

Older Adult Clients:

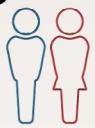
HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2021





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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: Older Adult Clients

48.3%
OF ALL
RWHAP
CLIENTS
ARE AGED 50+


57.9%
LIVE AT
OR BELOW
100% of the
Federal Poverty Level


93.1%
ARE VIRALLY
SUPPRESSED


3.7%
EXPERIENCE
UNSTABLE
HOUSING




RWHAP clients are aging. Of the more than half a million clients served by RWHAP, 48.3 percent are people aged 50 years and older.

Learn more about these clients served by RWHAP:

- **The majority of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older are a diverse population.** Among RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older, 67.6 percent are people from racial and ethnic minorities; 43.4 percent of RWHAP clients in this age group are Black/African American people, which is lower than the national RWHAP average (45.8 percent). Additionally, 21.4 percent of RWHAP clients in this age group are Hispanic/Latino people, which is lower than the national RWHAP average (24.1 percent).
- **The majority of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older are male.** Data show that approximately 70.7 percent of clients aged 50 years and older are male, 28.1 percent are female, and 1.2 percent are transgender.
- **The majority of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older are people with lower incomes.** Among RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older, 57.9 percent are living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is lower than the national RWHAP average (59.2 percent).
- **Data show that 3.7 percent of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older experience unstable housing.** This percentage is lower than the national RWHAP average (5.0 percent).

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, 93.1 percent of clients aged 50 years and older receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed,* which is higher 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.