



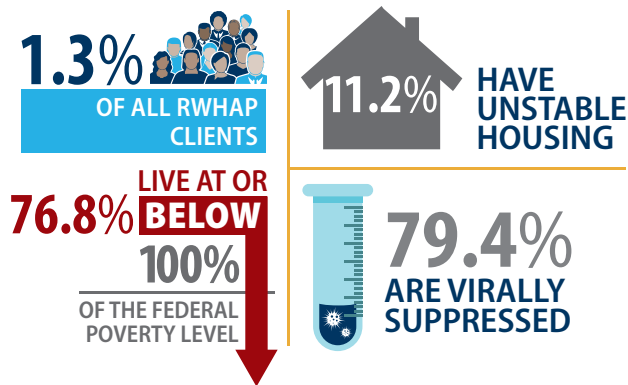
HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

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TRANSGENDER: RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM CLIENTS, 2016

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Client Fast Facts: Transgender



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.

Transgender individuals are a critical population served by RWHAP. Of the more than half a million clients served, 1.3 percent are transgender, representing slightly more than 7,100 clients.

Below are more details about this RWHAP client population:

- ▶ **The majority of transgender clients served by RWHAP are from racial and ethnic minority populations.** Among transgender clients served, 88.4 percent are from racial and ethnic minority populations. Approximately 54.1 percent of transgender clients served by RWHAP identify as black/African American, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (47.1 percent). Approximately 29.2 percent identify as Hispanic/Latino, which also is higher than the national RWHAP average (23.1 percent).
- ▶ **The majority of transgender clients served by RWHAP are low income.** Among transgender RWHAP clients served, 76.8 percent live at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (62.8 percent).
- ▶ **Data show that 11.2 percent of transgender clients have unstable housing.** This is substantially higher than the national RWHAP average (5.2 percent).
- ▶ **The RWHAP transgender client population is aging.** Approximately 21.6 percent of RWHAP transgender clients are aged 50 years and older, and an additional 24.9 percent of transgender RWHAP clients are aged 40–49 years.

Medical care and treatment improve health outcomes and decrease the risk of HIV transmission. 79.4 percent of transgender clients receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed,* which is lower 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.

