

# Female Clients:

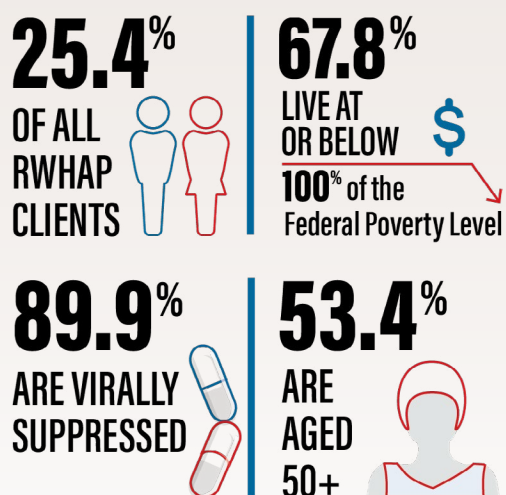
## HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2021



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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: Female Clients



Female clients comprise a substantial proportion of people served by RWHAP. Of the more than half a million clients served by RWHAP, 25.4 percent are female.

Learn more about these clients served by RWHAP:

- **Female clients served by RWHAP are a diverse population.** Data show that 83.3 percent of female clients are people from racial and ethnic minorities. 60.6 percent are Black/African American people, which is significantly higher than the national RWHAP average (45.8 percent), and 19.7 percent are Hispanic/Latina people, which is lower than the national RWHAP average (24.1 percent).
- **The majority of female clients served by RWHAP are people with lower incomes.** Among female clients served, 67.8 percent are living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (59.2 percent).
- **Data show that 3.7 percent of female RWHAP clients experience unstable housing.** This percentage is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (5.0 percent).
- **RWHAP female clients are aging.** Among female RWHAP clients served, 53.4 percent are aged 50 years and older, which is higher than the national average (48.3 percent). Only 2.6 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 HIV medication as prescribed and reach and maintain viral suppression cannot sexually transmit the virus to their partner. According to 2021 data, 89.9 percent of female clients receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed,\* which is comparable to the national RWHAP average (89.7 percent).

- 89.0 percent of Black/African American women receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed.
- 91.5 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.