Housing Institute 101: Coordinating Silos: An Overview of Housing Systems

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People

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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Overview

- Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities

- Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care

HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) Vision and Mission

Vision

Optimal HIV/AIDS care and treatment for all.

Mission

Provide leadership and resources to assure access to and retention in high quality, integrated care, and treatment services for vulnerable people with HIV/AIDS and their families.

HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

- Provides comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people with HIV
  - More than half of people with diagnosed HIV in the United States – nearly 519,000 people – receive care through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)
- Funds grants to states, cities/counties, and local community based organizations
  - Recipients determine service delivery and funding priorities based on local needs and planning process
- Payor of last resort statutory provision: RWHAP funds may not be used for services if another state or federal payer is available
- 87.1% of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clients were virally suppressed in 2018, exceeding national average of 62.7%

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Welcome

- April Stubbs-Smith, Senior Public Health Advisor and Chair of the Homeless and Housing Workgroup (HHWG)

Overview of the Housing Institute

- April Stubbs-Smith

Unstable Housing and the RWHAP System of Care

- Joanne Hsu, Project Officer, Member of the HHWG

The RWHAP Response

- Wendy Briscoe, Project Officer, Co-Chair HHWG

Overview of the Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program

- Amy Palilonis, Senior Program Specialist, HUD

Overview of the Institute

Institute Format

- Two 90- minute workshops to help recipients maximize federal resources through coordination and community planning

- Bringing together federal partners from:
  - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)
  - U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
  - U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA)
  - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Homeless and Housing Workgroup

The Institute was designed and will include presenters from the HIV/AIDS Bureau's Homeless and Housing Workgroup:

- April Stubbs-Smith (Senior Sponsor)
- Wendy Cousino (Chair)
- Wendy Briscoe (Co-Chair)
- Amy Griffin
- Chau Nguyen
- Gail Glasser
- Jasmine Agostino
- Joanne Hsu
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Learning Objectives for Institute

- Improve RWHAP Parts A-F recipients' understanding of how unstable housing impacts HIV health outcomes.

- Highlight innovative strategies to integrate and leverage housing services within the service area.

- Highlight ways that RWHAP Parts A-D recipients can create successful collaborations to address the housing needs of people with HIV.

Housing Institute Sessions

- **Housing Institute 101: Coordinating Silos: An Overview of Housing Systems for Persons with HIV Experiencing Unstable Housing**
  - **Overview of two programs dedicated to serving the HIV health and housing needs of persons with HIV**
  - **Learn about how RWHAP recipients can support housing and about the Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program**

- Housing Institute 201: Coordinating and Leveraging Housing within Systems of Care
  - Brings together representatives from three (3) federal agencies
  - Learn about the ways in which these federal agencies support housing services

Unstable Housing and the RWHAP System of Care

Why are Housing Concerns Important to the RWHAP?

- For persons who lack a safe, stable place to live, housing assistance is a proven cost-effective health care intervention.

- Stable housing has a direct, independent, and powerful impact on HIV incidence, health outcomes, and health disparities.

- Housing status is a more significant predictor of health care access and HIV outcomes than individual characteristics, behavioral health issues, or access to other services.

