



American Indian/Alaska Native Clients: HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2019

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Of the more than half a million clients served by RWHAP, 73.4 percent are from racial/ethnic minority populations, with nearly 3,100 clients (0.5 percent) identifying as American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN).

Below are more details about this RWHAP client population:

- **The majority of AI/AN clients served by RWHAP are male.** Data show that 71.3 percent of AI/AN clients are male, 25.5 percent are female, and 3.2 percent are transgender.
- **The majority of AI/AN clients served by RWHAP are low income.** Data show that 69.9 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 (60.7 percent).
- **The AI/AN RWHAP client population is aging.** AI/AN clients aged 50 years and older account for 46.2 percent of all AI/AN RWHAP clients. This percentage is comparable to the national RWHAP average (46.8 percent).
- **Data show that 12.1 percent of AI/AN clients served by RWHAP have unstable housing.** This percentage is significantly higher than the national RWHAP average (5.5 percent).
- **Among AI/AN RWHAP male clients, 65.8 percent are men who have sex with men (MSM).** This percentage is comparable to the national RWHAP average of MSM clients (65.7 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 daily as prescribed and reach and maintain an undetectable viral load have effectively no risk of sexually transmitting the virus to an HIV-negative partner. In 2019, 87.8 percent of AI/AN clients receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed,* which is comparable to the national RWHAP average (88.1 percent).

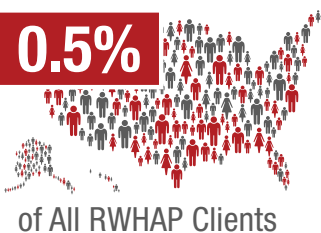
*Viral suppression is defined as a viral load result of less than 200 copies/mL at most recent test, among people with HIV who had at least one outpatient ambulatory health services visit and one viral load test during the measurement year.



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 568,000 people in 2019—receive services through RWHAP each year. The RWHAP funds grants to states, cities, counties, and local community-based organizations to provide care, treatment, and support services for people with HIV to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission.

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