

# **Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program**

## **COVID-19 Data Report**

**January 20, 2020 through December 31, 2020**

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# Commentary

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On March 27, 2020, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. The FY 2020 CARES Act appropriated \$90 million to the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. This funding supported 581 existing RWHAP Parts A, B, C, and D recipients for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 for RWHAP-eligible clients and their immediate household members. FY 2020 CARES Act funding also was awarded to the RWHAP AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs) for expanded workforce capacity; AETC activities are not reflected in this report.

HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) created a new data reporting module, the COVID-19 Data Report (CDR), to monitor and report on RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act-funded activities. The CDR collects monthly, aggregate-level data on the types of services provided and number of people served by RWHAP service providers for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19.

All RWHAP service providers (regardless of whether they are directly funded recipient service providers or subrecipient service providers) who received RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funding are required to submit CDR data to HRSA HAB. The CDR collects aggregate information about—

- types of services delivered using telehealth technology
- service providers conducting testing for COVID-19 and the number of RWHAP-eligible clients and immediate household members tested for COVID-19
- the number of RWHAP-eligible clients with newly diagnosed (or presumed positive) COVID-19 during the reporting period, not including household members
- the cumulative number of RWHAP-eligible clients with COVID-19 (not including household members) as of the end of the reporting period
- the total number of RWHAP-eligible clients and household members who received services using RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funds (aggregated, deduplicated at the service provider level)
- the number of RWHAP-eligible clients and household members who received services using RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funds for each RWHAP service category (identified in [Policy Clarification Notice 16-02 RWHAP Services: Eligible Individuals and Allowable Uses of Funds](#))

RWHAP recipients received RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funding on April 15, 2020, and were able to use funds retroactively to January 20, 2020, to cover incurred costs during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. To capture the retroactive activities, the first reporting period for CDR data was January 20, 2020, through March 31, 2020. Thereafter, data reporting periods were for each calendar month.

## COVID-19 DATA REPORT OVERVIEW

This report is HRSA HAB's first publication of national RWHAP aggregate-level data submitted through the CDR by RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act-funded recipient and subrecipient service providers. Monthly data are displayed for January 20, 2020, through December 31, 2020, with a

focus on the most recent month. Because data can be submitted on a retroactive and rolling basis, data presented are based on those submitted as of February 23, 2021, to allow time for the more recent months' data to stabilize. Due to the ongoing nature of CDR reporting, however, the data contained in this report should be considered preliminary.

