

TITLE: Gaps in Health Services Research with the Transgender Population (2008-2018): A Systematic Mapping Review

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ABSTRACT: Reducing health disparities in health outcomes and access to health care services for the transgender population is a public health priority. Data for this study consisted of peer-reviewed health services research on the transgender population published in English, 2008-2019, and using exclusively data from the United States. A search of PubMed, Sociological Abstracts, and PsycInfo produced 39 articles. These articles were mapped according to method, data, date of publication, and seven identified themes (HIV/AIDS, substance use, suicide/mental health, reproductive health, military and veterans, access to health services, and discrimination). The resulting maps show a preponderance of research on HIV/AIDS in the transgender population as well as linkages between HIV/AIDS, substance use, suicide/mental health, military and veterans, and access to health services. Additionally, the majority of articles used for this mapping review were published after 2014. Findings of this mapping review point toward a lack of nationally-represented data on, a lack of education and training on, and structural barriers towards the transgender population in the United States. Recommendations from this study point toward future work with and/or informed by transgender individuals.

OBJECTIVE(S): Explain the current state of health services research on the transgender population in the US.

Describe the implications of this research.

Discuss future directions for research with transgender populations.

Evaluate how research on the transgender population informs research on other marginalized populations.
