



HIV and Ryan White in Alabama February 2017

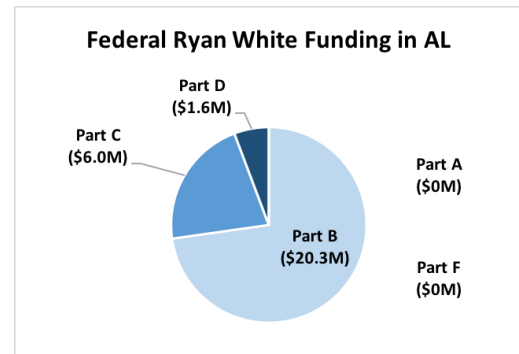
Over 9,500 people in Alabama depend on Ryan White to provide life-sustaining HIV treatment and prevention services that they could not otherwise access.

HIV in Alabama, by the numbers.

- **12,439**: the number of Alabamians living with diagnosed HIV/AIDS in 2014.¹
- **11th**: In the nation for HIV related death rates in 2015.²
- **19th**: in the nation for rate of HIV diagnoses in 2015. In 2015 alone, 481 were newly diagnosed.³

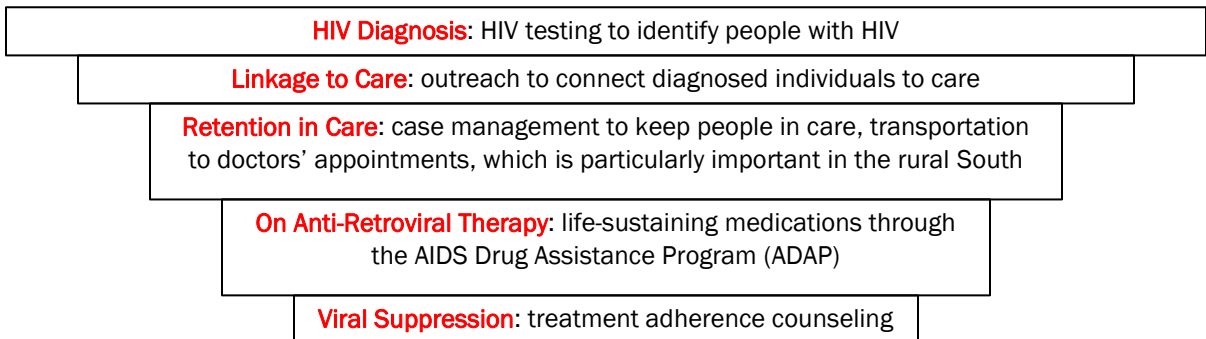
Alabamians depend on Ryan White.

- An estimated **9,549 Alabamians** received services through Ryan White in 2014.⁴
 - **64.1%** 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, Alabama received **\$27.9 million in federal Ryan White funds** in 2015.⁵
 - \$10.8 million went to ADAP.
 - No urban areas were eligible for Part A funding. As a result, Part B funding (for states) is particularly important in Alabama.



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.⁶
- 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 2011,⁷ **81.4%** of HIV-positive clients who had received at least one Ryan White funded medical care visit have achieved viral suppression.⁸

After health reform, Alabama 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 Alabama not expanding Medicaid, an estimated **1,900 of the lowest-income people with HIV** will be left out of coverage available in other states.⁹ 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 Alabama.**

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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Underlying Cause of Death 1999- 2015 on CDC Wonder Online Database. 2017; <http://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd- icd10.html>. (Using Crude rate lower 95% confidence level.)

³ CDC Atlas Data, <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/nchhstpatlas/main.html?value=atlas>.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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-hivaids-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.

⁶ CDC, *National HIV Prevention Progress Report, 2013*, http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies_NationalProgressReport.pdf.

⁷ CDC, *Vital Signs: HIV Care Saves Lives*, Nov. 2014, <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/pdf/2014-11-25-vitalsigns.pdf>.

⁸ *Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program by the Numbers*, HRSA, 2014 Ryan White Services Report, <https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Publications/infographics/generalaudiencegraphic.pdf>.

⁹ 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>.