National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) 2003

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, go to the following URL: http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k3/NSSATS/NSSATS.pdf.

In the United States and its jurisdictions 13,623 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2003 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 1,092,546 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2003. The survey response rate in the United States and its jurisdictions was 96%.

Facility Ownership/Operation

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2003			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	8,258	61%	615,410	56%	60,475	66%
Private for-profit	3,403	25%	282,161	26%	15,315	17%
Local government	979	7%	101,826	9%	10,609	12%
State government	475	4%	45,649	4%	3,983	4%
Federal government	339	3%	37,155	3%	351	<1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	196	1%	28,386	3%	--	0%
Dept. of Defense	102	1%	6,020	1%	29	<1%
Indian Health Service	34	<1%	2,331	<1%	292	<1%
Other	7	<1%	418	<1%	30	<1%
Tribal government	169	1%	10,345	1%	1,518	2%
Total	**13,623**	**100%**	**1,092,546**	**100%**	**92,251**	**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	8,351	61%	744,534	68%	53,460	58%
Mental health services	1,157	9%	56,169	5%	7,121	8%
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	3,600	26%	255,143	23%	29,845	32%
General health care	249	2%	17,766	2%	500	1%
Other/unknown	266	2%	18,934	2%	1,325	1%
Total	**13,623**	**100%**	**1,092,546**	**100%**	**92,251**	**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	11,508	93%	508,300	47%	209
Clients with drug abuse only	9,628	78%	356,363	33%	152
Clients with alcohol abuse only	9,765	79%	219,453	20%	93
Total [2]	**12,398**		**1,084,116**	**100%**	**454**

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

[2] Excludes 1,225 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	**10,893**	**80%**	**968,719**	**89%**	**45**	**80,945**	**88%**
Regular outpatient	9,967	73%	587,975	54%	28		
Intensive outpatient	5,902	43%	128,127	12%	12		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	2,156	16%	27,728	3%	5		
Detoxification	1,501	11%	11,770	1%	1		
Methadone/LAAM maintenance	955	7%	213,119	20%	185		
Residential	**3,793**	**28%**	**108,592**	**10%**	**18**	**10,357**	**11%**
Short term	1,596	12%	22,926	2%	9		
Long term	3,142	23%	76,605	7%	16		
Detoxification	957	7%	9,061	1%	4		
Hospital Inpatient	**1,013**	**7%**	**15,235**	**1%**	**9**	**949**	**1%**
Treatment	662	5%	8,168	1%	6		
Detoxification	900	7	7,067	1%	4		
Total	**13,623**		**1,092,546**	**100%**	**40**	**92,251**	**100%**

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	361	34%
Detoxification only	124	12%
Both maintenance and detoxification	582	55%
Total	**1,067**	**100%**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	**229,567**	
Methadone	227,003	
LAAM	2,564	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	12,291	90%
Private health insurance	9,234	68%
Medicare	4,746	35%
Medicaid	7,151	53%
Other State-financed health insurance	4,854	36%
Federal military insurance	4,736	35%
No payment accepted	575	4%
Other type of payment	354	3%
Sliding fee scale	8,705	64%
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	7,549	55%

Facility Capacity and Utilization[1]

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities	3,204	583
No. of clients	95,689	10,630
Designated beds	101,920	13,378
Utilization rate	94%	79%
Designated beds per facility (average)	32	23

[1] Excludes facilities not reporting both client counts and number of beds, facilities whose client counts were reported by another facility, facilities that included client counts from other facilities, and facilities tht did not respond to this question.

