State Profile - Georgia

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 **Georgia,** 266 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2003 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 23,594 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2003. The survey response rate in **Georgia** 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	87	33%	4,093	26%	249	35%
Private for-profit	55	21%	4,948	32%	97	14%
Local government	35	13%	1,527	10%	132	18%
State government	78	30%	3,878	25%	243	34%
Federal government	11	4%	1,037	7%	–	–
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	3	1%	403	3%	–	–
Dept. of Defense	8	3%	634	4%	–	–
Indian Health Service	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tribal government	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**266**	**100%**	**15,483**	**100%**	**721**	**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	118	44%	8,742	57%	371	52%
Mental health services	24	9%	777	5%	101	14%
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	116	44%	5,374	35%	249	35%
General health care	5	2%	335	2%	–	–
Other/unknown	3	1%	255	2%	–	–
Total	**266**	**100%**	**15,483**	**100%**	**721**	**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	238	93%	6,766	46%	105
Clients with drug abuse only	210	82%	5,458	37%	85
Clients with alcohol abuse only	206	80%	2,486	17%	39
Total[2]	**257**		**14,710**	**100%**	**229**

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

[2] Excludes 9 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	**217**	**82%**	**13,151**	**85%**	**34**	**548**	**76%**
Regular outpatient	183	69%	6,748	44%	15		
Intensive outpatient	96	36%	1,522	10%	9		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	83	31%	1,323	9%	10		
Detoxification	52	20%	159	1%	–		
Methadone/LAAM maintenance	23	9%	3,399	22%	136		
Residential	**68**	**26%**	**1,829**	**12%**	**20**	**135**	**19%**
Short term	25	9%	277	2%	8		
Long term	52	20%	1,388	9%	18		
Detoxification	19	7%	164	1%	6		
Hospital Inpatient	**34**	**13%**	**503**	**3%**	**11**	**38**	**5%**
Rehabilitation	26	10%	230	2%	6		
Detoxification	32	12%	273	2%	5		
Total	**266**		**15,483**	**100%**	**32**	**721**	**100%**

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	2	8%
Detoxification only	–	–
Both maintenance and detoxification	22	92%
Total	**24**	**100%**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	**3,469**	
Methadone	3,466	
LAAM	3	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	242	91%
Private health insurance	189	71%
Medicare	131	49%
Medicaid	163	61%
Other State-financed health insurance	103	39%
Federal military insurance	128	48%
No payment accepted	11	4%
Other type of payment	2	1%
Sliding fee scale	171	64%
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	145	55%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities[1]	60	18
No. of clients	1693	344
Designated beds	1,773	500
Utilization rate	96%	69%
Designated beds per facility (average)	30	28

[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	253	95%
State Substance Abuse Agency	190	71%
State Mental Health Department	118	44%
State Public Health Department/Board of Health	59	22%
Hospital licensing authority	37	14%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	118	44%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	93	35%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	15	6%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	8	3%
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	46	17%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	89	34%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	175	66%

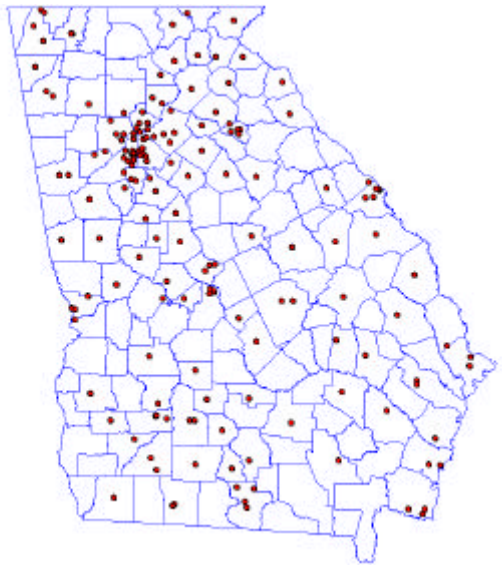
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Any program or group	220	83%
Adolescents	79	30%
Dually-diagnosed	122	46%
Criminal justice clients	53	20%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	29	11%
Gays and lesbians	14	5%
Seniors/older adults	13	5%
Pregnant/postpartum women	31	12%
Women only	77	29%
Men only	49	18%
DUI/DWI offenders	89	34%
Other groups	29	11%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Assessment Services	**254**	**95%**
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment/diagnosis	251	94%
Comprehensive mental health assessment/diagnosis	162	61%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	**264**	**99%**
Family counseling	178	67%
Group therapy	241	91%
Individual therapy	240	90%
Relapse prevention groups	231	87%
Aftercare counseling	200	75%
Pharmacotherapies	**109**	**41%**
Antabuse	95	36%
Naltrexone	59	22%
Buprenorphine	17	6%
Testing	**258**	**97%**
Breathalyzer or other blood alcohol testing	172	65%
Drug/alcohol urine screening	256	96%
Screening for Hepatitis B	113	42%
Screening for Hepatitis C	112	42%
HIV testing	158	59%
STD testing	146	55%
TB screening	181	68%
Transitional Services	**250**	**94%**
Assistance with obtaining social services	158	59%
Discharge planning	240	90%
Employment counseling/training	116	44%
Housing assistance	127	48%
Other Services	**256**	**96%**
Case management services	212	80%
Child care	28	11%
Domestic violence or family/partner violence services	110	41%
HIV/AIDS education/counseling/support	178	67%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	161	61%
Transportation assistance to treatment	102	38%
Acupuncture	4	2%
Residential beds for clients' children	16	6%

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	90	34%
Any language other than English	87	33%
Spanish	85	32%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	8	3%
Other	28	11%

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

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