

Transgender 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: Transgender Clients

2.8%
OF ALL
RWHAP
CLIENTS



71.7%

LIVE AT
OR BELOW
100% of the
Federal Poverty Level



86.4%
ARE VIRALLY
SUPPRESSED



10.2%
EXPERIENCE
UNSTABLE
HOUSING



Of the more than half a million clients served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP), nearly 16,000 (2.8 percent) are transgender.

Learn more about transgender clients served by RWHAP:

- **Transgender clients served by RWHAP are a diverse population.** Among transgender clients, 85.1 percent are from racial and ethnic minority groups: 47.9 percent of transgender clients are Black/African American people and 31.5 percent are Hispanic/Latino people—both percentages are higher than the national RWHAP averages (44.5 percent and 25.3 percent, respectively).
- **The majority of transgender clients served by RWHAP are people with lower incomes.** Among transgender RWHAP clients served, 71.7 percent are people 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 10.2 percent of transgender clients served by RWHAP are people experiencing unstable housing.** This percentage is substantially higher than the national RWHAP average (5.2 percent).
- **Transgender clients are younger than the average RWHAP client population.** Approximately 24.7 percent of transgender RWHAP clients are aged 50 years and older, which is significantly lower than the national RWHAP average (48.2 percent).

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, **86.4 percent of transgender clients receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed,*** which is lower than the national RWHAP average (89.6 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.