Taken from the US. Housing and Urban Development Publication, *HIV CARE CONTINUUM The Connection Between Housing And Improved Outcomes Along The HIV Care Continuum (2013).* Available for download at https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/The-Connection-Between-Housing-and-Improved-Outcomes-Along-the-HIV-Care-Continuum.pdf
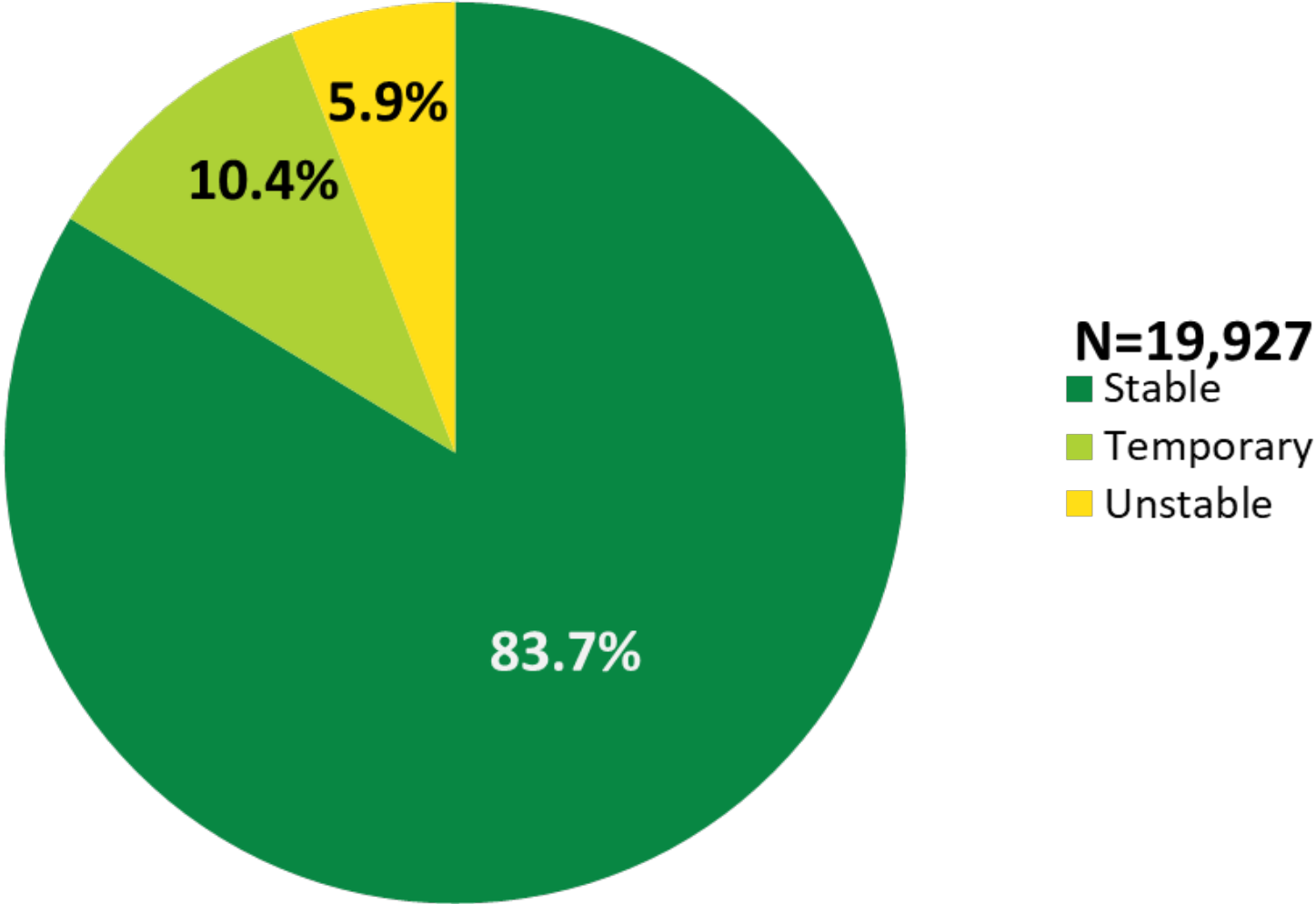
Clients Served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, by Housing Status, 2018—United States and 3 Territories[a]

