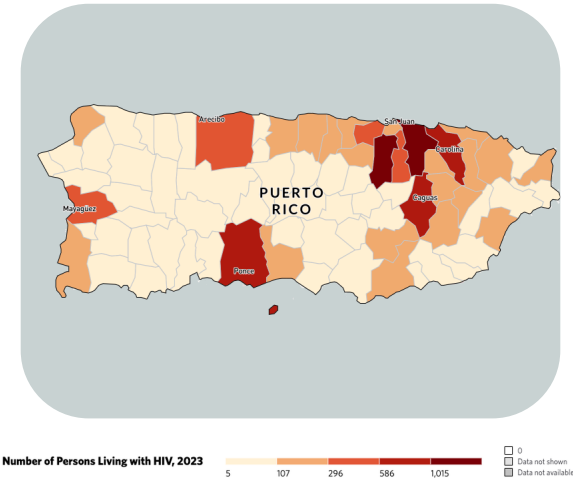
Caring for Puerto Rico

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

A lifesaving and cost-effective health care success

The highly successful Ryan White Program maintains access to HIV care and treatment for individuals without other sources of care and serves more than 600,000 people living with HIV in the United States.



15,431

People living with HIV in Puerto Rico in 2023

91.4%

RWP Viral Suppression Rate

67%

National Viral Suppression Rate

People treated in the later stages of HIV require at least 2.5 times more health care spending than those who initiate treatment early.

Why It Matters

Early and sustained access to effective HIV care and treatment saves lives and lowers health care costs. Without treatment, HIV remains a fatal condition. Ryan White clinics not only keep people living with HIV healthy but also help stop HIV transmission. When HIV is undetectable, it is untransmittible (U=U).

What's at Stake

Ryan White Program funding has been largely flat for more than a decade while enrollment has increased by at least 20% since 2016. On top of flat funding, rising health and drug costs, as well as an increase in demand for services due to Medicaid and other health insurance losses, are **resulting in states, localities and clinics implementing cost containment measures that reduce HIV care and treatment access.**

Without an increase in funding for the comprehensive care supported by RWP, the human and financial costs of HIV will rise and there will be an increase in the number and severity of HIV cases, resulting in higher health care costs for individuals, families and communities nationwide.

FY 2025 Ryan White Program funding for Puerto Rico

- Part A: $10,360,633
- Part B: $20,773,717
  *Part B-ADAP: $15,130,577
- Part C: $6,195,761
- Part D: $1,006,147
- Dental: $4,736
- EHE: $2,052,999
- **Total: $40,393,993**