

Table 1 Distribution of blood collection according to type in the Islamic Republic of Iran pre- and during the COVID-19 pandemic, 2019/2020

Type of blood donor	Date		% change ^a +/-
	Mar-Dec 2019 (No.)	Mar-Dec 2020 (No.)	
Regular	1 029 326	870 661	-15.4
Lapsed	500 218	460 876	-7.8
First time	196 338	249 637	+27.0
Total blood collections	1 725 882	1 581 174	-8.38
Female blood donors	73 866	81 856	+10.0

^aNote: in this column we compared the growth rate between the 2 years, regardless of their relation to the total donor population.