N=501,478
- Stable
- Temporary
- Unstable

87.0%
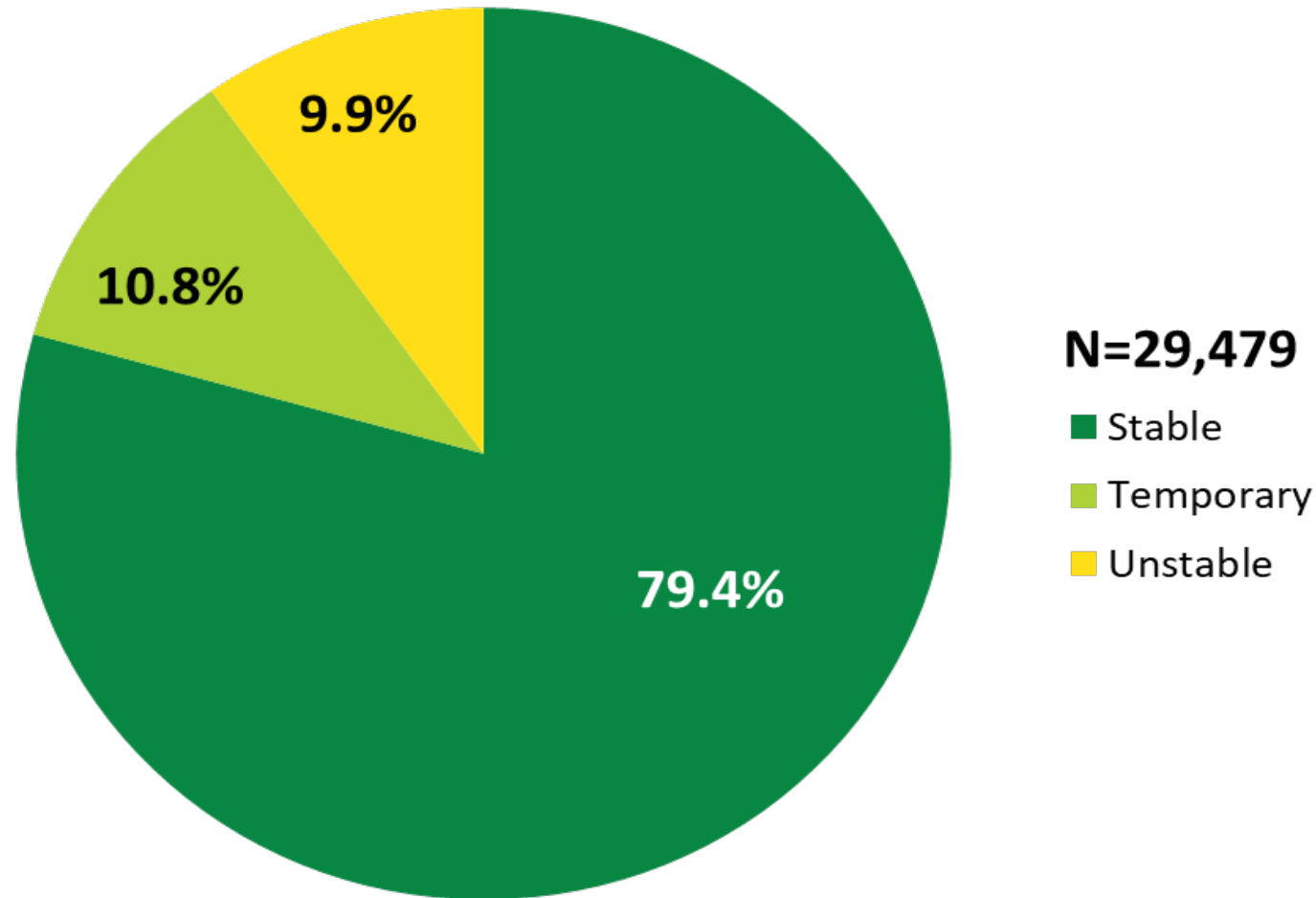7.7%
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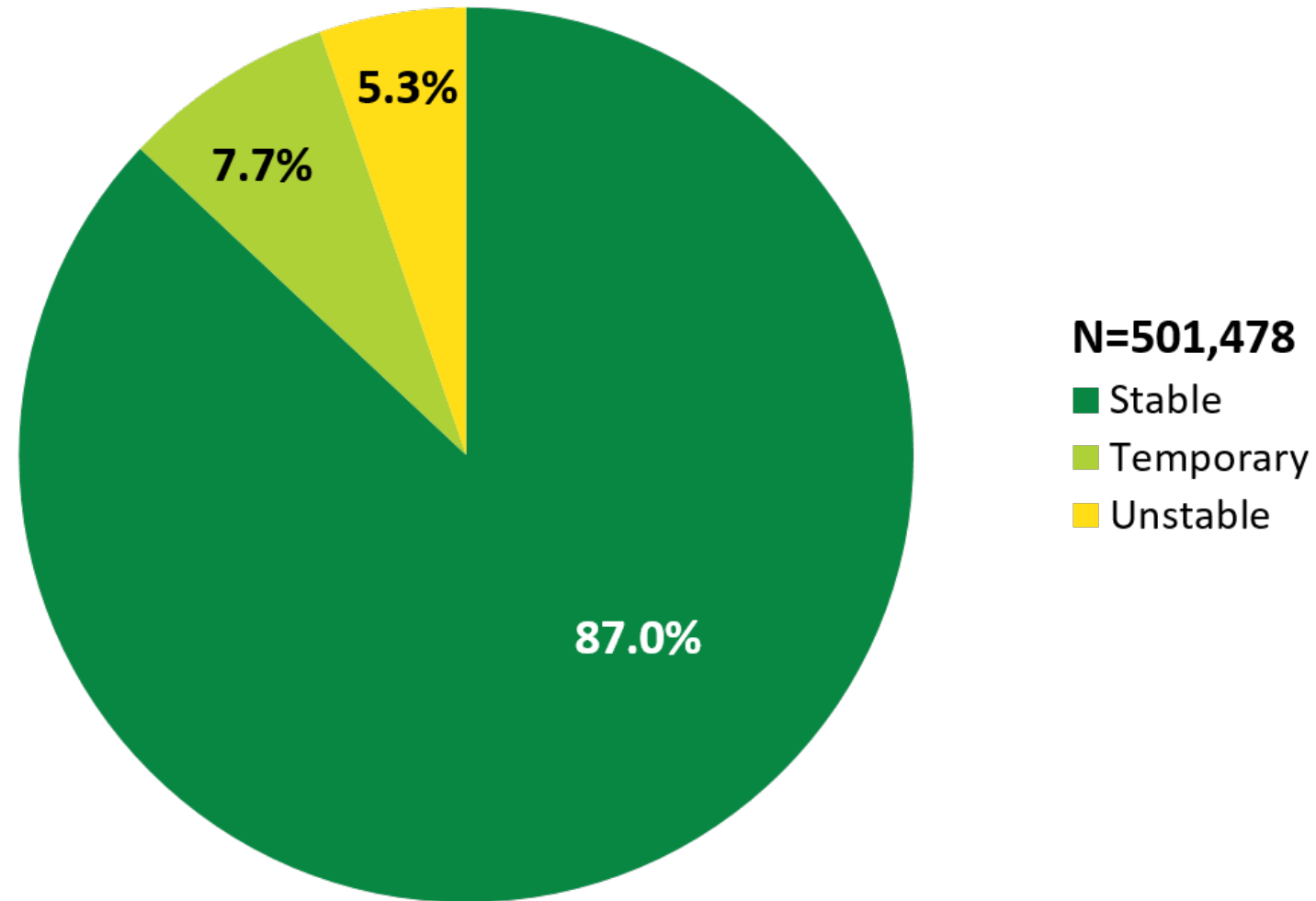
[a] Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Youth and Young Adults Aged 13–24 Years Served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, by Housing Status, 2018—United States and 3 Territories[a]