Facility Licensing, Approval, Certification, or Accreditation

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any listed agency/organization	12,982	95%
State substance abuse agency	11,067	81%
State mental health department	4,604	34%
State public health department/board of health	4,286	32%
Hospital licensing authority	1,342	10%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	3,330	24%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	1,756	13%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	349	3%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	614	5%
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	1,872	14%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	6,962	51%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	8,917	66%

Client Outreach

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Operates Hotline	3,449	25%
Has Internet Access	12,141	89%
Has Web Site	6,757	50%

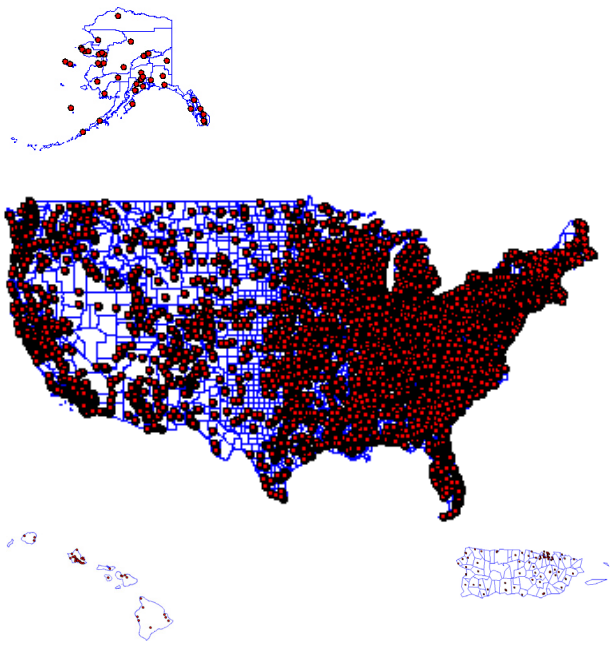
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any program or group	11,486	84%
Adolescents	4,359	32%
Co-Occuring Disorders	4,783	35%
Criminal Justice Clients	3,634	27%
Persons with HIV or AIDS	1,484	11%
Gays or Lesbians	755	6%
Seniors or Older Adults	999	7%
Pregnant or Postpartum Women	1,851	14%
Women	4,779	35%
Men	3,636	27%
DUI/DWI Offenders	4,454	33%
Other Groups	1,937	14%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Assessment Services	**12,909**	**95%**
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment or diagnosis	12,639	93%
Comprehensive mental health assessment or diagnosis	5,943	44%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	**13,454**	**99%**
Family counseling	10,277	76%
Group therapy	12,146	89%
Individual therapy	12,851	94%
Relapse prevention	10,699	79%
Aftercare counseling	10,459	77%
Pharmocotherapies	**2,739**	**20%**
Antabuse	2,268	17%
Naltrexone	1,656	12%
Buprenorphine	741	5%
Testing	**11,612**	**85%**
Breathalyzer or blood alcohol testing	7,203	53%
Drug or alcohol urine screening	10,967	81%
Screening for Hepatitis B	3,297	24%
Screening for Hepatitis C	3,392	25%
HIV testing	4,579	34%
STD testing	3,316	24%
TB screening	5,053	37%
Transitional Services	**12,051**	**89%**
Assistance with obtaining social services	7,433	55%
Discharge planning	11,413	84%
Employment counseling or training	4,968	37%
Assistance in locating housing	5,874	43%
Other Services	**12,152**	**89%**
Case manangement services	9,390	69%
Child care	1,076	8%
Domestic violence	4,505	33%
HIV/AIDS education/counseling/support	7,758	57%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	7,330	54%
Transportation assistance to treatment	4,665	34%
Acupuncture	673	5%
Residential beds for clients' children	588	4%

Location of Treatment Facilities



- Access N-SSATS profiles for individual States at: http://wwwdasis.samhsa.gov/webt/NewMapv1.htm
- For information on individual facilities, access SAMHSA's Treatment Facility Locator at: http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov

Services for the Hearing Impaired or in Languages Other than English

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Hearing impaired/sign language	3,741	28%
Any language other than English	5,939	44%
Spanish	5,442	40%
American Indian/Alaska Native Languages	330	2%
Other	1,578	12%

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

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