

Clients Who Are Gay, Bisexual, or Other Men Who Have Sex with Men:

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: Clients Who Are Gay, Bisexual, or Other Men Who Have Sex with Men

67.9%

OF ALL MALE RWHAP CLIENTS



50.9%

LIVE AT OR BELOW 100% of the Federal Poverty Level



90.2%

ARE VIRALLY SUPPRESSED



40.8%

ARE AGED 50+



A significant proportion of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) clients are gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men. Of the more than half a million RWHAP clients, approximately 237,000 (41.9 percent) are in this population; this figure represents 67.9 percent of male RWHAP clients.

Learn more about this RWHAP population:

- **RWHAP clients who are gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men are a diverse population.** Data show that 67.0 percent of these clients are people from racial and ethnic minority groups. Of this population, 33.0 percent are white, 35.2 percent are Black/African American, and 27.6 percent are Hispanic/Latino.
- **Approximately half of RWHAP clients who are gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men have lower incomes.** Of these clients, 50.9 percent are living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is lower than the national average (58.6 percent) for all RWHAP clients.
- **Among RWHAP clients who are gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men, 5.0 percent experience unstable housing.** This percentage is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (5.2 percent).
- **RWHAP clients who are gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men are aging.** Of these clients, 40.8 percent are aged 50 years or older. However, this percentage is substantially lower than the national RWHAP average (48.2 percent).

Medical care and treatment improve health outcomes and decrease the risk of HIV transmission. People with HIV who take HIV 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, **among clients who are gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men and are receiving RWHAP HIV medical care, 90.2 percent are virally suppressed,*** which is slightly higher than the national RWHAP average (89.6 percent).

- Among young (aged 13–24) clients who are gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men and are receiving RWHAP HIV medical care, 84.8 percent are virally suppressed.
- Among young (aged 13–24) Black/African American clients who are gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men and are receiving RWHAP HIV medical care, 83.0 percent 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.