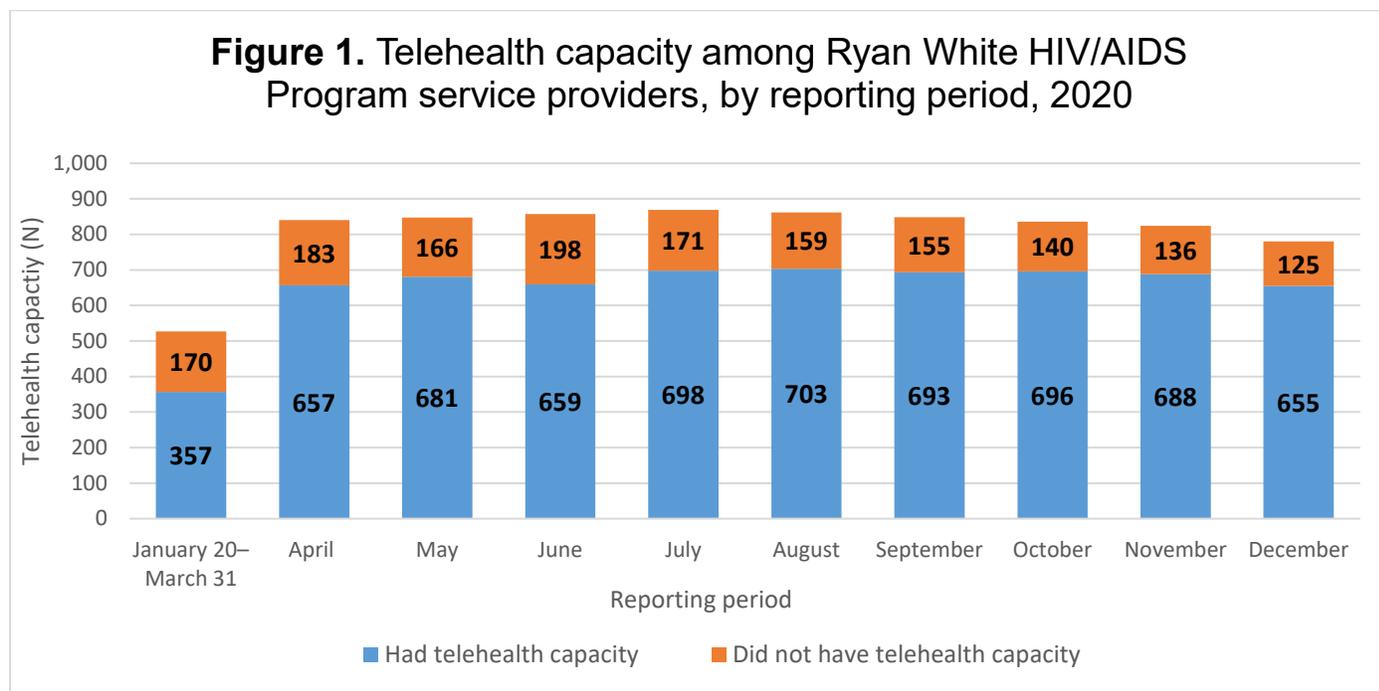
For the December 2020 reporting period, 780 RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act-funded service providers submitted a COVID-19 Data Report. These RWHAP service providers reflect 48 of 52 Part A, 47 of 54 Part B, 309 of 332 Part C, and 102 of 109 Part D recipients who utilized RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funding. AETCs receiving RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funding are not required to report CDR data.

“Service providers” include recipient-providers who provide direct care and support services to RWHAP clients, subrecipient-providers who provide direct services, and “second-level providers” who are contracted to provide direct services by a subrecipient that serves as an administrative agent/fiscal intermediary.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ANALYSES

### Telehealth Capacity

During the initial reporting period of January 20, 2020, through March 31, 2020, 357 service providers reported having any telehealth capacity for at least one core medical or support service. From April 2020 through December 2020, the number of service providers reporting having telehealth capacity each month ranged from 655 to 703 service providers (Figure 1).



Among the 655 service providers reporting any telehealth services in December 2020, the most commonly reported telehealth services were—

