

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.

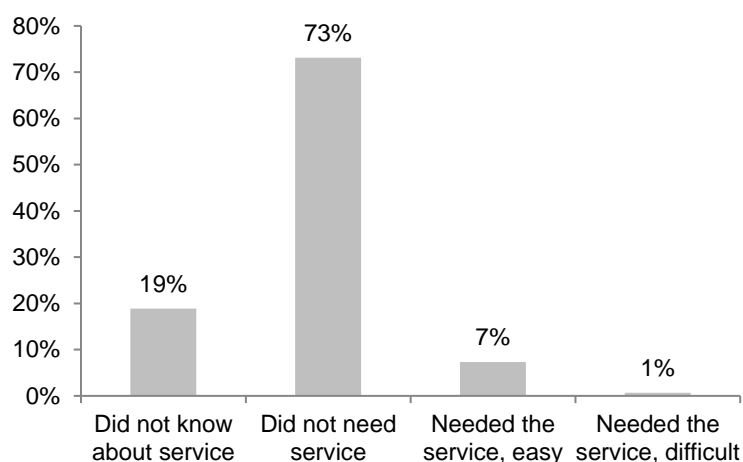
(**Graph 1**) In the 2020 Houston HIV Care Services Needs Assessment, 8% of participants indicated a need for *hospice* in the past 12 months. 7% reported the service was easy to access, and 1% reported difficulty. 17% stated that they did not know the service was available.

(**Table 1**) Only two barriers were reported for hospice. This number is too small to detect any pattern in service barriers for hospice.

TABLE 1- Reported Barrier Types for Hospice, 2020

	No.	%
1. Health Insurance Coverage (I)	1	50%
2. Transportation (T)	1	50%

GRAPH 1-Hospice, 2020



(**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 females than males found the service accessible.
- More White, Hispanic/Latino, and other/multiracial PLWH found the service accessible than Black/African American PLWH.
- More PLWH age 50+ found the service accessible than other PLWH age 25 to 49.
- In addition, more MSM PLWH found the service difficult to access when compared to all participants.

TABLE 2-Hospice, by Demographic Categories, 2020

Experience with the Service	Sex (at birth)		Race/ethnicity				Age		
	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	18-24	25-49	50+
Did not know about service	20%	15%	10%	18%	23%	23%	10%	23%	13%
Did not need service	72%	78%	87%	76%	65%	65%	95%	67%	80%
Needed, easy to access	8%	5%	3%	5%	11%	12%	0%	9%	6%
Needed, difficult to access	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

TABLE 3- Hospice, by Selected Special Populations, 2020

Experience with the Service	Homeless ^a	MSM ^b	Out of Care ^c	Recently Released ^d	Rural ^e	Transgender ^f
Did not know about service	19%	8%	26%	27%	11%	36%
Did not need service	68%	54%	61%	63%	83%	64%
Needed, easy to access	13%	33%	13%	11%	6%	0%
Needed, difficult to access	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

^aPersons reporting current homelessness ^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