District of Columbia

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 the **District of Columbia,** 60 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2002 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 5,900 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 29, 2002. The survey response rate in the **District of Columbia** was 97%.

Facility Ownership/Operation

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 29, 2002			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	36	60%	3,048	52%	76	39%
Private for-profit	11	18%	767	13%	68	35%
Local government	4	7%	816	14%	40	20%
State government	6	10%	765	13%	12	6%
Federal government	3	5%	504	9%	–	–
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	2	3%	449	8%	–	–
Dept. of Defense	1	2%	55	1%	–	–
Indian Health Service	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tribal government	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**60**	**100%**	**5,900**	**100%**	**196**	**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	34	57%	4,178	71%	77	39%
Mental health services	3	5%	88	2%	–	–
General health care	4	7%	476	8%	5	3%
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	16	27%	927	16%	108	55%
Other/unknown	3	5%	231	4%	6	3%
Total	**60**	**100%**	**5,900**	**100%**	**196**	**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	53	93%	2,556	44%	459
Clients with drug abuse only	46	81%	2,711	46%	572
Clients with alcohol abuse only	39	68%	601	10%	118
Total[2]	**57**		**5,868**	**100%**	**1,149**

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

[2] Excludes 3 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	**45**	**75%**	**5,232**	**89%**	**58**	**119**	**61%**
Regular outpatient	40	67%	1,402	24%	17		
Intensive outpatient	28	47%	990	17%	24		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	13	22%	272	5%	13		
Detoxification	23	38%	156	3%	1		
Methadone/LAAM maintenance	8	13%	2,412	41%	343		
Residential	**15**	**25%**	**547**	**9%**	**21**	**50**	**26%**
Rehabilitation	14	23%	476	8%	18		
Detoxification	1	2%	71	1%	71		
Hospital Inpatient	**11**	**18%**	**121**	**2%**	**9**	**27**	**14%**
Rehabilitation	5	8%	35	1%	2		
Detoxification	11	18%	86	2%	7		
Total	**60**		**5,900**	**100%**	**46**	**196**	**100%**

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	1	9%
Detoxification only	2	18%
Both maintenance and detoxification	8	73%
Total	**11**	**100%**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	**2,522**	
Methadone	2,521	
LAAM	1	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	35	58%
Private health insurance	24	40%
Medicare	17	28%
Medicaid	21	35%
Other State-financed health insurance	8	13%
Federal military insurance	12	20%
Other type of payment	10	17%
Sliding fee scale	18	30%
Other payment assistance	17	28%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities[1]	13	9
No. of clients	407	121
Designated beds	579	178
Utilization rate	70%	68%
Designated beds per facility (average)	45	20

[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	49	82%
State Substance Abuse Agency	23	38%
State Mental Health Department	18	30%
State Public Health Department/Board of Health	20	33%
Hospital licensing authority	12	20%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	15	25%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	17	28%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	3	5%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	1	2%
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	9	15%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Is part of organization with multiple facilities or sites	34	57%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	20	33%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	38	63%

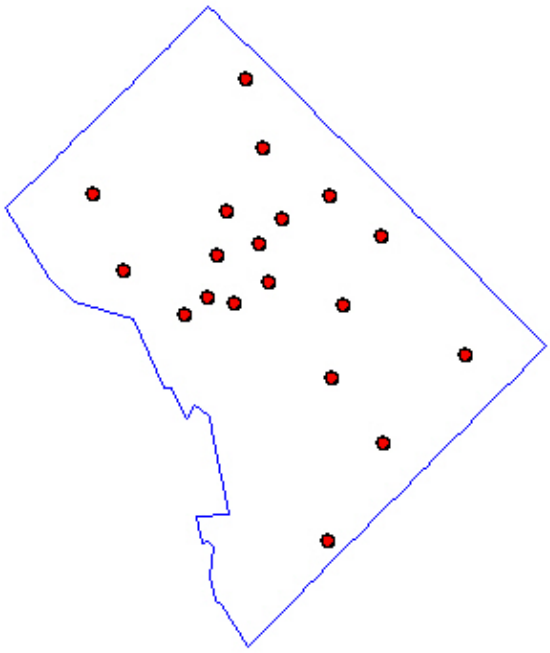
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Dually-diagnosed	35	58%
Adolescents	14	23%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	23	38%
Gays and lesbians	16	27%
Pregnant/postpartum women	9	15%
Women only	23	38%
Men only	20	33%
Seniors/older adults	9	15%
Criminal justice clients	24	40%
DUI/DWI offenders	12	20%
Other groups	6	10%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Assessment Services	**58**	**97%**
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment/diagnosis	56	93%
Comprehensive mental health assessment/diagnosis	33	55%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	**60**	**100%**
Family counseling	39	65%
Group therapy	56	93%
Individual therapy	57	95%
Relapse prevention groups	51	85%
Aftercare counseling	37	62%
Pharmacotherapies	**14**	**23%**
Antabuse	12	20%
Naltrexone	9	15%
Testing	**56**	**93%**
Blood alcohol testing	42	70%
Drug/alcohol urine screening	55	92%
Hepatitis testing	26	43%
HIV testing	33	55%
STD testing	27	45%
TB screening	33	55%
Transitional Services	**58**	**97%**
Assistance with obtaining social services	35	58%
Discharge planning	54	90%
Employment counseling/training	28	47%
Housing assistance	28	47%
Referral to other transitional services	56	93%
Other Services	**53**	**88%**
Case management services	46	77%
Child care	9	15%
Domestic violence or family/partner violence services	22	37%
HIV/AIDS education/counseling/support	46	77%
Outcome follow-up (post-discharge)	22	37%
Transportation assistance to treatment	25	42%
Acupuncture	3	5%

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	15	25%
Spanish	22	37%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	1	2%
Other	6	10%

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

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