

Table 1 Distribution of HIV-positive and AIDS patients in the Islamic Republic of Iran according to route of transmission and age group and sex (1985–2005)

Variable	Route of transmission											
	Intravenous drug use		Sexual		Blood transfusion		Mother to child		Unknown		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age (years)												
0–4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	23	35.9	6	0.3	29	0.3
5–14	0	0.0	4	0.4	11	4.7	31	48.4	5	0.3	51	0.5
15–24	320	4.5	60	6.7	46	19.7	4	6.3	76	4.2	506	5.6
25–34	2 995	42.1	312	34.8	77	33.0	5	7.8	668	37.1	4 057	4.6
35–44	2 356	33.1	274	30.6	42	18.0	0	0.0	470	26.1	3 142	31.1
45–54	1 210	17.0	172	19.2	36	15.4	1	1.6	454	25.2	1 873	18.5
55–64	209	2.9	60	6.7	15	6.4	0	0.0	111	6.2	395	3.9
> 65	31	0.4	14	1.6	6	2.6	0	0.0	12	0.7	63	0.4
Total (known age)	7 121	100.0	896	100.0	233	100.0	64	100.0	1 802	100.0	10 116	100.0
Unknown age	1 429	16.7	89	9.0	7	2.9	2	3.0	1 714	48.7	3 241	24.2
Total	8 550		985		240		66		3 516		13 357	
Sex												
Male	8 470	99.1	592	60.1	223	92.9	34	51.5	3 308	94.1	12 627	94.5
Female	80	0.9	393	39.9	17	7.1	32	48.5	208	5.9	730	5.5
Total	8 550	100.0	985	100.0	240	100.0	66	100	3 516	100.0	13 357	100.0