



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

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The RWHAP client population is aging. Of the more than half a million clients served by RWHAP, 46.8 percent are aged 50 years and older—an increase from 31.6 percent in 2010. Below are more details about this RWHAP client population:

- **The majority of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older are a diverse population.** Among RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older, 67.9 percent are from racial/ethnic minority populations; 44.2 percent of RWHAP clients in this age group identify as Black/African American, which is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (46.6 percent). Additionally, 20.9 percent of RWHAP clients in this age group identify as Hispanic/Latino, which is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (23.3 percent).
- **The majority of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older are male.** Data show 70.9 percent of clients aged 50 years and older are male, 27.8 percent are female, and 1.3 percent are transgender.
- **The majority of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older are low income.** Among RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older, 59.1 percent are living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (60.7 percent).
- **Data show 4.2 percent of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older have unstable housing.** This percentage is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (5.5 percent).

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

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Fast Facts: Older Adult Clients

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of All RWHAP Clients are Aged 50+

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2019

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