N=19,927
- Stable
- Temporary
- Unstable

83.7%
10.4%
5.9%

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Clients with HIV Infection Attributed to Injection Drug Use Aged ≥13 Years Served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, by Housing Status, 2018—United States and 3 Territories[a]

N=29,479
- Stable
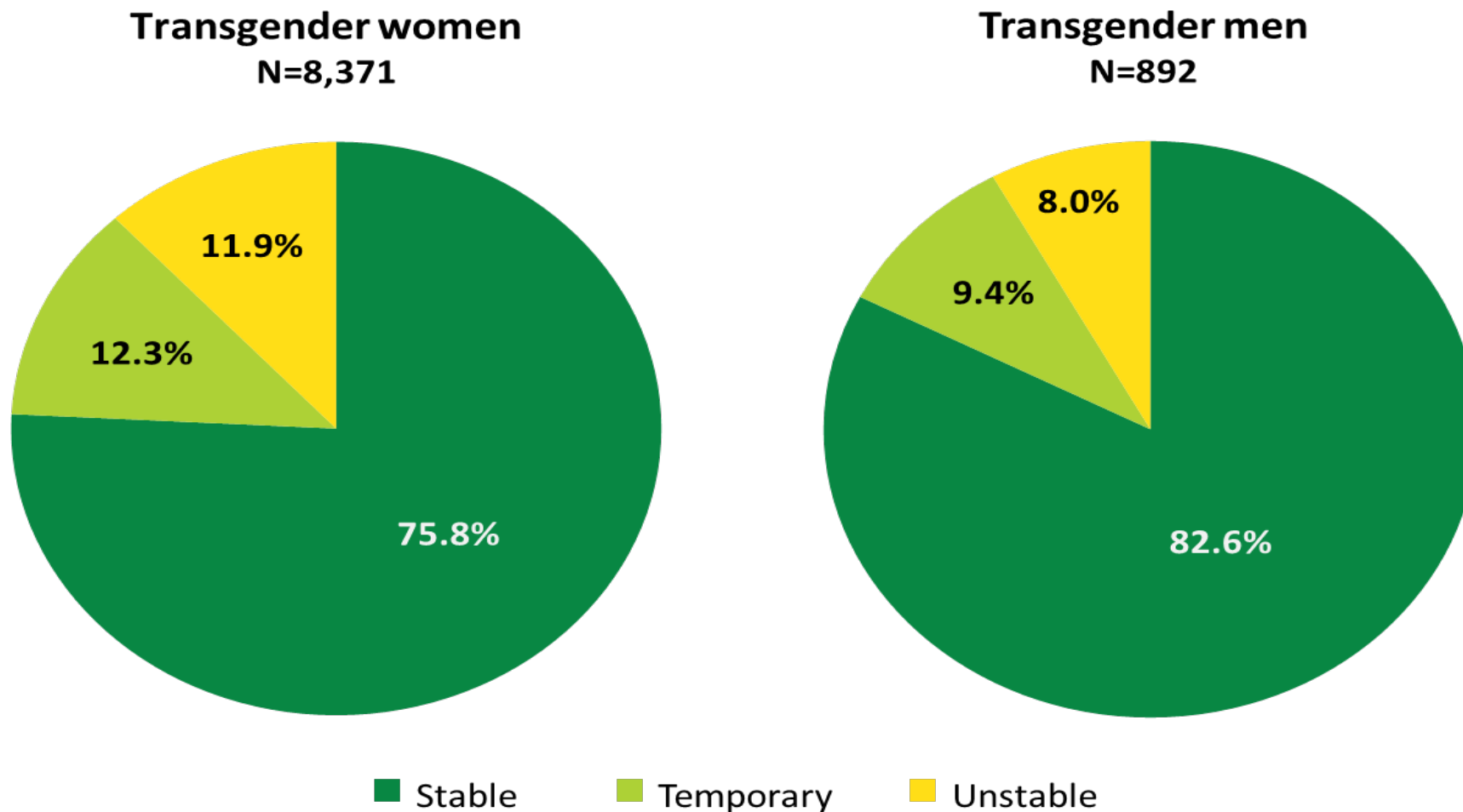- Temporary
- Unstable

9.9%
10.8%
79.4%

Data represent clients who reported injection drug use as their transmission risk category; data may not reflect current behavior.
Data do not include male-to-male sexual contact *and* injection drug use nor sexual contact *and* injection drug use among transgender clients.
