

ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC

National HIV/AIDS Strategy 2022-2025 (NHAS)

NHAS mentions the housing need for people living with HIV/AIDS, **but it fails to address any strategy going forward to increase funding for supportive housing for PLWHA.** Housing and HOPWA is critical because housing remains the greatest unmet need for people living with HIV/AIDS. Stable housing, like the housing provided by HOPWA grantees, leads to better health outcomes for those living with HIV. For people living with HIV, a better health outcome means viral suppression. An individual who is virally suppressed cannot transmit the HIV virus to another person, thereby ensuring the health of their entire community.

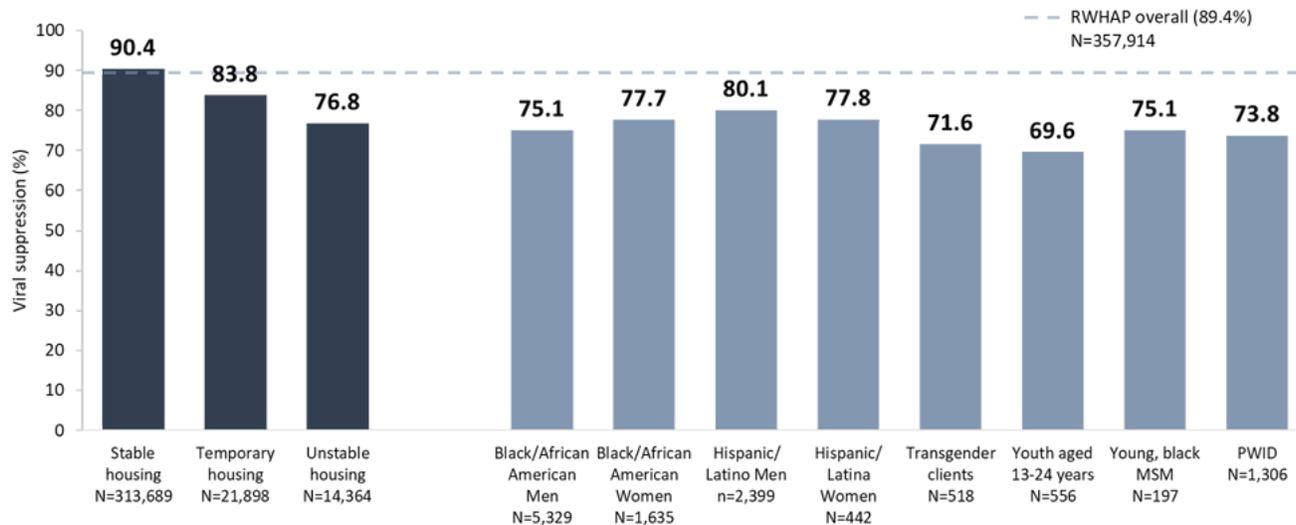
Ending the HIV Epidemic in the US Initiative

It has been a priority by the current and past administrations to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in America. In President Biden's FY2023 budget request he included an increase of \$377 million for the Ending the HIV epidemic in the US Initiative. **Housing, let alone the only federal supportive housing program (HOPWA) has NEVER been included.**

National AIDS Housing Coalition Request

If the Biden administration has another proposal to address the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, we would welcome such carve-outs for PLWHA in other HUD programs, like the Housing Choice Voucher program. However, without any specific carve-outs for PLWHA, our communities would be subject to the same years-long waiting lists, stigma, and federal restrictions that limit PLWHA from accessing housing in their most vulnerable states. This solution is a poorly conceived trickle-down effect that will not get to the communities that need it the most and does not support the Biden administration's own plan to end HIV in America.

Viral Suppression among RWHAP Clients, by Housing Status and among Key Populations with Unstable Housing, 2020—United States and 3 Territories



Viral suppression among priority populations with unstable housing

PWID, people who inject drugs (i.e., HIV attributed to injection drug use).

N represents the total number of clients in the specific population.

Viral suppression: ≥ 1 OAHS visit during the calendar year and ≥ 1 viral load reported, with the last viral load result < 200 copies/mL.

* Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

For direct links to CDC reports and other sources, please visit the

NAHC website at:

www.nationalaidhousing.org