

# Overview of Clients:

## HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2022



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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—nearly 567,000 people in 2022—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: Program Clients

74.2%

ARE FROM RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS



58.6%

LIVE AT OR BELOW 100% of the Federal Poverty Level



89.6%

ARE VIRALLY SUPPRESSED



48.2%

ARE AGED 50+



Learn more about clients served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP):

- **The majority of RWHAP clients are people with lower incomes.** Data show that 58.6 percent of clients are people living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), and 86.9 percent of RWHAP clients are people living at or below 250 percent of the FPL. Nearly all clients served have an income at or below 400 percent of the FPL.
- **The RWHAP serves a diverse population.** Nearly three-quarters of clients are people from racial and ethnic minority groups. Data show that 44.5 percent of clients are Black/African American people and 25.3 percent of clients are Hispanic/Latino people.
- **The majority of RWHAP clients are male.** Among all clients served by RWHAP, 72.1 percent are male, 25.2 percent are female, and 2.8 percent are transgender.
- **The RWHAP client population is aging.** In 2022, people aged 50 years and older account for 48.2 percent of all RWHAP clients, which is a significant increase from 31.6 percent of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older in 2010.

Medical care and treatment improve health outcomes and decrease the risk of HIV transmission. People with HIV who take their medication as prescribed and are virally suppressed cannot sexually transmit HIV to their partners and can live longer and healthier lives. According to 2022 data, **89.6 percent of RWHAP clients receiving HIV medical care are virally suppressed,\*** which is a significant increase from 69.5 percent virally suppressed in 2010.

The RWHAP delivers a range of support services to ensure that people with HIV are able to access and remain in care. The following are the most frequently utilized services:

- Outpatient ambulatory health services
- Medical case management, including treatment adherence services
- Non-medical case management services
- Food bank/home-delivered meals
- Health education/risk reduction
- Oral health care
- Medical transportation
- Referral for health care and supportive services
- Mental health and substance use disorder services
- Emergency financial assistance

In addition, the RWHAP Part B AIDS Drug Assistance Program provides HIV-related medications and/or health care coverage assistance to nearly 290,000 clients.

\* 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.