State Profile - Alabama

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 **Alabama**, 129 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2003 N-SSATS, reporting that there were **10,749** clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2003. The survey response rate in **Alabama** was 97%.

Facility Ownership/Operation

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2003			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	58	45%	4,539	42%	331	62%
Private for-profit	40	31%	4,212	39%	108	20%
Local government	20	15%	941	9%	42	8%
State government	3	2%	536	5%	51	10%
Federal government	8	6%	521	5%	3	1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	5	4%	432	4%	–	–
Dept. of Defense	3	2%	89	1%	3	1%
Indian Health Service	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tribal government	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**129**	**100%**	**10,749**	**100%**	**535**	**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	83	64%	7,042	66%	334	62%
Mental health services	13	10%	384	4%	7	1%
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	27	21%	2,426	23%	113	21
General health care	2	2%	248	2%	–	–
Other/unknown	4	3%	649	6%	81	15%
Total	**129**	**100%**	**10,749**	**100%**	**535**	**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	85	76%	3,430	34%	103
Clients with drug abuse only	101	90%	5,458	54%	164
Clients with alcohol abuse only	89	80%	1,311	13%	39
Total[2]	**112**		**10,200**	**100%**	**306**

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

[2] Excludes 17 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	**107**	**83%**	**9,630**	**90%**	**44**	**463**	**87%**
Regular outpatient	74	57%	1,435	13%	7		
Intensive outpatient	78	61%	3,608	34%	26		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	20	16%	227	2%	9		
Detoxification	16	12%	228	2%	2		
Methadone/LAAM maintenance	18	14%	4,132	38%	237		
Residential	**31**	**24%**	**991**	**9%**	**22**	**50**	**9%**
Short term	18	14%	304	3%	13		
Long term	20	16%	599	6%	23		
Detoxification	6	5%	88	<1%	8		
Hospital Inpatient	**12**	**9%**	**128**	**1%**	3	**22**	**4**
Treatment	6	5%	92	<1%	–		
Detoxification	12	9%	36	<1%	3		
Total	**129**		**10,749**	**100%**	**34**	**535**	**100%**

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	9	53%
Detoxification only	–	–
Both maintenance and detoxification	8	47%
Total	**17**	**100%**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	**4,314**	
Methadone	4,314	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	118	91%
Private health insurance	86	67%
Medicare	36	28%
Medicaid	71	55%
Other State-financed health insurance	53	41%
Federal military insurance	59	45%
No payment acceptedt	4	3%
Other type of payment	1	1%
Sliding fee scale	69	54%
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	79	61%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities[1]	25	6
No. of clients	749	113
Designated beds	735	141
Utilization rate	102%	80%
Designated beds per facility (average)	29	24

[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	126	98%
State Substance Abuse Agency	87	67%
State Mental Health Department	100	76%
State Public Health Department/Board of Health	23	18%
Hospital licensing authority	15	12%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	35	27%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	7	5%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	1	1%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	–	–
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	11	9%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

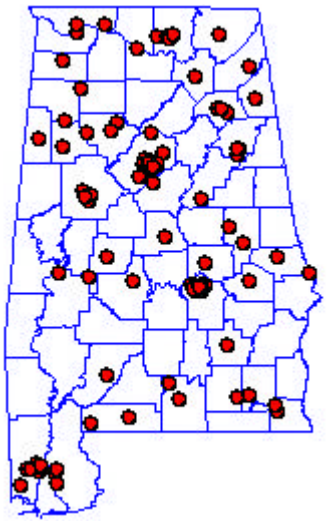
	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	48	37%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	77	60%

Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Any program or group	99	77%
Adolescents	36	28%
Dually-diagnosed	34	26%
Criminal justice clients	23	18%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	13	10%
Gays and lesbians	2	2%
Seniors/older adults	3	2%
Pregnant/postpartum women	20	16%
Women only	32	25%
Men only	21	16%
DUI/DWI offenders	19	15%
Other groups	11	9%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Assessment Services	**121**	**94%**
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment/diagnosis	117	91%
Comprehensive mental health assessment/diagnosis	51	40%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	**128**	**99%**
Family counseling	115	89%
Group therapy	121	94%
Individual therapy	123	95%
Relapse prevention groups	104	81%
Aftercare counseling	104	81%
Pharmacotherapies	**16**	**12%**
Antabuse	14	11%
Naltrexone	6	5%
Buprenorphine	4	3%
Testing	**121**	**94%**
Breathalyzer or other blood alcohol testing	69	53%
Drug/alcohol urine screening	118	91%
Screening for Hepatitis B	30	23%
Screening for Hepatitis C	31	24%
HIV testing	48	37%
STD testing	39	30%
TB screening	49	38%
Transitional Services	**113**	**88%**
Assistance with obtaining social services	54	42%
Discharge planning	109	84%
Employment counseling/training	40	31%
Housing assistance	42	33%
Other Services	**116**	**90%**
Case management services	75	58%
Child care	14	11%
Domestic violence or family/partner violence services	37	29%
HIV/AIDS education/counseling/support	82	64%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	91	71%
Transportation assistance to treatment	33	26%
Acupuncture	–	–
Residential beds for clients' children	3	2%



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	44	34%
Any language other than English	27	21%
Spanish	21	16%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	–	–
Other	–	–

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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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