State Profile - South Carolina

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 **South Carolina,** 97 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2003 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 37,928 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2003. The survey response rate in **South Carolina** was 99%.

Facility Ownership/Operation

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2003			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	32	33%	4,575	36%	789	59%
Private for-profit	25	26%	2,183	17%	66	5%
Local government	27	28%	4,363	35%	428	32%
State government	7	7%	1,147	9%	59	4%
Federal government	6	6%	378	3%	–	–
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	2	2%	276	2%	–	–
Dept. of Defense	4	4%	102	1%	–	–
Indian Health Service	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tribal government	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**97**	**100%**	**12,646**	**100%**	**1,342**	**100%**

Primary Focus of Facility

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2003			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Substance abuse treatment services	79	81%	11,362	90%	1,234	92%
Mental health services	6	6%	312	2%	4	<1%
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	10	10%	729	6%	44	3%
General health care	1	1%	63	1%	–	–
Other/unknown	1	1%	180	1%	60	5%
Total	**97**	**100%**	**12,646**	**100%**	**1,342**	**100%**

Substance Abuse Problem Treated

	Facilities[1]		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2003		
			Clients		Clients per 100,000 Pop.
	No.	%	No.	%	Aged 18 and Over
Clients with both alcohol and drug abuse	77	90%	4,303	39%	140
Clients with drug abuse only	75	87%	3,485	32%	114
Clients with alcohol abuse only	74	86%	3,244	29%	106
Total[2]	**86**		**11,032**	**100%**	**359**

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

[2] Excludes 11 facilities that were not asked or did not respond to this question.

Type of Care

	Facilities[1]		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2003				
			All Clients			Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	Median No. of Clients Per Facility	No.	%
Outpatient	**79**	**81%**	**11,897**	**94%**	**79**	**1,307**	**97%**
Regular outpatient	73	75%	9,206	73%	60		
Intensive outpatient	54	56%	1,164	9%	14		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	13	13%	118	1%	6		
Detoxification	14	14%	91	1%	6		
Methadone/LAAM maintenance	6	6%	1,318	10%	191		
Residential	**22**	**22%**	**331**	**3%**	**10**	**12**	**1%**
Short term	12	12%	123	1%	6		
Long term	13	13%	160	1%	9		
Detoxification	8	8%	48	<1%	8		
Hospital Inpatient	**17**	18%	418	3%	11	**23**	**2%**
Rehabilitation	13	13%	187	2%	4		
Detoxification	16	17%	231	2%	5		
Total	**97**		**12,646**	**100%**	**51**	**1,342**	**100%**

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	3	43%
Detoxification only	–	–
Both maintenance and detoxification	4	57%
Total	**7**	**100%**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	1,620	
Methadone	1,595	
LAAM	25	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	89	92%
Private health insurance	77	79%
Medicare	32	33%
Medicaid	67	69%
Other State-financed health insurance	42	43%
Federal military insurance	45	46%
No payment accepted	5	5%
Other type of payment	–	–
Sliding fee scale	35	36%
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	58	60%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities[1]	16	10
No. of clients	250	296
Designated beds	289	304
Utilization rate	87%	97%
Designated beds per facility (average)	18	30

[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	94	97%
State Substance Abuse Agency	61	63%
State Mental Health Department	2	2%
State Public Health Department/Board of Health	72	74%
Hospital licensing authority	14	14%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	19	20%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	57	59%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	3	3%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	–	–
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	13	13%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	55	57%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	59	61%

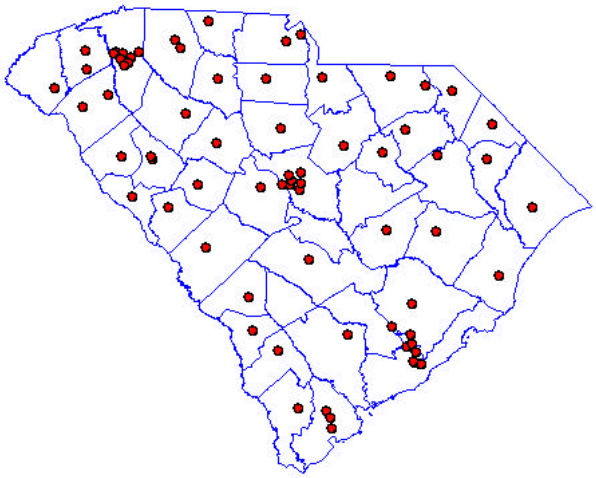
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Any program or group	77	80%
Adolescents	50	52%
Dually-diagnosed	20	21%
Criminal justice clients	35	36%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	9	9%
Gays and lesbians	2	2%
Seniors/older adults	5	5%
Pregnant/postpartum women	19	20%
Women only	39	40%
Men only	16	17%
DUI/DWI offenders	50	52%
Other groups	14	14%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Assessment Services	**95**	**98%**
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment/diagnosis	94	97%
Comprehensive mental health assessment/diagnosis	24	25%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	**94**	**97%**
Family counseling	86	89%
Group therapy	91	94%
Individual therapy	92	95%
Relapse prevention groups	85	88%
Aftercare counseling	83	86%
Pharmacotherapies	**15**	**15%**
Antabuse	11	11%
Naltrexone	10	10%
Buprenorphine	6	6%
Testing	**88**	**91%**
Breathalyzer or other blood alcohol testing	53	55%
Drug/alcohol urine screening	85	88%
Screening for Hepatitis B	24	25%
Screening for Hepatitis C	25	26%
HIV testing	25	26%
STD testing	20	21%
TB screening	48	49%
Transitional Services	**90**	**93%**
Assistance with obtaining social services	60	62%
Discharge planning	87	90%
Employment counseling/training	35	36%
Housing assistance	40	41%
Other Services	**88**	**91%**
Case management services	79	81%
Child care	8	8%
Domestic violence or family/partner violence services	30	31%
HIV/AIDS education/counseling/support	61	63%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	80	82%
Transportation assistance to treatment	34	35%
Acupuncture	3	3%
Residential beds for clients' children	5	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.	Facilities %
Hearing impaired/sign language	36	37%
Any language other than English	50	52%
Spanish	48	50%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	–	–
Other	2	2%

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

Other substance abuse reports are available at:
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