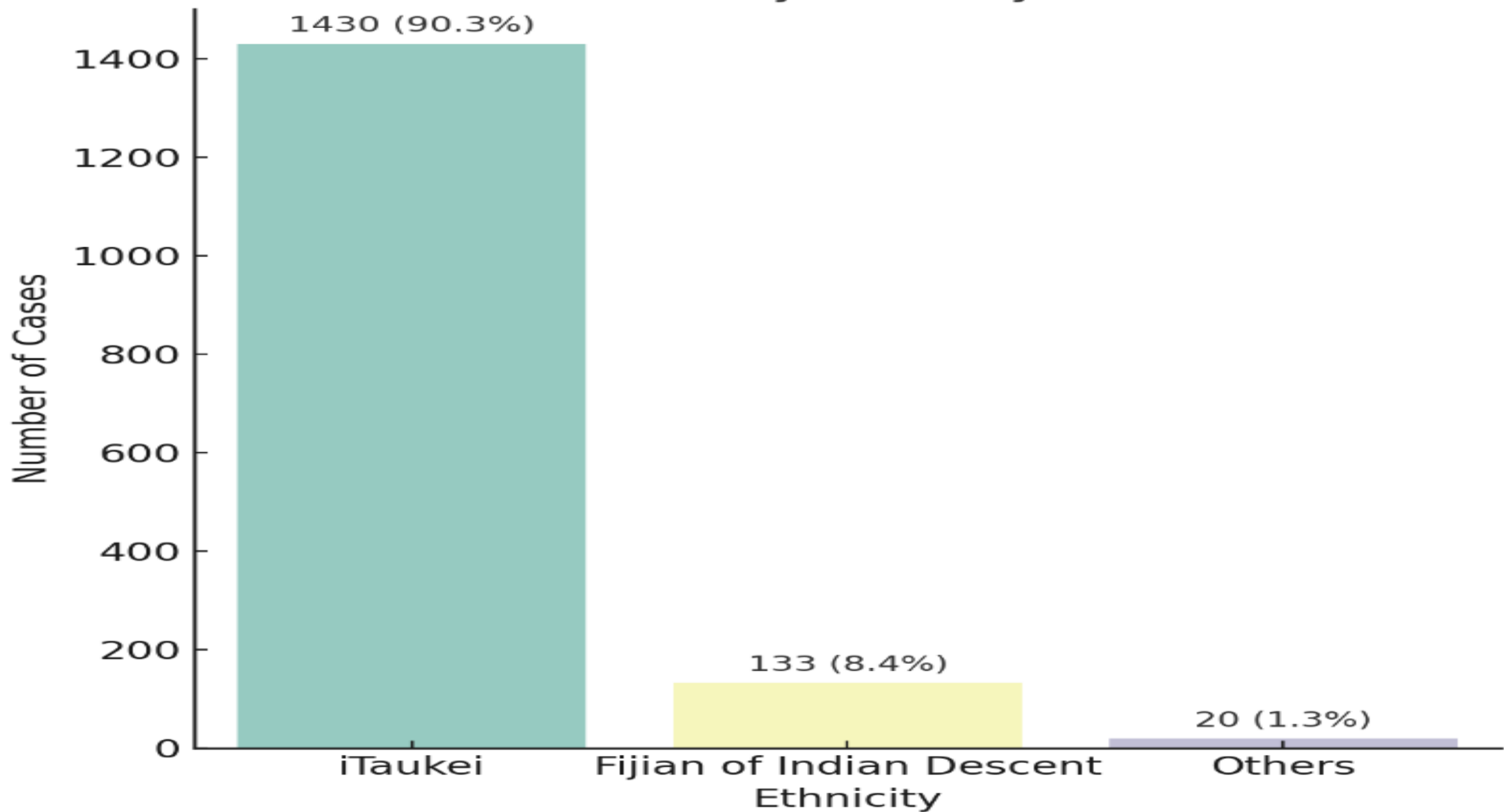
HIV Cases by Gender - 2024



Gender Distribution of HIV Cases by Year (as %)

