

# Older Adult 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: Older Adult Clients (Aged 50+)

**48.2%**

OF ALL RWHAP CLIENTS ARE AGED 50+



**57.1%**

LIVE AT OR BELOW 100% of the Federal Poverty Level



**92.9%**

ARE VIRALLY SUPPRESSED



**3.8%**

EXPERIENCE UNSTABLE HOUSING



Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) clients are aging. Of the more than half a million clients served by RWHAP, over 273,000 (48.2 percent) are people aged 50 years and older.

Learn more about these clients served by RWHAP:

- **The majority of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older are a diverse population.** Among RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older, 68.4 percent are people from racial and ethnic minority groups; 42.4 percent of RWHAP clients in this age group are Black/African American people, which is lower than the national RWHAP average (44.5 percent). Additionally, 22.0 percent of RWHAP clients in this age group are Hispanic/Latino people, which is lower than the national RWHAP average (25.3 percent).
- **The majority of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older are male.** Data show that approximately 70.2 percent of clients aged 50 years and older are male, 28.4 percent are female, and 1.4 percent are transgender.
- **The majority of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older are people with lower incomes.** Among RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older, 57.1 percent are living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is lower than the national RWHAP average (58.6 percent).
- **Data show that 3.8 percent of RWHAP clients aged 50 years and older experience unstable housing.** This percentage is lower than the national RWHAP average (5.2 percent).

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, **92.9 percent of clients aged 50 years and older receiving RWHAP HIV medical care are virally suppressed,\*** which is higher than 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.