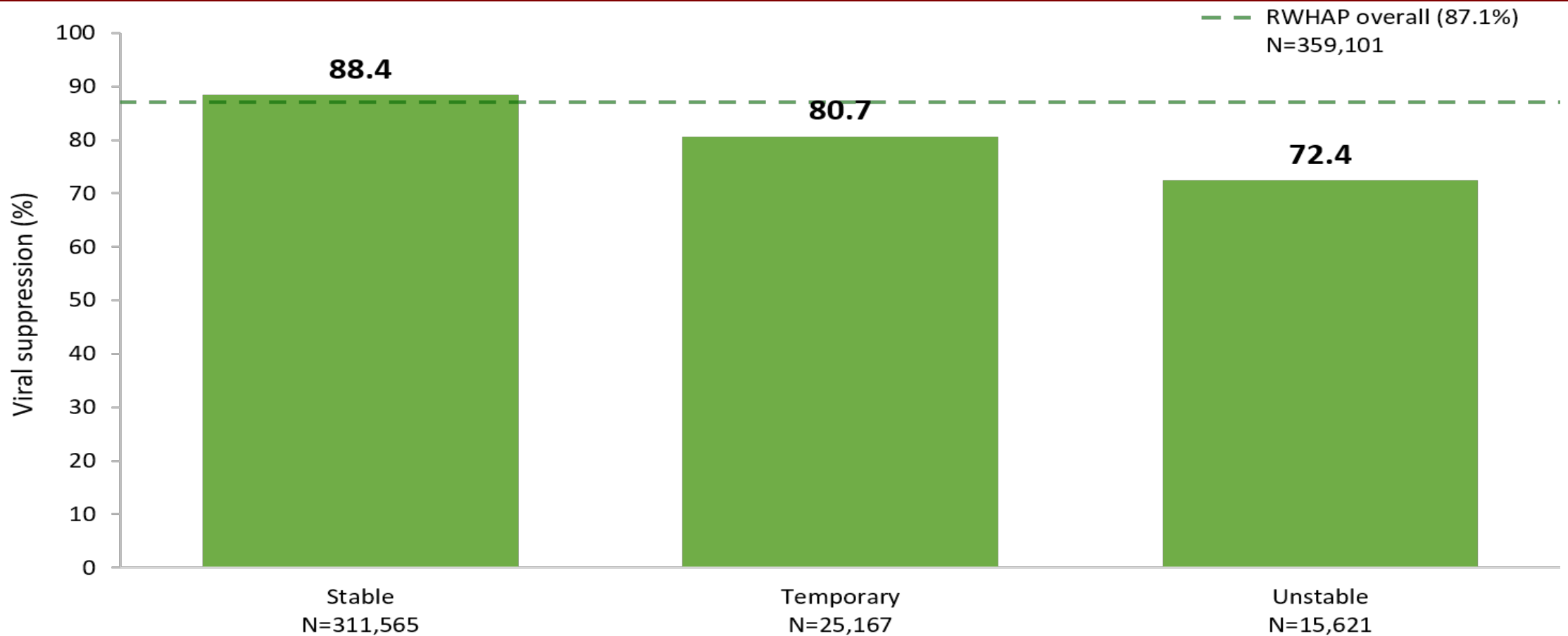[a] Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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Transgender Clients Served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, by Gender Identity and Housing Status, 2018—United States and 3 Territories[a]

Transgender women
N=8,371

- 11.9%
- 12.3%
- 75.8%

Transgender men
N=892

- 8.0%
- 9.4%
- 82.6%

Legend: ■ Stable ■ Temporary ■ Unstable

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Viral Suppression among Clients Served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, by Housing Status, 2018—United States and 3 Territories[a]
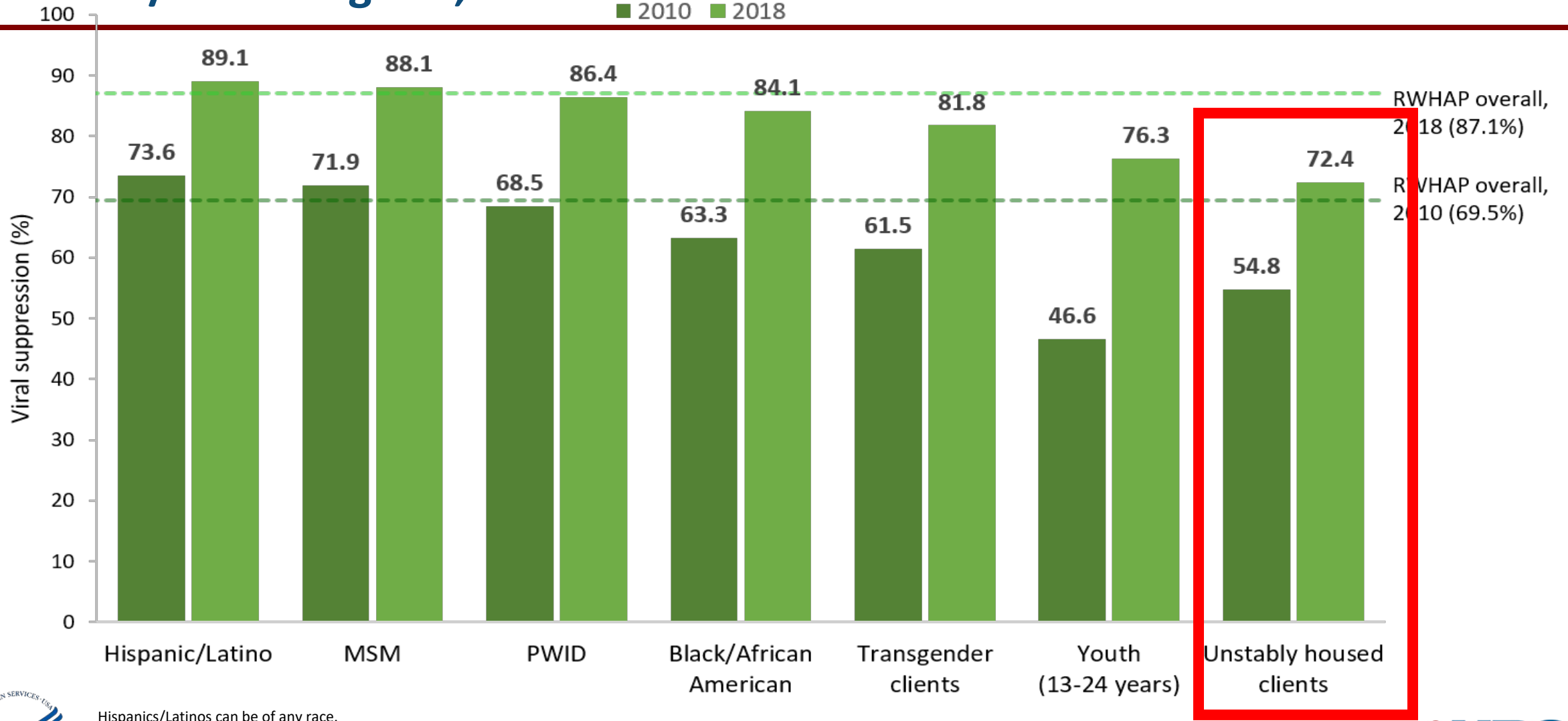