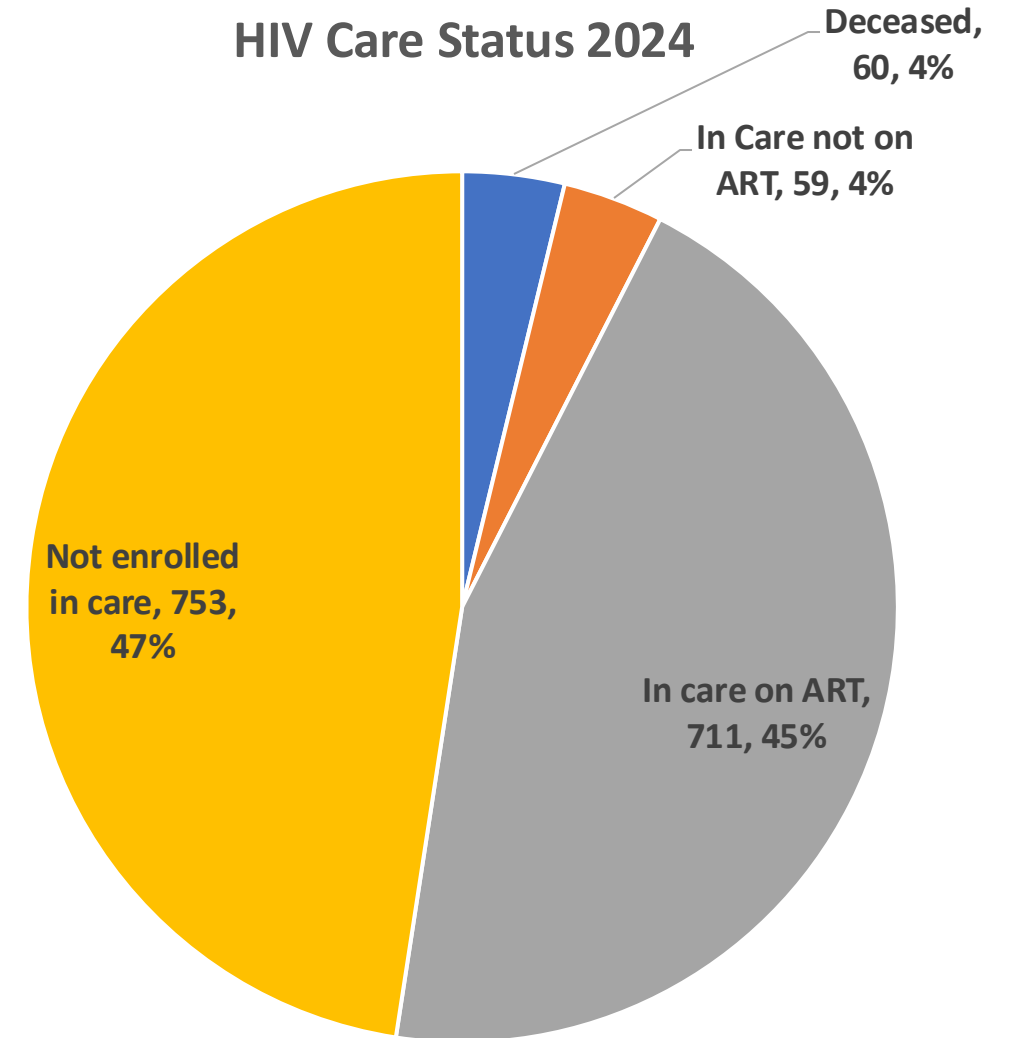


HIV Cases by Ethnicity - 2024



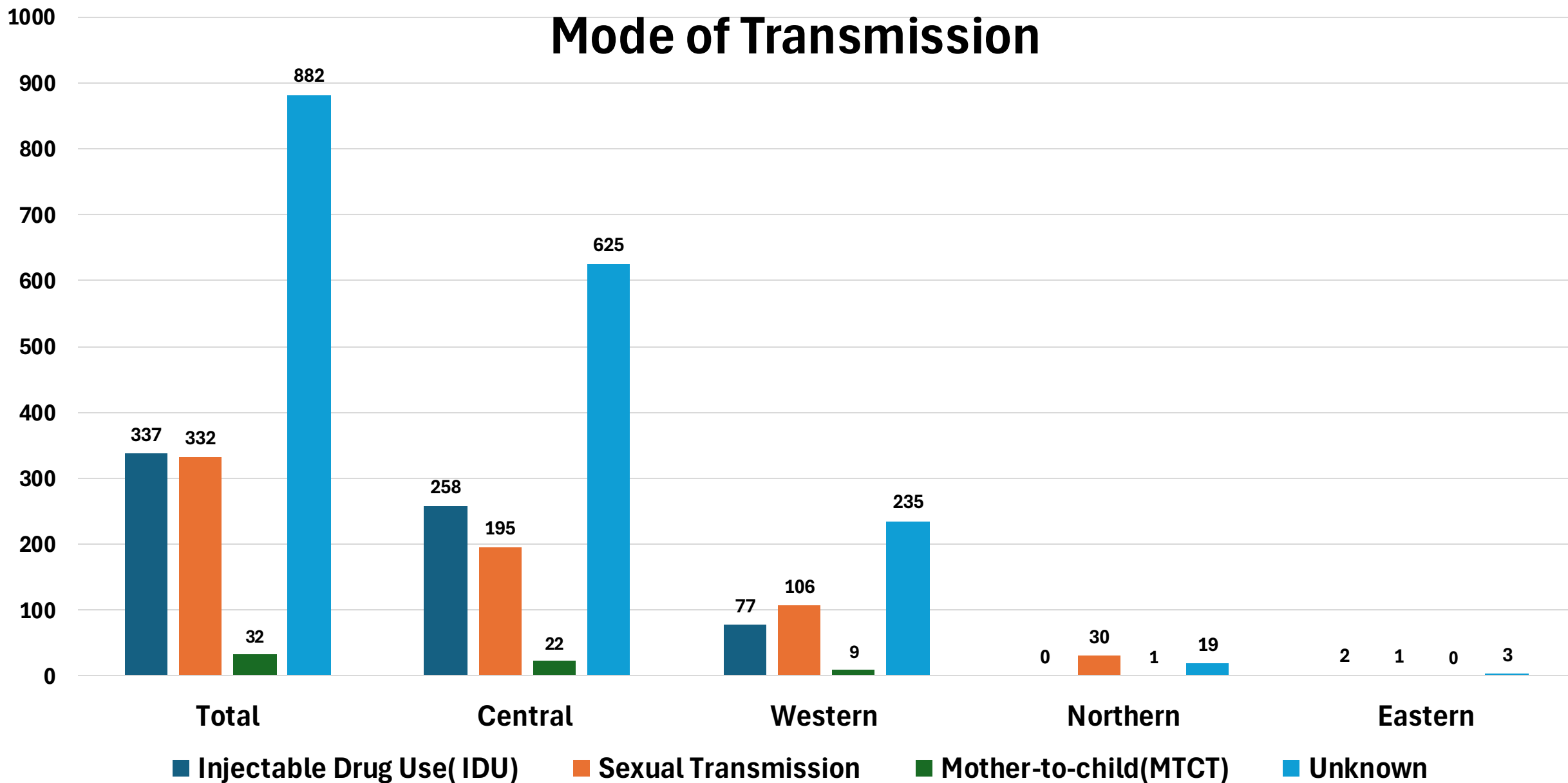
HIV Care Cascade

Care Status	Number	% of Total (n=1,583)
In care on ART	711	44.9%
In care but not on ART	59	3.7%
Not enrolled in care	753	47.6%
Deceased	60	3.8%



Mode of Transmission (n=701)	Number	% of known MoT
Injectable Drug Use(IDU)	337	48% (21% of total new cases)
Sexual Transmission	332	47.4% (20.9% of total)
Mother-to-child(MTCT)	32	4.5% (2% of total)

