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Investor accounts cross the milestone of 26-crore (260 million)

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) achieved another significant milestone, with the number of unique trading accounts, or client codes (UCCs), crossing the 26 crore (260 million) mark in June 2026. Significantly, the most recent one crore accounts were added in just under four months, reiterating the sustained growth in investor participation. Notably, over 4.3 crore investor accounts, representing nearly 17% of the total have been added in the past year alone. The number of unique registered investors at NSE stood at over 13.1 crore as of May 31st, 2026, having surpassed the 13-crore mark in Apr'26. The number of trading accounts is higher than the number of unique registered investors at the exchange, since an investor may have multiple trading accounts with distinct brokers.

Maharashtra continues to lead in terms of UCCs, with 4.4 crore accounts, representing nearly 17% of the total investor accounts. It is followed by Uttar Pradesh with ~3 crore accounts (11% share), Gujarat with 2.2 crore accounts (8.6%), and West Bengal and Rajasthan with 1.5 crore accounts each (5.9% and 5.8% share respectively). The top five states together account for nearly 49% of all investor accounts. Additionally, some of the northeastern states have witnessed a sizeable share of their investor account additions during 2021–25 taking place in 2025 itself. Mizoram, Sikkim and Meghalaya recorded 32.3%, 30.0% and 29.2% of their respective additions over this five-year period in 2025, underscoring the steadily rising penetration of capital markets beyond traditional financial centres.

The sharp expansion in the number of trading accounts has been fuelled by rapid digitisation, reflected in the surge of mobile trading platforms, which now account for more than a fifth of the cash market turnover. Additionally, the annualised returns for the benchmark Nifty50 index and the Nifty 500 index have been 7.1% and 9.8% respectively, for the five-year period ending June 4th, 2026. The market capitalisation of NSE-listed companies has increased at a five-year CAGR of 12.6% during this period to Rs 462.2 lakh crore, resulting in notable accretion to household wealth.

Today, individual investors, directly and indirectly *via* mutual funds, own 18.7% of the market (NSE listed companies), as of March 31st, 2026.

Participation through the indirect route has also demonstrated sustained growth during FY26, as reflected in 7.2 crore (72 million) new SIP accounts being opened between April'25 and March'26. Average monthly SIP inflows have grown from Rs 3,660 crore in FY17 to Rs 29,132 crore in FY26, an eight-fold rise over the past decade, underscoring resilience in disciplined household investing.

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The sustained democratisation of India's capital markets in recent years has expanded access to a wider and younger investor base in the past five years, which underscores the need to strengthen financial capability and risk awareness, making focused investor education increasingly critical to ensuring informed and responsible participation.

In line with this objective, NSE has significantly expanded its investor education initiatives in recent years. The number of Investor Awareness Programs (IAPs) have increased five-fold during this period, rising from 3,504 in FY20 to 17,902 in FY26, covering more than 9.4 lakh participants in FY26 alone across the nation. Additionally, NSE's Investor Protection Fund (IPF) stood at Rs 2,890 crore as of April 30th, 2026.

Shri Sriram Krishnan, Chief Business Development Officer, NSE said: "Crossing the 26-crore investor accounts mark is a significant achievement for the exchange and reflects the continued deepening of investor participation in Indian capital markets. Despite prevailing geopolitical uncertainty, the addition of one crore accounts in just under four months underlines sustained investor confidence and the expanding reach of the market ecosystem. This growth has been supported by greater adoption of mobile-based trading, a simplified KYC framework and sustained efforts to promote disciplined investing through stakeholder-led investor awareness initiatives. Importantly, participation is expanding beyond established urban centres into Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4 cities. Investors are also engaging across a wider range of exchange-traded instruments, including equities, ETFs, REITs, InvITs, government bonds and corporate bonds. The recent introduction of Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) has further broadened market access, while supporting transparent and efficient price discovery. Together, these developments point to a more resilient, diversified and inclusive capital market ecosystem."

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