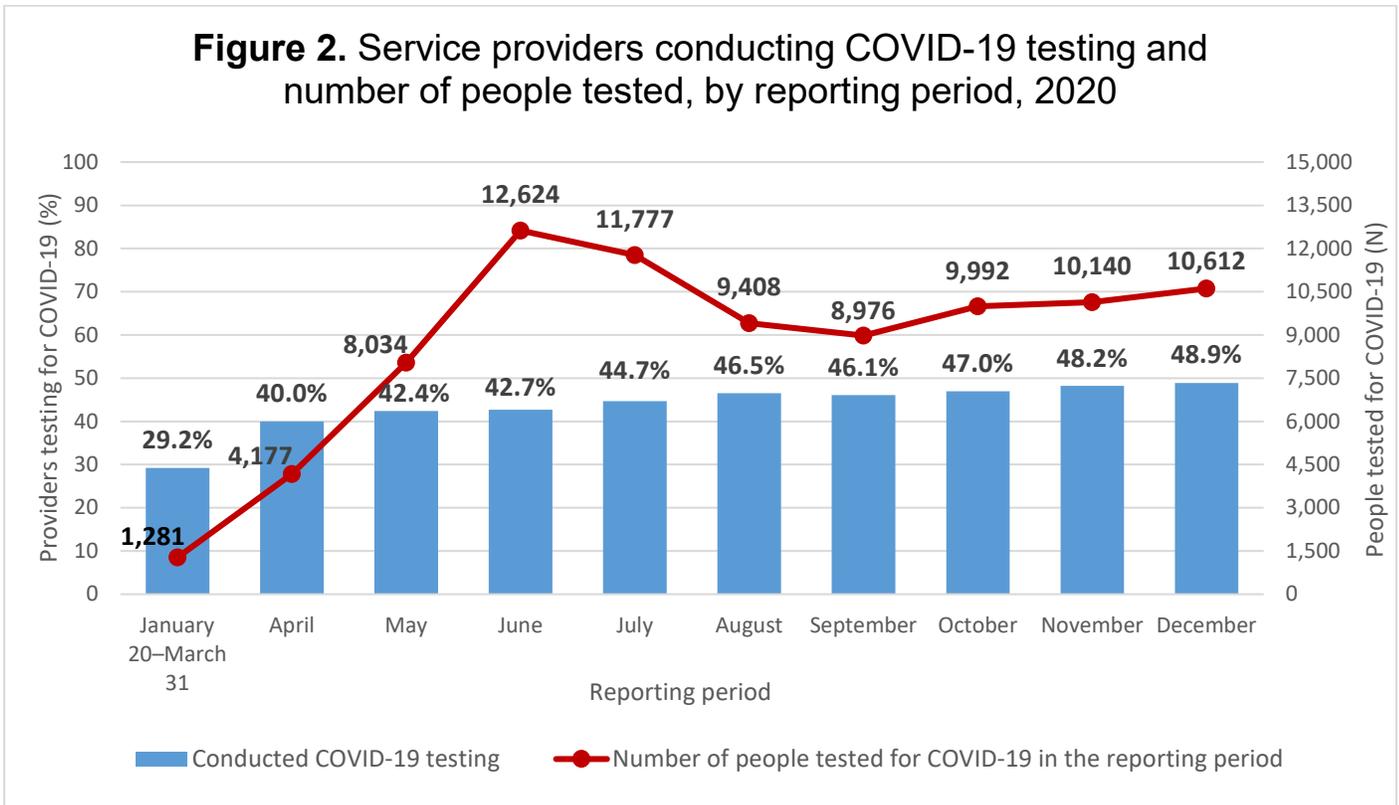
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (464 providers)

- Medical Case Management (408 providers)
- Mental Health Services (341 providers)
- Non-Medical Case Management Services (328 providers)

### COVID-19 Testing

After the initial reporting period (January 20, 2020, through March 31, 2020), the proportion of RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act–funded service providers who conducted COVID-19 testing increased to 40.0% in April 2020 and slowly continued to increase to 48.9% of service providers by December 2020 (Figure 2). The number of RWHAP-eligible clients and immediate household members tested for COVID-19 by RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funded service providers sharply increased from January through June reporting periods and then varied each month, ranging from approximately 9,000 to nearly 11,800 during the July through December reporting periods.

Of the 780 service providers who reported data in December 2020, 381 (48.9%) conducted any COVID-19 testing. These 381 service providers tested 10,612 RWHAP-eligible clients and immediate household members for COVID-19 during December 2020. By the end of December 2020, RWHAP service providers had conducted more than 87,000 total COVID-19 tests<sup>1</sup> for RWHAP-eligible clients and immediate household members.

