



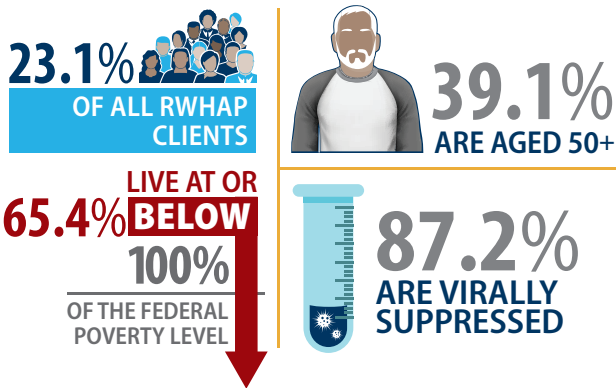
HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

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



The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) provides a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people living with HIV (PLWH). More than half the people living with diagnosed HIV in the United States—an estimated 551,000 people in 2016—receive services through RWHAP each year. RWHAP funds grants to states, cities/counties, and local community-based organizations to provide care and treatment services to PLWH to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission among hard-to-reach populations.

A critical population served by RWHAP is Hispanic/Latino clients living with HIV. Of the more than half a million clients served by RWHAP, 73.3 percent are from racial or ethnic minority populations, with 23.1 percent of all RWHAP clients identifying as Hispanic/Latino.

Below are more details about this RWHAP client population:

- ▶ **The majority of Hispanic/Latino clients served by RWHAP are low income.** Data show that 65.4 percent of Hispanic/Latino clients are living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (62.8 percent).
- ▶ **The majority of Hispanic/Latino clients served by RWHAP are male.** Data show that 75.1 percent of clients are male, 23.3 percent are female, and 1.6 percent are transgender.
- ▶ **Data show that 4.3 percent of Hispanic/Latino clients have unstable housing.** This is slightly less than the national RWHAP average (5.2 percent).
- ▶ **The Hispanic/Latino client population is aging.** Hispanic/Latino clients aged 50 years and older account for 39.1 percent of all Hispanic/Latino RWHAP clients.
- ▶ **Among Hispanic/Latino male clients, 63.3 percent are men who have sex with men (MSM).** This is slightly lower than the national RWHAP average of MSM clients (64.1 percent of all male clients).

Medical care and treatment improve health outcomes and decrease the risk of HIV transmission. Approximately 87.2 percent of Hispanic/Latino RWHAP clients receiving HIV medical care are virally suppressed,* which is higher than the national RWHAP average (84.9 percent).

* Viral suppression is defined as a viral load result of less than 200 copies/mL at most recent test, among PLWH who had at least one outpatient ambulatory health services visit and one viral load test during the measurement year.

