

Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander Clients:

HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2022



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The Health Resources and Services Administration's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) provides a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people with HIV. More than half the people with diagnosed HIV in the United States—nearly 567,000 people in 2022—receive services through RWHAP each year. The RWHAP funds grants to states, cities, counties, and local community-based organizations to provide care and treatment services to people with HIV to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission. For more than three decades, RWHAP has worked to stop HIV stigma and reduce health disparities by caring for the whole person and addressing their social determinants of health.

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Fast Facts: Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Clients

0.5%

OF ALL
RWHAP
CLIENTS



53.6%

LIVE AT
OR BELOW
100% of the
Federal Poverty Level



89.9%

ARE VIRALLY
SUPPRESSED



38.6%

ARE
AGED
50+



Of the more than half a million clients served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP), over 414,000 (74.2 percent) are people from racial and ethnic minority groups; approximately 1,100 clients (0.2 percent) are Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (NH/PI) people.

Learn more about NH/PI clients served by RWHAP:

- **The majority of NH/PI clients served by RWHAP are male.** Data show that 74.1 percent of NH/PI RWHAP clients are male, 17.7 percent are female, and 8.2 percent are transgender.
- **The majority of NH/PI clients served by RWHAP are people with lower incomes.** Data show that 53.6 percent of NH/PI clients live at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is lower than the national RWHAP average (58.6 percent).
- **Data show that 6.6 percent of NH/PI clients served by RWHAP experience unstable housing.** This percentage is higher than the national RWHAP average (5.2 percent).
- **NH/PI RWHAP clients are aging.** NH/PI clients aged 50 years and older account for 38.6 percent of all NH/PI RWHAP clients, which is lower than the national RWHAP average (48.2 percent).
- **Among NH/PI male RWHAP clients, 78.6 percent are gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men.** This percentage is higher than the RWHAP national average (67.9 percent) of all male clients.

Medical care and treatment improve health outcomes and decrease the risk of HIV transmission. People with HIV who take their medication as prescribed and are virally suppressed cannot sexually transmit HIV to their partners and can live longer and healthier lives. According to 2022 data, **89.9 percent of NH/PI clients receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed,*** which is comparable to the national RWHAP average (89.6 percent).

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