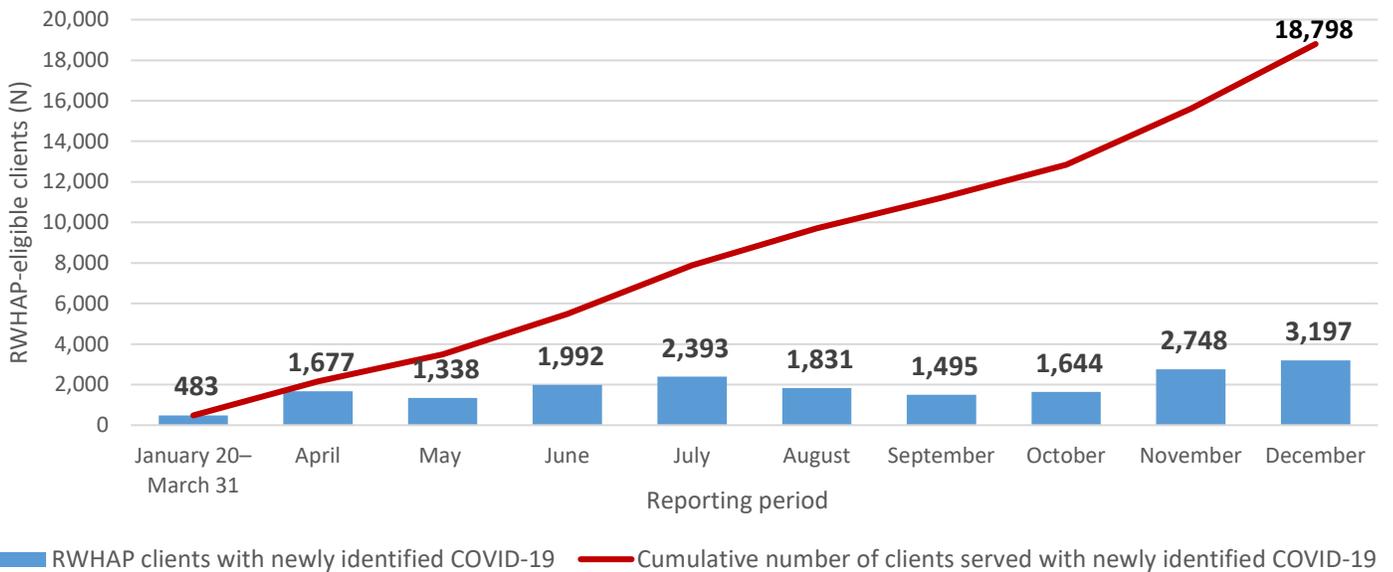


<sup>1</sup> Testing data are not deduplicated. Total includes the number of people tested as reported across all reporting periods; may include duplicates of people who were tested in multiple months.

### RWHAP-Eligible Clients with COVID-19

During the January 20, 2020, through December 31, 2020, reporting periods, the number of RWHAP-eligible clients who had *newly identified* COVID-19<sup>2</sup> and received services from RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act-funded service providers varied by month. In total, by the end of December 2020, RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act-funded service providers reported having served 18,798 RWHAP-eligible clients who had *newly identified* COVID-19 (Figure 3).

**Figure 3.** RWHAP-eligible clients with newly identified COVID-19, by reporting period, and cumulative number of RWHAP-eligible clients with newly identified COVID-19 served by RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act-funded service providers, 2020



