

HOSPICE

Hospice is end-of-life care for persons living with HIV (PLWH) who are in a terminal stage of illness (defined as a life expectancy of 6 months or less). This includes room, board, nursing care, mental health counseling, physician services, and palliative care.

(**Graph 1**) In the 2016 Houston HIV Care Services Needs Assessment, 7% of participants indicated a need for *hospice* in the past 12 months. 7% reported the service was easy to access, and 0.1% reported difficulty. 16% stated that they did not know the service was available.

(**Table 1**) When barriers to *hospice* were reported, the only barrier type identified was education and awareness (lack of knowledge about the availability the service)

GRAPH 1-Hospice, 2016

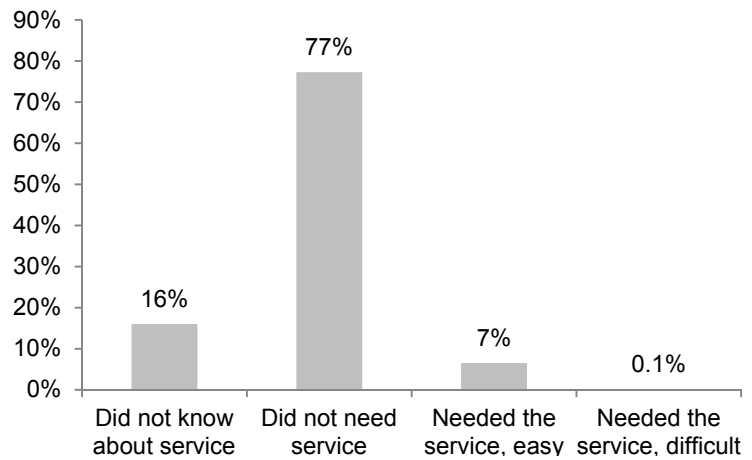


TABLE 1- Reported Barrier Type for Hospice, 2016

	No.	%
1. Education and Awareness (EA)	2	100%
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(**Table 2 and Table 3**) Need and access to services can be analyzed for needs assessment participants according to demographic and other characteristics, revealing the presence of any potential disparities in access to services. For *hospice*, this analysis shows the following:

- More males than females found the service accessible.
- More other/multiracial PLWH found the service accessible than other race/ethnicities.
- More PLWHA age 50+ found the service accessible than other age groups.
- No PLWH in special populations found the service difficult to access compared to all participants.

TABLE 2-Hospice, by Demographic Categories, 2016

Experience with the Service	Sex		Race/ethnicity				Age		
	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	18-24	25-49	50+
Did not know about service	16%	17%	10%	16%	20%	0%	21%	18%	12%
Did not need service	77%	77%	84%	75%	74%	13%	75%	77%	78%
Needed, easy to access	7%	6%	6%	8%	5%	87%	4%	5%	11%
Needed, difficult to access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

TABLE 3- Hospice, by Selected Special Populations, 2016

Experience with the Service	Unstably Housed ^a	MSM ^b	Out of Care ^c	Recently Released ^d	Rural ^e	Transgender ^f
Did not know about service	20%	13%	50%	21%	15%	14%
Did not need service	74%	80%	50%	74%	79%	77%
Needed, easy to access	6%	7%	0%	5%	6%	9%
Needed, difficult to access	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

^aPersons reporting housing instability ^bMen who have sex with men ^cPersons with no evidence of HIV care for 12 mo.

^dPersons released from incarceration in the past 12 mo. ^eNon-Houston/Harris County residents ^fPersons with discordant sex assigned at birth and current gender