Youth and young adults aged 13 to 24 years old represent 3.5 percent (nearly 20,000 clients) of the more than half a million clients served by the RWHAP.

Learn more about youth and young adult clients served by the RWHAP:

- The majority of youth and young adult RWHAP clients aged 13–24 years are from a diverse population. Among clients in this age group, 87.2 percent are people from racial and ethnic minorities. Data show that 60.1 percent of youth and young adult clients are Black/African American people, which is significantly higher than the national RWHAP average (46.6 percent). Hispanic/Latino people represent 22.9 percent of youth and young adult RWHAP clients, which is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (23.6 percent).

- The majority of RWHAP clients aged 13–24 years are male. Data show that 74.8 percent of clients aged 13–24 years are male, 21.4 percent are female, and 3.7 percent are transgender.

- The majority of RWHAP clients aged 13–24 years are people with lower incomes. Among youth and young adult RWHAP clients, 69.5 percent are people living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is substantially higher than the national RWHAP average (60.9 percent).

- Data show that 5.1 percent of RWHAP clients aged 13–24 years experience unstable housing. This percentage is slightly higher than the national RWHAP average (4.8 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. In 2020, 81.5 percent of youth and young adult clients aged 13–24 years receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed,* which is significantly lower than the national RWHAP average (89.4 percent).

- 83.3 percent of young men who have sex with men (MSM) receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed.
- 80.4 percent of young Black/African American MSM receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed.
- 77.4 percent of young Black/African American women receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed.
- 74.2 percent of transgender youth and young adults 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.