Alaska

National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS)

The National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) is an annual survey of facilities providing substance abuse treatment, and is conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The N-SSATS is designed to collect data on the location, characteristics, services offered, and number of clients in treatment at alcohol and drug abuse facilities (both public and private) throughout the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and other U.S. jurisdictions. For more information on N-SSATS methodology, click here.

In **Alaska,** 87 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2002 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 3,004 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 29, 2002. The survey response rate in **Alaska** was 95%.

Facility Ownership/Operation

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 29, 2002			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	58	67%	1,898	63%	150	66%
Private for-profit	5	6%	415	14%	19	8%
Local government	5	6%	172	6%	11	5%
State government	–	–	–	–	–	–
Federal government	6	7%	180	7%	–	–
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	1	1%	68	2%	–	–
Dept. of Defense	3	3%	103	3%	–	–
Indian Health Service	1	1%	4	<1%	–	–
Other	1	1%	5	<1%	–	–
Tribal government	13	15%	339	11%	49	21%
Total	**87**	**100%**	**3,004**	**100%**	**229**	**100%**

Primary Focus of Facility

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 29, 2002			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Substance abuse treatment services	46	53%	1,759	59%	108	47%
Mental health services	1	1%	68	2%	–	–
General health care	1	1%	12	<1%	–	–
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	38	44%	1,136	38%	115	50%
Other/unknown	1	1%	29	1%	6	3%
Total	**87**	**100%**	**3,004**	**100%**	**229**	**100%**

Substance Abuse Problem Treated

	Facilities[1]		Clients in Treatment on March 29, 2002		
			Clients		Clients per 100,000 Pop.
	No.	%	No.	%	Aged 18 and Over
Clients with both alcohol and drug abuse	62	89%	1,651	56%	331
Clients with drug abuse only	36	51%	247	8%	52
Clients with alcohol abuse only	58	83%	1,034	35%	220
Total[2]	**70**		**2,932**	**100%**	**604**

[1] Facilities may be included in more than one category.

[2] Excludes 17 facilities that were not asked or did not respond to this question.

Type of Care

	Facilities[1]		Clients in Treatment on March 29, 2002				
			All Clients			Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	Median No. of Clients Per Facility	No.	%
Outpatient	**72**	**83%**	**2,527**	**84%**	**27**	**202**	**88%**
Regular outpatient	72	83%	2,006	67%	18		
Intensive outpatient	38	44%	376	13%	4		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	12	14%	64	2%	1		
Detoxification	10	12%	19	1%	0		
Methadone/LAAM maintenance	2	2%	62	2%	31		
Residential	**31**	**36%**	**464**	**15%**	**11**	**27**	**12%**
Rehabilitation	31	36%	413	14%	10		
Detoxification	14	16%	51	2%	2		
Hospital Inpatient	**1**	**1%**	**13**	**<1%**	**13**	**–**	**–**
Rehabilitation	1	1%	9	<1%	9		
Detoxification	1	1%	4	<1%	4		
Total	**87**		**3,004**	**100%**	**27**	**229**	**100%**

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	–	–
Detoxification only	–	–
Both maintenance and detoxification	2	100%
Total	**2**	**100%**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	**73**	
Methadone	73	
LAAM	–	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	76	87%
Private health insurance	74	85%
Medicare	45	52%
Medicaid	60	69%
Other State-financed health insurance	51	59%
Federal military insurance	32	37%
Other type of payment	4	5%
Sliding fee scale	71	82%
Other payment assistance	39	45%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities[1]	31	1
No. of clients	464	13
Designated beds	533	16
Utilization rate	87%	81%
Designated beds per facility (average)	17	16

[1] Excludes facilities not reporting both clients counts and number of beds, facilities whose client counts were reported by another facility, and facilities that included client counts from other facilities.

Facility Licensing, Approval, Certification, or Accreditation

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any listed agency/organization	84	97%
State Substance Abuse Agency	76	87%
State Mental Health Department	21	24%
State Public Health Department/Board of Health	10	12%
Hospital licensing authority	5	6%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	12	14%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	23	26%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	2	2%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	1	1%
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	10	12%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Is part of organization with multiple facilities or sites	53	61%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	12	14%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	73	84%

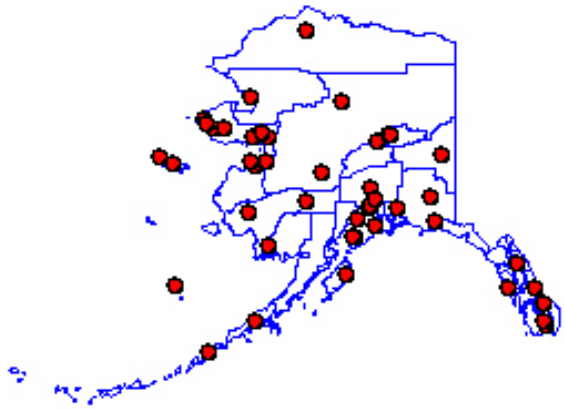
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Dually-diagnosed	51	59%
Adolescents	43	49%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	8	9%
Gays and lesbians	9	10%
Pregnant/postpartum women	13	15%
Women only	45	52%
Men only	22	25%
Seniors/older adults	12	14%
Criminal justice clients	19	22%
DUI/DWI offenders	37	43%
Other groups	21	24%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Assessment Services	**84**	**97%**
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment/diagnosis	84	97%
Comprehensive mental health assessment/diagnosis	46	53%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	**86**	**99%**
Family counseling	71	82%
Group therapy	82	94%
Individual therapy	85	98%
Relapse prevention groups	64	74%
Aftercare counseling	81	93%
Pharmacotherapies	**18**	**21%**
Antabuse	15	17%
Naltrexone	17	20%
Testing	**75**	**86%**
Blood alcohol testing	52	60%
Drug/alcohol urine screening	74	85%
Hepatitis testing	35	40%
HIV testing	37	43%
STD testing	33	38%
TB screening	41	47%
Transitional Services	**80**	**92%**
Assistance with obtaining social services	58	67%
Discharge planning	76	87%
Employment counseling/training	27	31%
Housing assistance	22	25%
Referral to other transitional services	75	86%
Other Services	**82**	**94%**
Case management services	64	74%
Child care	14	16%
Domestic violence or family/partner violence services	46	53%
HIV/AIDS education/counseling/support	65	75%
Outcome follow-up (post-discharge)	71	82%
Transportation assistance to treatment	34	39%
Acupuncture	–	–

Location of Treatment Facilities



Use SAMHSA's Treatment Facility Locator to find the address and characteristics of specific facilities:
http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov

Services for the Hearing Impaired or in Languages Other than English

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Hearing impaired	14	16%
Spanish	7	8%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	28	32%
Other	5	6%

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http://webapp.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/SAMHDA-SERIES/00058.xml

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