State Profile - California

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 **California,** 1,818 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2003 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 150,140 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2003. The survey response rate in **California** was 95%.

Facility Ownership/Operation

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2003			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	1,209	67%	86,668	58%	9,726	80%
Private for-profit	380	21%	39,871	27%	703	6%
Local government	191	11%	20,395	14%	1,703	14%
State government	6	<1%	347	<1%	10	<1%
Federal government	18	1%	2,508	2%	7	<1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	9	1%	2,151	1%	–	–
Dept. of Defense	6	<1%	306	<1%	–	–
Indian Health Service	2	<1%	41	<1%	–	–
Other	1	<1%	10	–	7	<1%
Tribal government	14	1%	351	<1%	69	1%
Total	**1,818**	**100%**	**150,140**	**100%**	**12,218**	**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	1,309	72%	112,133	75%	8,140	67%
Mental health services	70	4%	4,320	3%	828	7%
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	364	20%	25,004	17%	3,015	25%
General health care	24	1%	1,451	1%	77	1%
Other/unknown	51	3%	7,232	5%	158	1%
Total	**1,818**	**100%**	**150,140**	**100%**	**12,218**	**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	1,515	91%	66,201	48%	252
Clients with drug abuse only	1,211	73%	46,297	34%	176
Clients with alcohol abuse only	1,085	65%	24,007	18%	91
Total[2]	**1,669**		**136,505**	**100%**	**520**

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

[2] Excludes 149 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	**1,294**	**71%**	**128,605**	**86%**	**45**	**11,283**	**92%**
Regular outpatient	1,120	62%	75,643	50%	25		
Intensive outpatient	746	41%	19,365	13%	12		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	325	18%	4,680	3%	3		
Detoxification	223	12%	2,434	2%	3		
Methadone/LAAM maintenance	128	7%	26,483	18%	185		
Residential	**724**	**40%**	**2,686**	**14%**	**16**	**909**	**7%**
Short term	264	15%	1,985	1%	3		
Long term	668	37%	15,935	11%	14		
Detoxification	165	9%	2766	2%	3		
Hospital Inpatient	**62**	**3%**	**849**	**1%**	**9**	**26**	**<1%**
Rehabilitation	44	2%	541	<1%	4		
Detoxification	52	3%	308	<1%	5		
Total	**1,818**		**150,140**	**100%**	**37**	**12,218**	**100%**

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	19	15%
Detoxification only	1	1%
Both maintenance and detoxification	103	84%
Total	**123**	**100%**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	**28,662**	
Methadone	28,332	
LAAM	330	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	1,589	87%
Private health insurance	799	44%
Medicare	330	18%
Medicaid	457	25%
Other State-financed health insurance	275	15%
Federal military insurance	263	15%
No payment accepted	102	6%
Other type of payment	50	3%
Sliding fee scale	1,198	66%
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	1,078	59%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities[1]	589	35
No. of clients	18,271	558
Designated beds	17,556	799
Utilization rate	104%	70%
Designated beds per facility (average)	30	23

[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	1,679	92%
State Substance Abuse Agency	1,493	82%
State Mental Health Department	260	14%
State Public Health Department/Board of Health	301	17%
Hospital licensing authority	86	5%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	172	10%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	168	9%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	48	3%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	27	2%
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	364	20%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	557	31%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	1,293	71%

Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Any program or group	1,515	83%
Adolescents	487	27%
Dually-diagnosed	646	36%
Criminal justice clients	580	32%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	217	12%
Gays and lesbians	129	7%
Seniors/older adults	127	7%
Pregnant/postpartum women	379	21%
Women only	703	39%
Men only	539	30%
DUI/DWI offenders	177	10%
Other groups	239	13%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Assessment Services	**1,652**	**91%**
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment/diagnosis	1,620	89%
Comprehensive mental health assessment/diagnosis	514	28%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	**1,789**	**98%**
Family counseling	1,123	62%
Group therapy	1,592	88%
Individual therapy	1,636	90%
Relapse prevention groups	1,540	85%
Aftercare counseling	1,346	74%
Pharmacotherapies	**236**	**13%**
Antabuse	206	11%
Naltrexone	138	8%
Buprenorphine	70	4%
Testing	**1,655**	**91%**
Breathalyzer or other blood alcohol testing	813	45%
Drug/alcohol urine screening	1,563	86%
Screening for Hepatitis B	357	20%
Screening for Hepatitis C	398	22%
HIV testing	747	41%
STD testing	398	22%
TB screening	767	42%
Transitional Services	**1,597**	**88%**
Assistance with obtaining social services	975	54%
Discharge planning	1,502	83%
Employment counseling/training	782	43%
Housing assistance	911	50%
Other Services	**1,676**	**92%**
Case management services	1,362	75%
Child care	270	15%
Domestic violence or family/partner violence services	619	34%
HIV/AIDS education/counseling/support	1,143	63%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	1,150	63%
Transportation assistance to treatment	753	41%
Acupuncture	107	6%
Residential beds for clients' children	124	7%

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	338	19%
Any language other than English	981	54%
Spanish	937	52%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	12	1%
Other	229	13%

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

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