



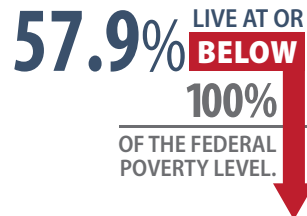
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

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NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER CLIENTS, 2014

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Clients 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.

A critical population served by RWHAP is Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders (NH/PI). In 2014, 852 of the more than half a million clients served by the Program were NH/PI. Below are more details about this RWHAP client population:

▶ **The majority of NH/PI clients are low-income.**

Approximately 58 percent of NH/PI clients served by RWHAP live at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level. This is less than the national RWHAP average (64 percent).

- ▶ **The majority of NH/PI clients are male.** About 76 percent of NH/PI RWHAP clients are male, 20 percent are female, and 3 percent are transgender. The proportion of NH/PI males compared to females is higher than the national RWHAP average (about 71 percent male and 28 percent female), and the proportion of transgender NH/PI clients is higher than the national RWHAP average (about 1 percent).
- ▶ **The RWHAP NH/PI client population continues to increase in age.** About 33 percent of NH/PI clients are aged 50 years and older. An additional 27 percent are aged 40 to 49 years old.
- ▶ **About 4 percent of NH/PI clients have unstable housing situations.** This is comparable to the national RWHAP average (about 5 percent). In addition, 10 percent have temporary housing situations.
- ▶ **Lack of health care coverage continues to affect NH/PI clients served by RWHAP.** About 19 percent of NH/PI clients have no health care coverage, which is less than the national RWHAP average (about 25 percent).

Medical care and treatment improves health and decreases transmission of HIV. Approximately 74 percent of NH/PI RWHAP clients receiving HIV medical care are retained in care, which is less than the national RWHAP average (approximately 80 percent). Approximately 81 percent of NH/PI RWHAP clients receiving HIV medical care are virally suppressed, which is the same as the national RWHAP average.¹

¹Retention 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.

