



Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

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FEMALE CLIENTS, 2014

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Female Clients Fast Facts

28.2% 
OF ALL RWHAP CLIENTS.

 **82.4%**
ARE RETAINED IN HIV MEDICAL CARE.

72.5% **LIVE AT OR BELOW** 
100%
OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

80.1% 
ARE VIRALLY SUPPRESSED.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) works with cities, states, and local community-based organizations to provide HIV care and treatment services to an estimated 512,000 people (2014) who are uninsured or underinsured. RWHAP serves low-income and vulnerable populations of people living with HIV (PLWH). The majority of RWHAP funds support primary medical care and essential support services. A smaller, but equally critical portion is used to fund technical assistance, clinical training, and research on innovative models of care.

RWHAP serves a significant proportion of female clients living with HIV. In 2014, more than 28 percent of the more than half a million clients served by the Program were female. Below are more details about this RWHAP client population:

- ▶ **The majority of female clients served by RWHAP are racial and ethnic minorities.** About 84 percent of female clients are from racial and ethnic minority populations. Approximately 61 percent of female clients identify as black/African American, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (approximately 47 percent). Approximately 19 percent identify as Hispanic/Latina,

which is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (22 percent identify as Hispanic/Latino).

- ▶ **The majority of female clients are age 45 and above.** Nearly 39 percent of female clients served by RWHAP are 50 and older. Approximately 14 percent of clients are age 29 or younger.
- ▶ **The majority of female clients are low income.** 72 percent of female clients served by RWHAP live at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). This is above the national RWHAP average (64 percent).
- ▶ **Lack of health care coverage continues to impact female clients served by RWHAP.** Approximately 23 percent of female clients have no health care coverage, which is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (about 25 percent).

Medical care and treatment improves health and decreases transmission of HIV. About 82 percent of female clients receiving HIV medical care are retained in care, which is slightly higher than the national RWHAP average (approximately 80 percent retained in care). Approximately 80 percent of female clients receiving HIV medical care are virally suppressed, which is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average (81 percent virally suppressed).¹

- ▶ Approximately 82 percent of black/African American females receiving HIV medical care are retained in care, and 78 percent are virally suppressed.
- ▶ Approximately 86 percent of Hispanic/Latina females receiving HIV medical care are retained in care, and 82 percent are virally suppressed.

¹ Retention in care is based on data for PLWH who had at least one outpatient ambulatory medical care (OAMC) visit by September 1 of the measurement year, with a second visit at least 90 days later. Viral suppression is based on data for PLWH who had at least one OAMC visit and at least one viral load test during the measurement year and whose most recent viral load test result was less than 200 copies/mL.