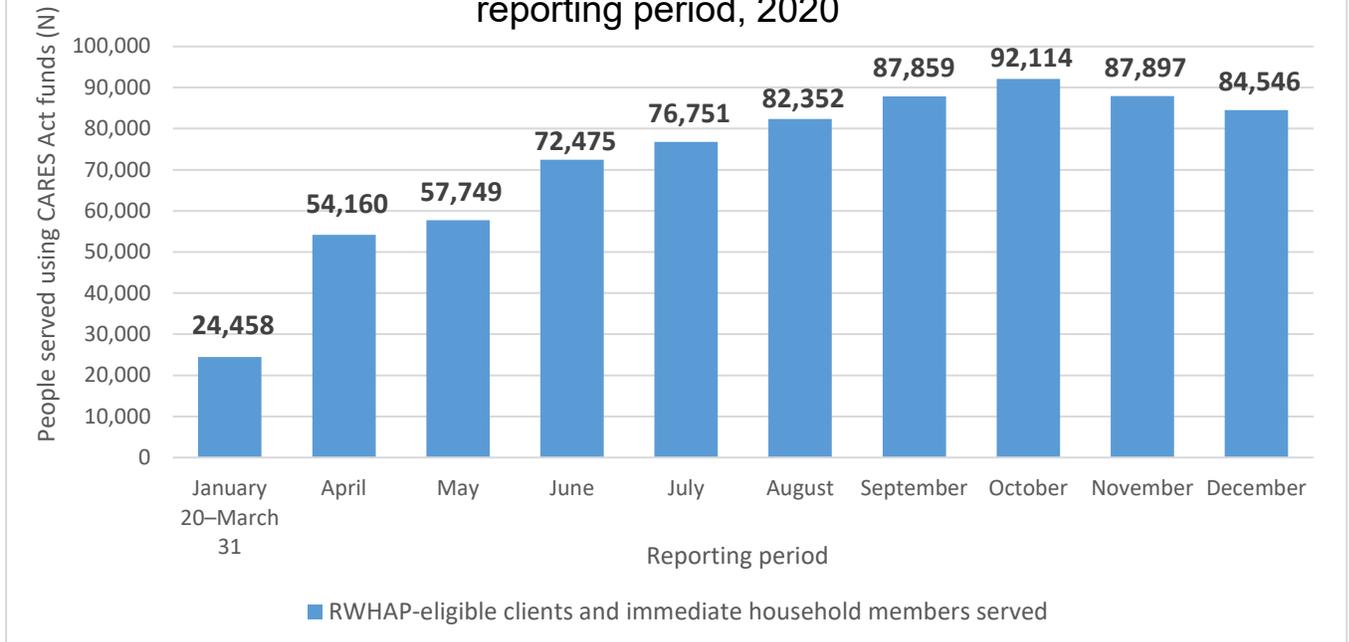
### Service Delivery Using RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act Funding

From January 20, 2020, through December 31, 2020, the total number<sup>3</sup> of RWHAP-eligible clients and immediate household members who received at least one core medical or support service using RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funding increased from January to October 2020 but decreased slightly in November and December 2020 (Figure 4).

<sup>2</sup> Confirmed or presumed positive, regardless of where testing took place.

<sup>3</sup> Data are not deduplicated across months or service providers. Clients who received services in multiple months or across multiple service providers are counted each time they are reported.

**Figure 4.** RWHAP-eligible clients and immediate household members who received at least one core medical or support service using RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funding, by reporting period, 2020



In December 2020, service providers reported having served 84,546 RWHAP-eligible clients and household members using RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funds. The services most commonly received were—

- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (38.5% of clients)
- Medical Case Management (22.6% of clients)
- Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals (15.3% of clients)
- Health Education/Risk Reduction (12.6% of clients)
- Non-Medical Case Management Services (10.9% of clients)
- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Treatments (7.6% of clients)

# Technical Notes

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The COVID-19 Data Report (CDR) collects aggregate-level information at the RWHAP service provider level. It is not possible to deduplicate counts of clients receiving services with RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funding across service providers. Similarly, it is not possible to deduplicate the number of clients with COVID-19 across service providers. As a result, the numbers of RWHAP clients with COVID-19 across all service providers (monthly and total numbers of newly identified COVID-19 cases) may be overestimated.

The CDR collects information only from RWHAP service providers who received RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funding, which does not include all RWHAP service providers. In addition, the CDR collects only service-level information on RWHAP clients and immediate household members served using RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funding. In some cases, RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funded service providers may have estimated client counts due to an inability to differentiate between funding sources.

Data from the CDR cannot be used to estimate the specific costs associated with serving clients using RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funding. Many recipients and subrecipients used RWHAP FY 2020 CARES Act funding for personal protective equipment (PPE), infrastructure development, telehealth capacity development, etc. Funding for some of these costs may be allocated to RWHAP service categories (e.g., PPE) as a part of delivering care to clients.