N represents the total number of clients in the specific population.
Viral suppression: ≥1 OAHS visit during the calendar year and ≥1 viral load reported, with the last viral load result <200 copies/mL.
[a] Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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Viral Suppression among Key Populations Served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2010 and 2018—United States and 3 Territories[a]
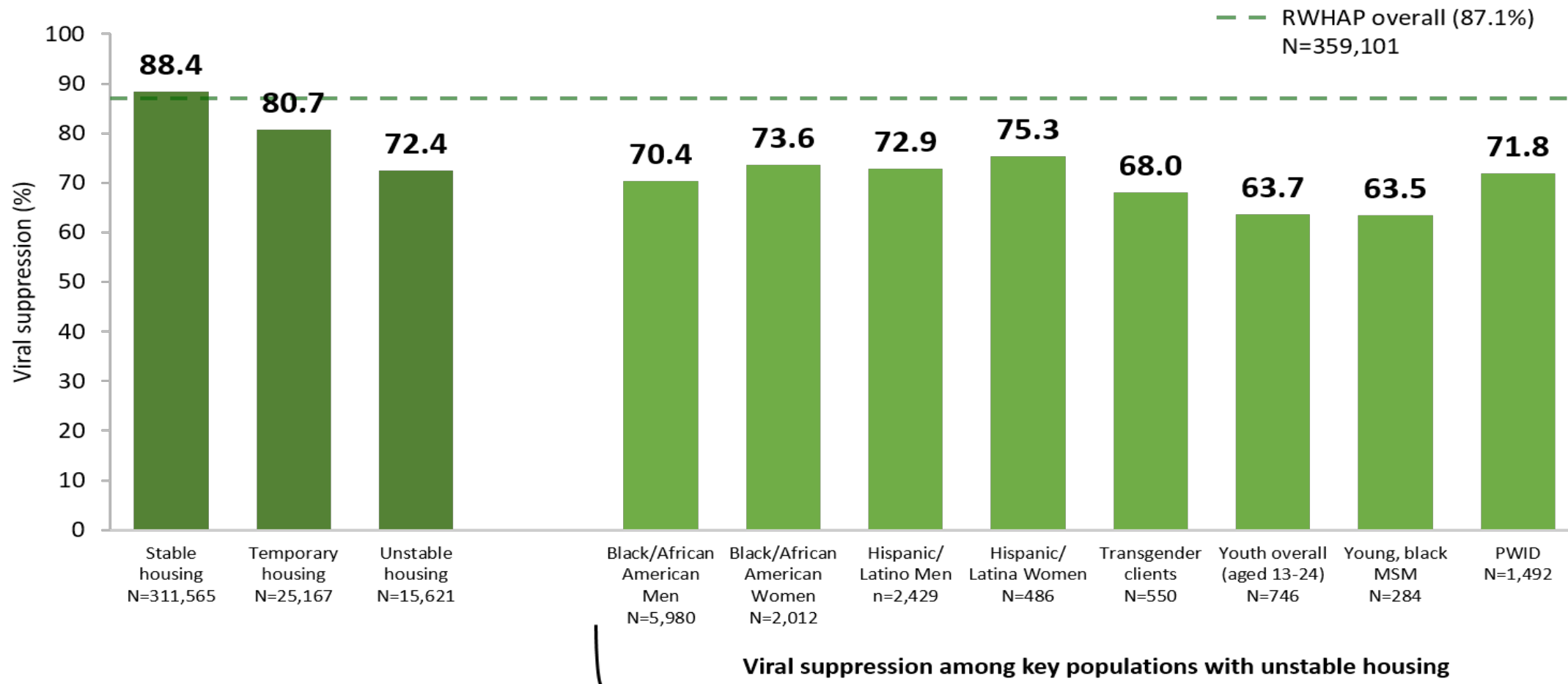

