



Female Clients: HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2019

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Of the more than half a million clients served by RWHAP, 26.2 percent are female.

Below are more details about this RWHAP client population:

- **Female clients served by RWHAP are a diverse population.** Data show that 83.6 percent of female clients are from racial/ethnic minority populations. 61.3 percent of female clients identify as Black/African American, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (46.6 percent), and 19.4 percent of female clients identify as Hispanic/Latina, which is lower than the national RWHAP average (23.3 percent).
- **The majority of female clients served by RWHAP are low income.** Among female clients served, 69.8 percent are living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (60.7 percent).
- **Data show that 4.2 percent of female RWHAP clients have unstable housing.** This percentage is lower than the national RWHAP average (5.5 percent).
- **The RWHAP female client population is aging.** Among female RWHAP clients served, 49.7 percent are aged 50 years and older, which is higher than the national average (46.8 percent). Only 3.4 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 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, 87.9 percent of female clients receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed,* which is comparable to the national RWHAP average (88.1 percent).

- 86.7 percent of Black/African American women receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed.
- 90.1 percent of Hispanic/Latina women receiving HIV medical care are virally suppressed.

*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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