

American Indian/Alaska Native Clients:

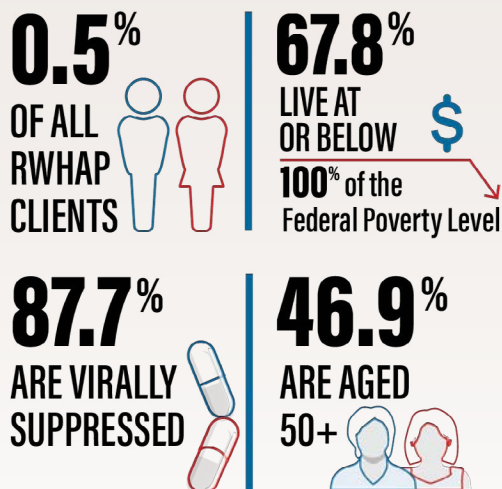
HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2021



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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—more than 576,000 people in 2021—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: American Indian/Alaska Native Clients



Of the more than half a million clients served by RWHAP, 73.3 percent are people from racial and ethnic minorities; 0.5 percent (more than 3,100 clients) are American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people.

Learn more about AI/AN clients served by RWHAP:

- **The majority of AI/AN clients served by RWHAP are male.** Data show that 71.4 percent of AI/AN clients are male, 24.5 percent are female, and 4.1 percent are transgender.
- **The majority of AI/AN clients served by RWHAP are people with lower incomes.** Data show that 67.8 percent of AI/AN clients are living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (59.2 percent).
- **AI/AN RWHAP clients are aging.** AI/AN clients aged 50 years and older account for 46.9 percent of all AI/AN RWHAP clients. This percentage is lower than the national RWHAP average (48.3 percent).
- **Data show that 11.4 percent of RWHAP AI/AN clients experience unstable housing.** This percentage is significantly higher than the national RWHAP average (5.0 percent).
- **Among AI/AN RWHAP male clients, 69.1 percent are men who have sex with men (MSM).** This percentage is higher than the national RWHAP average of MSM clients (67.4 percent of all male clients).

Medical care and treatment improve health outcomes and decrease the risk of HIV transmission. People with HIV who take HIV medication as prescribed and reach and maintain viral suppression cannot sexually transmit the virus to their partner. According to 2021 data, 87.7 percent of AI/AN clients receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed,* which is lower than the national RWHAP average (89.7 percent).

* 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.