Hispanics/Latinos can be of any race.
Viral suppression: ≥1 OAHS visit during the calendar year and ≥1 viral load reported, with the last viral load result <200 copies/mL.
[a] Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Viral Suppression among RWHAP Clients, by Housing Status and among Key Populations with Unstable Housing, 2018—United States and 3 Territories[a]

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The RWHAP Response

Policy

Housing
Description:
Housing provides transitional, short-term, or emergency housing assistance to enable a client or family to gain or maintain outpatient/ambulatory health services and treatment, including temporary assistance necessary to prevent homelessness and to gain or maintain access to medical care. Activities within the Housing category must also include the development of an individualized housing plan, updated annually, to guide the client's linkage to permanent housing. Housing may provide some type of core medical (e.g., mental health services) or support services (e.g., residential substance use disorder services).

Housing activities also include housing referral services, including assessment, search,

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Definition of Housing

- HAB better defined housing services and removed the requirement to show medical necessity

Supporting Data Integration

- In 2017, HAB and US Department of Housing and Urban Development put out a jointly signed letter supporting the integration of RWHAP and Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) data

Expanding Allowable Services

- In 2016, HAB expanded the housing services category to include RWHAP Part C

Program Implementation: Housing Services

Flexibility allowed to address the housing needs of youth. These service categories are listed on the HAB webpage in Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) [16-02: Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services: Eligible Individuals and Allowable Uses of Funds](#)

- **Housing Services:** transitional, short-term, or emergency housing assistance as well as housing referral services (assessment, search and placement) and housing advocacy services for clients.

  - ✓Individualized housing plan updated annually
  - ✓Can be incorporated within another core or support service

Program Implementation: Housing Provision

Emergency Financial Assistance: limited one-time or short-term payments to assist with an urgent need for essential items or services necessary to improve health outcomes, including utilities and housing

- Continuous provision of an allowable service to a client must not be funded through Emergency Financial Assistance.

Program Implementation: Ancillary Services

Implementing programs to address youth homelessness should include either directly funded or leveraged support services to address trauma, substance use, mental illness, health literacy, special health needs, etc. Some relevant service categories may include:

- Medical Case Management
- Non-Medical Case Management – focus on accessing services such as employment and education centers and permanent housing
- Peer Navigators
- Mental Health Services
- Support Groups
- Specialized medical care
  - ✓ Separate kids from adults
  - ✓ Address transgender health issues
  - ✓ Provide holistic, patient-centered care

Demonstration and Evaluation – Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS)

Building a medical home for multiply diagnosed HIV positive homeless individuals, 2012 – 2017

- Employed models of care focused on the development of sustainable linkages to mental health, substance abuse treatment, and HIV primary care services for homeless or unstably housed people with HIV
- Interventions adopted a set of organizational structures characterized by integrated or co-located strategies for service provision

Improving HIV Health Outcomes through the Coordination of Supportive Employment and Housing Services, 2017-2020

- supports the design, implementation, and evaluation of innovative interventions that coordinate HIV care and treatment, housing, and employment services
- goal of this coordinated services intervention is to decrease the impact of the social determinants of health (such as unmet housing or employment needs) that affect long-term HIV health outcomes for PLWH impacted by employment and housing instability in racial and ethnic minority communities

Demonstration and Evaluation – Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) and Resources

Addressing HIV Care and Housing Coordination through Data Integration, 2015-2018

- Supported the electronic integration of housing and HIV care data and implementation of a coordinated service delivery strategy
- Coordinated effort with HUD's Office of HIV Housing which implements the HOPWA Program

Resources

- For more information about the SPNS Program: https://hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/part-f-special-projects-national-significance-spns-program

- For information about specific interventions: https://targethiv.org/ihip

HOPWA Program Impact
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program 101