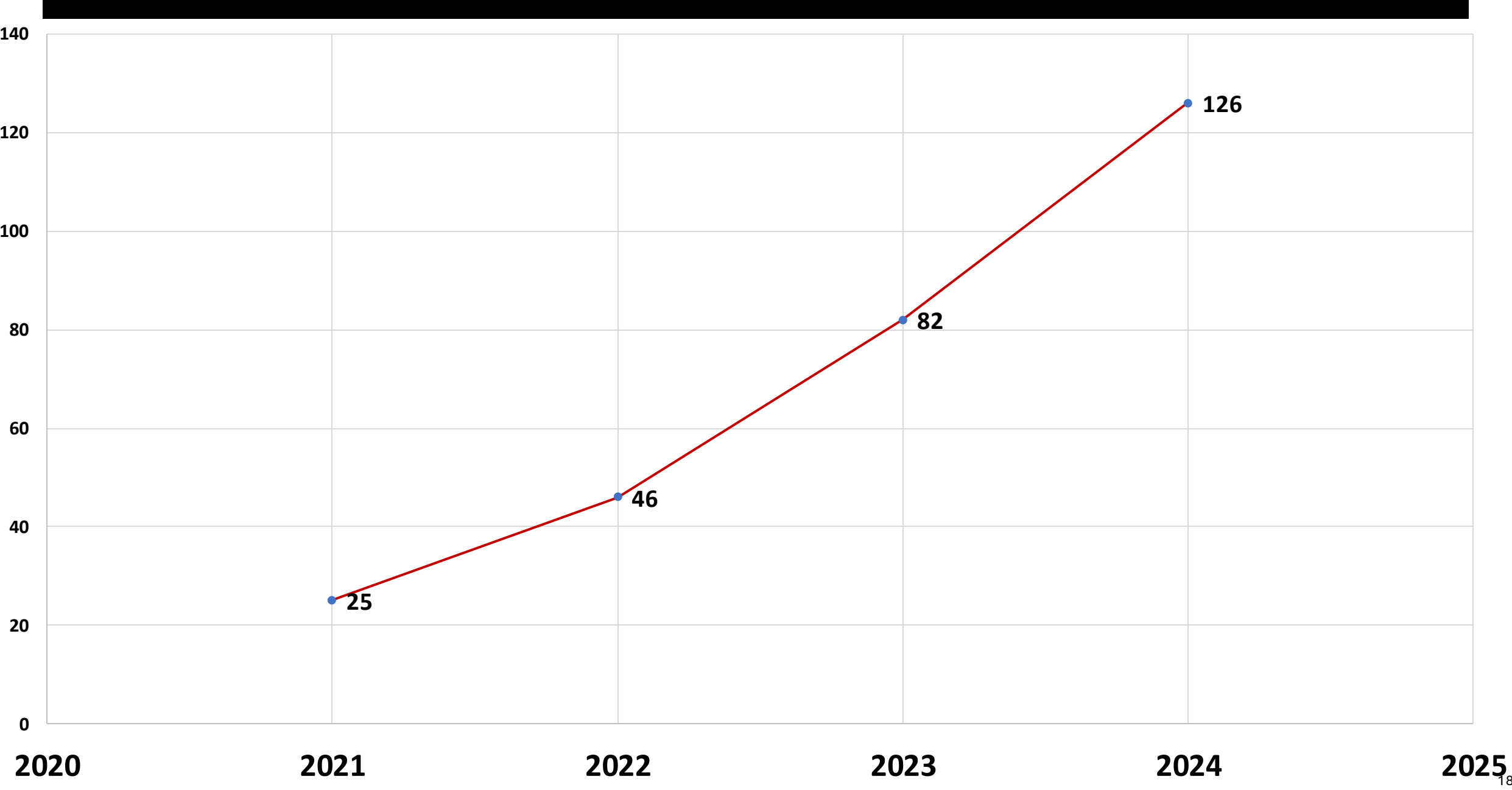
Mode of Transmission



Testing Coverage:

- 71,385 total HIV screening tests conducted nationally
- 90.9% were laboratory-based (64,972 tests)(2.6% positivity)
- 9.1% via point-of-care testing (5% positivity)

