

HIV Data Systems Summary

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Three Main Systems for Tracking HIV Testing and Services

eHARS

- eHARS stands for Enhanced HIV/AIDS reporting system.
- It is the system used for HIV surveillance.
 - This is why you may hear eHARS data and surveillance data used interchangeably.
- eHARS collects data on all people living with HIV (PLWH) in Minnesota.
- The following data is collected:
 - Name
 - Demographic information
 - Viral loads
 - CD4 counts
 - Others (but less relevant to this summary)

CAREWare

- CAREWare is an electronic health and social support services information system for Ryan White clients in Minnesota.
- With few exceptions, Ryan White clients are HIV positive.
- In 2016, 4313 people were Ryan White clients in Minnesota.¹
 - Roughly half of the PLWH in Minnesota.
- This system contains:
 - Client names
 - Complete and thorough demographics
 - Services provided via Ryan White
- All Ryan White clients in CAREWare are in eHARS.

EvaluationWeb

- All Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) funded HIV tests are entered into EvaluationWeb (sometimes shortened to EvalWeb).
- There are roughly 15,000 HIV tests conducted annually through MDH funded sites.
- Both positive and negative tests are entered into EvalWeb.
- No names are associated with EvalWeb, so we cannot determine if a person living with HIV had MDH funded tests done in the past.
- EvalWeb does capture some demographic information.
 - <Will ask MDH to find out what demographic information>

¹ To be precise, Minnesota CAREWare also includes 2 counties in Wisconsin that are part of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area.

