

Black/African American 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: Black/African American Clients

44.5%

OF ALL RWHAP CLIENTS



63.2%

LIVE AT OR BELOW 100% of the Federal Poverty Level



87.1%

ARE VIRALLY SUPPRESSED



46.0%

ARE AGED 50+



Of the more than half a million clients served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP), over 414,000 (74.2 percent) are people from racial and ethnic minority groups; more than 248,000 (44.5 percent) of all RWHAP clients are Black/African American people.

Learn more about Black/African American clients served by RWHAP:

- **The majority of Black/African American clients served by RWHAP are male.** Data show that 63.4 percent of clients are male, 33.7 percent of clients are female, and 2.9 percent of clients are transgender. The proportion of Black/African American male clients is lower than the national RWHAP average (72.1 percent), whereas the proportion of Black/African American female clients is higher than the national RWHAP average (25.2 percent).
- **The majority of Black/African American clients served by RWHAP are people with lower incomes.** Data show that 63.2 percent of Black/African American clients are living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (58.6 percent).
- **Data show that 4.9 percent of RWHAP Black/African American clients experience unstable housing.** This percentage is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (5.2 percent).
- **Black/African American RWHAP clients are aging.** Data show that 46.0 percent of Black/African American RWHAP clients are aged 50 years and older.
- **Among Black/African American male RWHAP clients, 59.8 percent are gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men.** This percentage is lower than the RWHAP national average (67.9 percent) of all male clients.

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, **87.1 percent of Black/African American clients receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed**,* which is lower than the national RWHAP average (89.6 percent).

- 86.2 percent of Black/African American men receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed.
- 89.1 percent of Black/African American women 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.