Annual HIV-Related Deaths Trend 2021-2024



Number of PLHIV on ART – 2024

Group	West	Central	North	Total
Adult Males	297	514	61	872
Adult Females	123	300	52	475
Children (<15)	22	41	1	64
Total	442	855	114	1,411

Viral Load Suppression – 2024

GROUP	WEST	CENTRAL	NORTH	TOTAL
Adult Males (15+)	37	107	0	144
Adult Females (15+)	25	74	1	100
Children (<15)	0	0	0	0
Total	62	181	1	244

HIV Combination Prevention Program for KVPs (MSM, TG, SW and Young People)

National HIV response: Greater and Meaningful Involvement

- **National HIV Surge Development**
- **Divisional SWOT on HIV response**
- **National HIV Outbreak Response**
- **SRH & HIV Unit**

Point Of Care Testing (POCT)

- **Games tournament (Men's and Mix)**
- **Safe Campaigns during marked events**
- **Moonlight Program for SW and Street Dwellers**

Condom Campaign

Deployed a total of 165 condom dispensers with 65 facilities hosting these dispensers.

- **Night Clubs**
- **Known Short-time Motel**
- **Hotels**
- **Public Restrooms**
- **Universities and Vocational Schools**

Research & NGO

Rapid assessment of people who use drugs with a focus on people who inject drugs in Fiji:

- Completed and next is an IBBS for Drug Use

IBBS Studies

- In the implementation stage

CSO grants

- Funding for outreach programs (additional hands and feet for the MHMS).

HIV PREVENTION ARM – HIV RESPONSE

- 1. Condom Campaign roll-out: North, Western, and Eastern (targeting hot-spot, institutions, HC, and NS).**
 - 2. Revitalise HIV Workplace program: POCT, Confirmation, HLTF, Treatment establishment.**
 - 3. Strengthen partnerships with Civil Society Organisations for effective programme implementation: Building Capacity.**
 - 4. Targeted Massive Screening Road Show: Reaching the hard-to-reach on HIV awareness, testing - POCT & Confirmatory, treatments, LTFU, Contact tracing, ART distributions, counselling and referrals**
- POCT, Confirmation and HIV care during Safe Campaign: Sugar, Hibiscus, Women expo, Miss Jewels, Rugby tournaments - FRU, Bula festival, Friendly north, Nasinu carnival, farmers, Mens & Mix netball tournaments**
 - Moonlight Campaign**
 - HIV Testing Road-Show**

Capacity Building of HCWs, Strengthen M&E and Linkages of Patients to Care and Treatment

Divisional & Sub-Divisional HIV Care Meeting

- **Quarterly meetings or emergency basis**

Decentralization of Point of Care Testing (POCT) Services

- Training for Lab Personals for Divisional and Subdivisional Hospitals (14 Centrals, 6 Northern, 10 Western and 2 Eastern)
- Training for Ministry's Peer Eds (5 Central, 4 Northern, 7 Western and 4 Eastern)

Setting up Tamanu

- **HIV & STI Roll Out**

Strengthen Capacity of Laboratory Services

1. **Decentralisation of EID and Viral Load testing Services** (significantly improved our turnaround time and reduced patient/sample transportation costs)
3. **National Laboratory POCT Training**
4. **POCT Training Rollout.**
 - Conducted training at approximately 25 sites.
 - Pilot Rollout of POCT at ANC and Donor Services at CWM Hospital

Ongoing Activities:

1. **Validation of CD4 Point-of-Care Testing** is currently in progress - SOP developed.
2. **Quality Assurance**
3. **Procurement of Laboratory Equipment.**
4. **Recruitment of Laboratory staff for the Hubs.**

Development in the HIV Space:

1. Government ownership
2. Financial commitment by Government - \$10 million FJD
3. Donor Contributions by DFAT & MFAT (\$3.7 Million Aud + \$4 million Nzd)
4. New SRHR & HIV Unit in MHMS
5. Increase Human Resources

Challenges:

1. The technical capacity to address injectable drug use
2. No Digital system for HIV (working on it)



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