

HIV and Ryan White in North Carolina February 2017

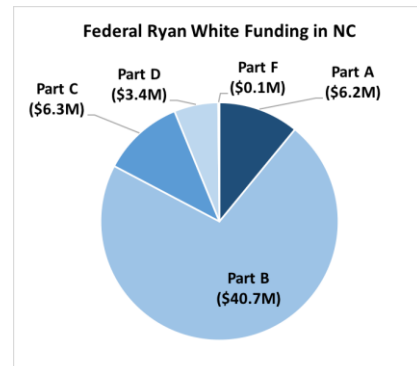
Over 15,000 people in North Carolina depend on Ryan White to provide life-sustaining HIV treatment and prevention services that they could not otherwise access.

HIV in North Carolina, by the numbers.¹

- **28,897**: the number of North Carolinians living with diagnosed HIV/AIDS in 2014.
- **9th**: in the nation in the number of deaths among persons living with HIV in 2014.
- **8th**: in the nation for the number of HIV diagnoses in 2015. In 2015 alone, 1,335 were newly diagnosed.

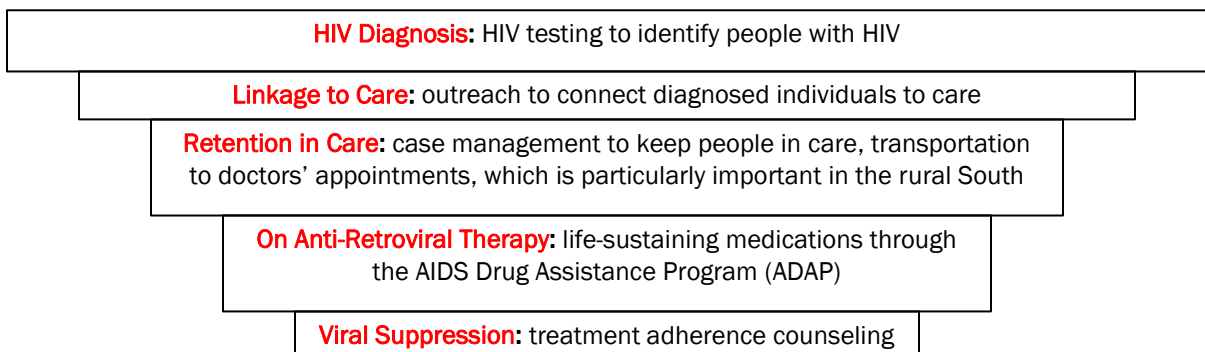
North Carolinians depend on Ryan White.

- An estimated **15,102 North Carolinians** received services through Ryan White in 2014.²
 - **64.2%** were living at or below the poverty line.
 - Since Ryan White is legally required to be the “payer of last resort,” these people did not have other access to these medical and support services.
- Overall, North Carolina received **\$56.7 million in federal Ryan White funds** in 2015.³
 - \$22.5 million went to ADAP.
 - \$6.2 million went to Charlotte, the state’s only city eligible for Part A funding for urban areas. As a result, Part B funding (for states) is particularly important in North Carolina.



Ryan White services keep HIV-positive individuals in treatment and care.

- When people with HIV receive treatment, they can live active, healthy lives.
- When they are disconnected from care, they can develop resistance to medications that were working for them and experience a rise in viral load that makes it much easier to transmit HIV. Moreover, HIV is still deadly without treatment.⁴
- Ryan White addresses this by providing services across the HIV Care Continuum.





With its unique set of services, **RYAN WHITE WORKS.**

- While only 30% of people nationwide have a viral load that is effectively suppressed as of 2011,⁵ **81.4%** of HIV-positive clients who had received at least one Ryan White funded medical care visit have achieved viral suppression.⁶

After health reform, North Carolina will need to rely on Ryan White more than other states.

- Ryan White wraps around other resources and provides care that works for people with HIV.
- With North Carolina not expanding Medicaid, an estimated **4,100 of the lowest-income people with HIV** will be left out of coverage available in other states.⁷ They will continue to rely solely on Ryan White.

No other program provides the same set of gap-filling services or care as Ryan White. Even after health reform, **Ryan White remains crucial for North Carolina.**

For more information, visit our website at <http://southernaidsstrategy.org>.

¹ CDC Atlas Data, <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/nchhstpatlas/main.html?value=atlas>.

² HRSA, 2014 State Profiles, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, Client Characteristics, <http://hab.hrsa.gov/stateprofiles/Client-Characteristics.aspx>. 2014 figures are the most recent available.

³ HRSA, *HHS Awards \$2.2 Billion in Grants for HIV/AIDS Care and Medications*. <http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2015/10/21/hhs-awards-22-billion-grants-hiv-aids-care-and-medications.html>. Part-by-part breakdowns are linked to the source. Total excludes AIDS Education and Training Centers Program Grants under Part F, which are broken down by region, not by state.

⁴ CDC, *National HIV Prevention Progress Report, 2013*, http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies_NationalProgressReport.pdf.

⁵ CDC, *Vital Signs: HIV Care Saves Lives*, Nov. 2014, <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/pdf/2014-11-25-vitalsigns.pdf>.

⁶ [Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program by the Numbers](https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Publications/infographics/generalaudiencegraphic.pdf), HRSA, 2014 Ryan White Services Report, <https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Publications/infographics/generalaudiencegraphic.pdf>.

⁷ Snider et al., *Nearly 60,000 Uninsured and Low-Income People With HIV/AIDS Live In States That Are Not Expanding Medicaid*, *Health Affairs*, Mar. 2014, <http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/33/3/386.abstract>.