HOPWA Program Outputs

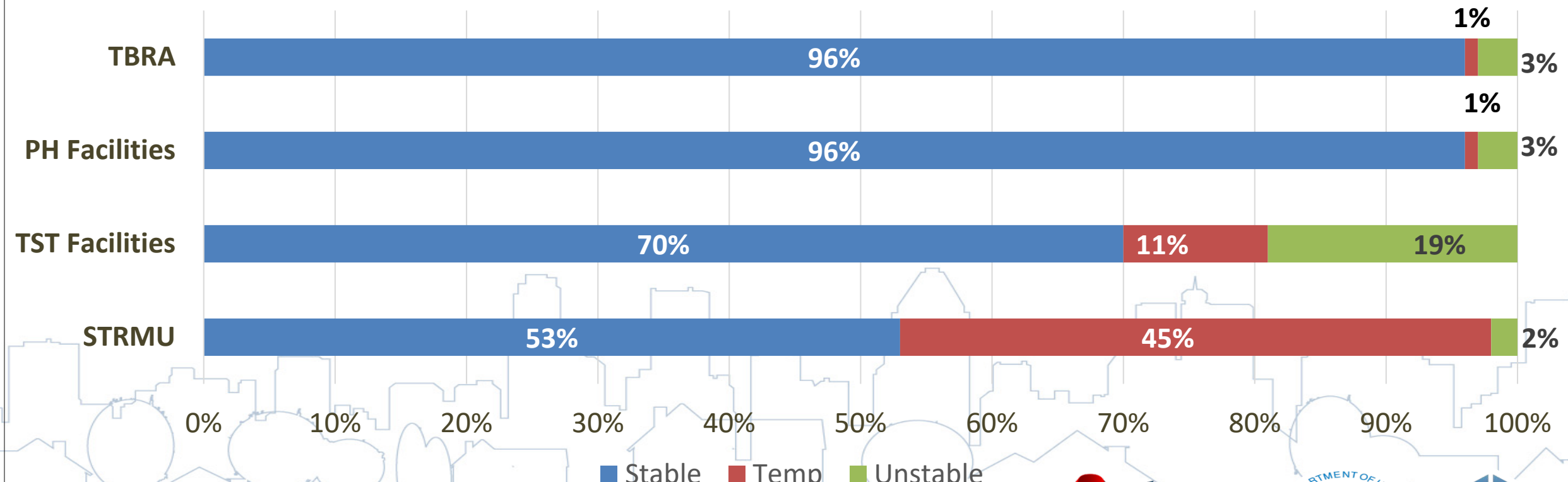**Portion of HOPWA funds used by eligible HOPWA Activity in Fiscal Year 2019**
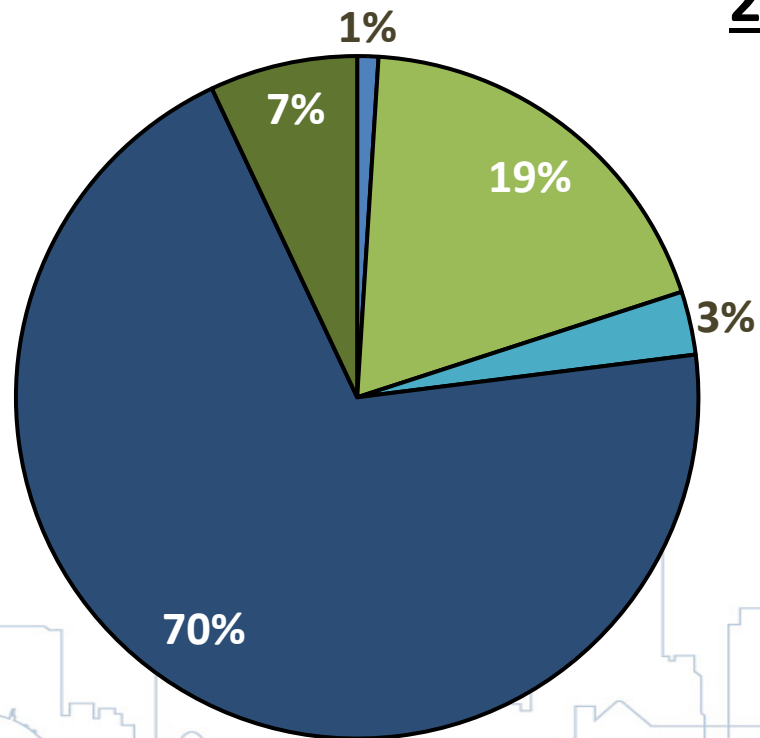
Pie chart legend:
- Housing Development — 1%
- Supportive Services — 19%
- Housing Information — 3%
- Housing Assistance — 70%
- Administration & Management — 7%

HOPWA Program Outcomes

National HOPWA Program Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2019:
Outcomes by Type of Housing Assistance

Type	Stable	Temp	Unstable
TBRA	96%	1%	3%
PH Facilities	96%	1%	3%
TST Facilities	70%	11%	19%
STRMU	53%	45%	2%

Additional HOPWA Program Outcomes

In Fiscal Year 2019

- Percent of households who had a housing plan: **95%**

- Percent of households who have had contact with a case manager: **95%**

- Percent of households who had contact with a primary care provider: **92%**

- Percent of households who accessed or maintained medical insurance: **93%**

- Percent of households who accessed or maintained income: **86%**

- Percent of households who obtained a job: **9%**

Learn More About HOPWA

HOPWA Program page on the HUD.gov:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/aidshousing/

HOPWA Program page on the HUD Exchange:

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hopwa/

HOPWA Guidance for COVID- 19 page:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/hopwa_covid-19

HOPWA Grantee Performance Profiles:

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hopwa/hopwa-performance-profiles/

CPD Program Formula Allocations and CARES Act Supplemental Funding for FY2020:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/budget/fy20/

Questions and Answers

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