

Female Clients:

HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2022



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The Health Resources and Services Administration's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) provides a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people with HIV. More than half the people with diagnosed HIV in the United States—nearly 567,000 people in 2022—receive services through RWHAP each year. The RWHAP funds grants to states, cities, counties, and local community-based organizations to provide care and treatment services to people with HIV to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission. For more than three decades, RWHAP has worked to stop HIV stigma and reduce health disparities by caring for the whole person and addressing their social determinants of health.

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Fast Facts: Female Clients

25.2%

OF ALL RWHAP CLIENTS



66.8%

LIVE AT OR BELOW 100% of the Federal Poverty Level



89.9%

ARE VIRALLY SUPPRESSED



54.5%

ARE AGED 50+



Female clients comprise a quarter of the people served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP). Of the more than half a million clients served by RWHAP, more than 142,000 are female (25.2 percent).

Learn more about these clients served by RWHAP:

- **Female clients served by RWHAP are a diverse population.** Data show that 83.7 percent of female clients are people from racial and ethnic minority groups. 59.5 percent are Black/African American people, which is significantly higher than the national RWHAP average (44.5 percent), and 20.1 percent are Hispanic/Latina people, which is lower than the national RWHAP average (25.3 percent).
- **The majority of female clients served by RWHAP are people with lower incomes.** Among female clients served, 66.8 percent are living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (58.6 percent).
- **Data show that 4.0 percent of female RWHAP clients experience unstable housing.** This percentage is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (5.2 percent).
- **Female RWHAP clients are aging.** Among female RWHAP clients served, 54.5 percent are aged 50 years and older, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (48.2 percent). Only 2.5 percent of female RWHAP clients are aged 13–24 years.

Medical care and treatment improve health outcomes and decrease the risk of HIV transmission. People with HIV who take their medication as prescribed and are virally suppressed cannot sexually transmit HIV to their partners and can live longer and healthier lives. According to 2022 data, **89.9 percent of female clients receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed**,* which is comparable to the national RWHAP average (89.6 percent).

- 89.1 percent of Black/African American women receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed.
- 91.6 percent of Hispanic/Latina women receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed.

* Viral suppression is defined as a viral load result of less than 200 copies/mL at the most recent test, among people with HIV who had at least one outpatient ambulatory health services visit and one viral load test during the measurement year.