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# HIV AND RYAN WHITE ARKANSAS

## HIV IN ARKANSAS, BY THE NUMBERS<sup>1</sup>



**5516:** the number of Arkansans living with diagnosed HIV in 2016.



**20th in the nation:** in HIV diagnosis rates in 2017.



**79** HIV deaths in 2016.



**26th in the nation:** in HIV prevalence rates in 2016.

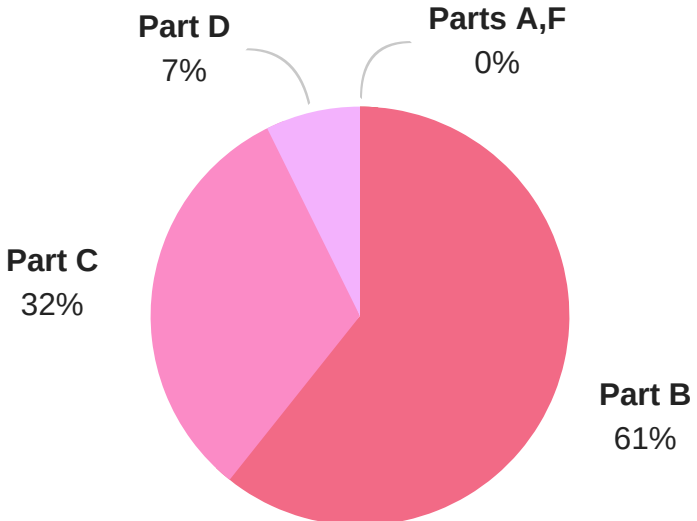


## Arkansas DEPENDS ON RYAN WHITE<sup>2</sup>

- An estimated **2,310 Arkansans** received services through Ryan White in 2015.
- **55%** 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 medical or support services.

## Federal Ryan White Funding in AR<sup>3</sup>

- Part A: \$0.00M
- Part B: \$7.97M
- Part C: \$4.20M
- Part D: \$0.96M
- Part F: \$0.00M

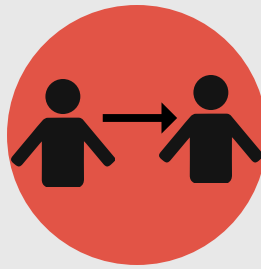


## Arkansas received \$13.1 million in Ryan White funds in 2018<sup>4</sup>

- **\$4.55 million** went to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).
- Over the past five years, annual funding increased by **26%**.
- The **Ending HIV Epidemic: Plan for America** would increase funding because Arkansas has a substantial rural HIV burden.

# RYAN WHITE WORKS!

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



With treatment, people with HIV can live active, healthy lives.

People whose virus is suppressed for 6 months cannot transmit HIV through sex.

But, if disconnected from care, resistance to medications can develop making it easier to transmit HIV. Moreover, without treatment HIV is deadly.<sup>5</sup>

RYAN WHITE PROVIDES SERVICES ACROSS THE HIV CARE CONTINUUM

## HIV CARE CONTINUUM:

THE SERIES OF STEPS A PERSON WITH HIV TAKES FROM INITIAL DIAGNOSIS THROUGH THEIR SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT WITH HIV MEDICATION



While only **60%** of people nationwide have a viral load that is effectively suppressed as of 2015,<sup>6</sup>

**85.9%**

of HIV-positive clients who had received at least one Ryan White funded medical care visit have achieved viral suppression.<sup>7</sup>



**WITHOUT MEDICAID EXPANSION, ALABAMA RELIES ON RYAN WHITE MORE THAN OTHER STATES.**



**273**

Ryan White program clients with HIV in Arkansas were uninsured in 2015.<sup>8</sup>

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 Arkansas.**

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

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