



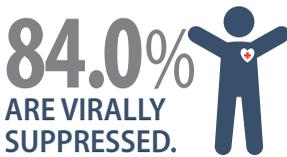
# Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

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## HISPANIC/LATINO CLIENTS, 2014

### Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Hispanic/Latino Client Fast Facts



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 population of Hispanic/Latino clients living with HIV. In 2014, 73 percent of the more than half a million clients served by the Program were from racial or ethnic minority populations, and approximately 22 percent of all RWHAP clients identified as Hispanic/Latino. Below are more details about this RWHAP client population:

- ▶ **The majority of Hispanic/Latino clients are low-income.** More than 68 percent of Hispanic/Latino clients served by RWHAP live at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level. This is greater than the national RWHAP average (64 percent).

- ▶ **The majority of Hispanic/Latino clients are male.** About 74 percent of Hispanic/Latino clients are male, about 25 percent are female, and slightly more than 1 percent of Hispanic/Latino clients are transgender. The proportion of Hispanic/Latino males compared to females is slightly higher than the national RWHAP average (about 71 percent males and 28 percent females).
- ▶ **The RWHAP Hispanic/Latino client population continues to increase in age.** About 36 percent of Hispanic/Latino clients are aged 50 years and older. An additional 16 percent are aged 40 to 49 years old.
- ▶ **About 4 percent of Hispanic/Latino clients have unstable housing situations.** This is slightly less than the national RWHAP average (about 5 percent).
- ▶ **Approximately 45 percent of all Hispanic/Latino clients are men who have sex with men (MSM).** This is the national RWHAP average of MSM clients (about 45 percent).
- ▶ **Lack of health care coverage continues to affect Hispanic/Latino clients served by RWHAP.** More than 31 percent of Hispanic/Latino clients have no health care coverage, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (about 25 percent).

Medical care and treatment improves health and decreases transmission of HIV. More than 83 percent of Hispanic/Latino clients receiving HIV medical care are retained in care, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (approximately 80 percent). About 84 percent of Hispanic/Latino clients receiving HIV medical care are virally suppressed, which also is higher than the national RWHAP average (81 percent).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

