

2021 FACT SHEET

In 2021, Howard Brown Health not only increased our public health role in Chicago through its pandemic response, but also the agency laid the groundwork for an expanded presence in the city on the North and South Sides. Last year, across our 11 clinics, Howard Brown launched new clinical programs, expanded clinical and support staff, and updated its mission and vision statements to guide our the work into the future.

OUR MISSION

Rooted in LGBTQ+ liberation, Howard Brown Health provides affirming healthcare and mobilizes for social justice. We are agents of change for individual wellbeing and community empowerment.

OUR VISION

Howard Brown Health envisions a future where healthcare and transformative social policies actualize human rights and equity for all.







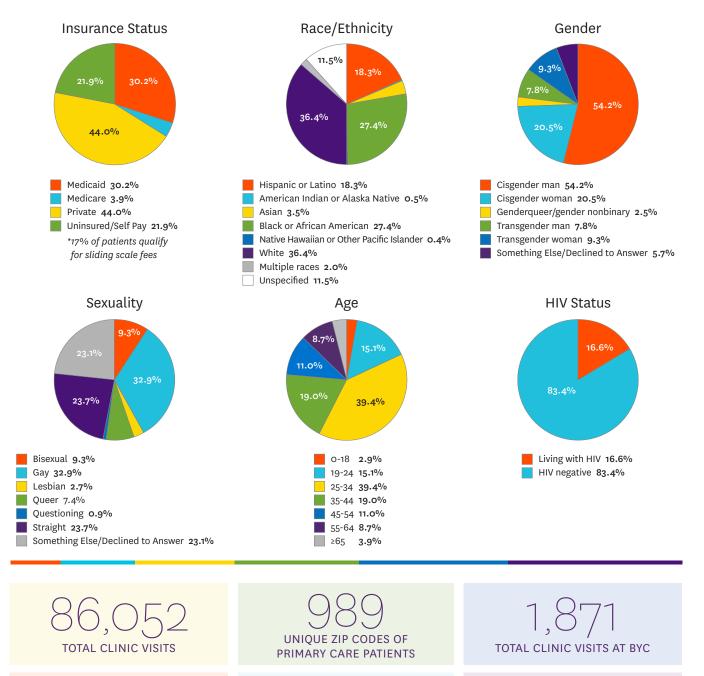


2021 IN REVIEW

- In December, Howard Brown responded to the year-end spike of COVID-19 cases with redoubled mitigation measures and expanded testing capacity.
- In November, the agency completed the expansion of the Patient Access Center and clinical care teams, including primary care providers, nurses, and medical assistants, to accommodate the surge in patient care needs.
- In September, Broadway Youth Center (BYC) moved to a new, permanent location at 1023 W. Irving Park Road. With five floors and nearly four times the space, BYC now provides increased access to drop-in services, therapy, GED and employment, violence prevention, primary care, and housing services
- In October, the agency released Centering Community Care, a strategic plan for 2021-2024. The plan will guide Howard Brown through its next chapter of advancement, informing areas of targeted expansion, engagement within communities, equity and justice initiatives, and the development of sound infrastructure to respond to the community's long-term health and wellness needs.
- In July, Pride Action Tank launched the LGBTQ+ South Side Needs Assessment to gauge service needs and priorities, ultimately guiding the development of a community center led by Howard Brown, expected to open in 2024.
- In April, Howard Brown began to offer transgender and nonbinary-inclusive obstetrics and gynecological care out of its Englewood and Uptown clinic locations.
- Howard Brown began administering COVID-19 vaccines in January and held Chicago's first mass vaccination in February. In 2021, the agency provided a total of 73,039 vaccinations against COVID-19.



PATIENT COMMUNITY 2021 at a glance



29,335 TOTAL PRIMARY CARE PATIENTS 34,655 Total telehealth visits

UNIQUE MEDICAL PATIENT VISITS AT BYC