Colorado

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 **Colorado,** 384 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2003 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 31,095 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2003. The survey response rate in **Colorado** 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	151	39%	10,809	35%	979	39%
Private for-profit	201	52%	17,308	56%	1,180	47%
Local government	11	3%	905	3%	251	10%
State government	11	3%	1,474	5%	83	3%
Federal government	8	2%	544	2%	13	1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	4	1%	284	1%	–	–
Dept. of Defense	4	1%	260	1%	13	1%
Indian Health Service	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tribal government	2	1%	55	<1%	8	1%
Total	**384**	**100%**	**31,095**	**100%**	**2,514**	**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	204	53%	20,482	66%	1,345	54%
Mental health services	34	9%	1,622	5%	93	4%
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	123	32%	7,429	24%	983	39%
General health care	3	1%	100	<1%	1	<1%
Other/unknown	20	5%	1,462	5%	92	4%
Total	**384**	**100%**	**31,095**	**100%**	**2,514**	**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	309	92%	11,995	42%	846
Clients with drug abuse only	253	76%	5,475	19%	356
Clients with alcohol abuse only	301	90%	11,008	39%	163
Total[2]	**335**		**28,478**	**100%**	**327**

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

[2] Excludes 49 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	**349**	**91%**	**29,420**	**95%**	**53**	**2,185**	**87%**
Regular outpatient	342	90%	25,381	82%	47		
Intensive outpatient	171	45%	1,843	6%	6		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	24	6%	169	1%	1		
Detoxification	18	5%	115	<1%	1		
Methadone/LAAM maintenance	12	3%	1,912	6%	160		
Residential	**56**	**15%**	**1,569**	**5%**	**15**	**318**	**13%**
Short term	21	6%	255	1%	2		
Long term	42	11%	1,091	4%	14		
Detoxification	15	4%	223	1%	5		
Hospital Inpatient	**16**	**4%**	**106**	**<1%**	**6**	**11**	**<1%**
Rehabilitation	9	2%	54	<1%	5		
Detoxification	13	3%	52	<1%	3		
Total	**384**		**31,095**	**100%**	**50**	**2,514**	**100%**

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	4	40%
Detoxification only	–	–
Both maintenance and detoxification	6	60%
Total	**10**	**100%**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	**1,850**	
Methadone	3	
LAAM	1,853	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	357	93%
Private health insurance	204	53%
Medicare	58	15%
Medicaid	96	25%
Other State-financed health insurance	72	19%
Federal military insurance	90	23%
No payment accepted	6	2%
Other type of payment	10	3%
Sliding fee scale	256	67%
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	124	32%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities[1]	39	7
No. of clients	1,222	71
Designated beds	1,396	91
Utilization rate	88%	78%
Designated beds per facility (average)	36	13

[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	382	100%
State Substance Abuse Agency	368	96%
State Mental Health Department	117	31%
State Public Health Department/Board of Health	94	25%
Hospital licensing authority	16	4%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	34	9%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	14	4%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	5	1%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	11	3%
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	74	19%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	178	46%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	168	44%

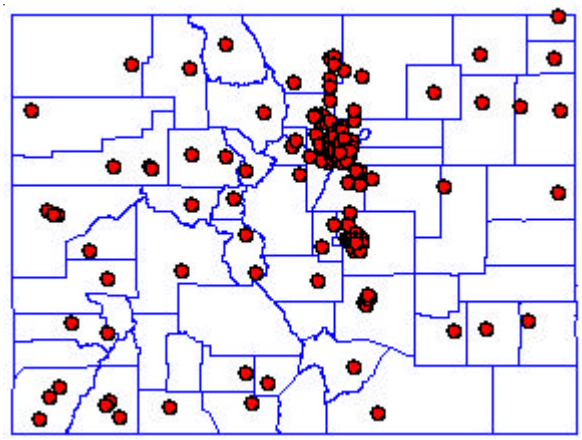
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Any program or group	367	96%
Adolescents	179	47%
Dually-diagnosed	123	32%
Criminal justice clients	185	48%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	19	5%
Gays and lesbians	27	7%
Seniors/older adults	28	7%
Pregnant/postpartum women	43	11%
Women only	134	35%
Men only	101	26%
DUI/DWI offenders	260	68%
Other groups	70	18%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Assessment Services	**368**	**96%**
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment/diagnosis	362	94%
Comprehensive mental health assessment/diagnosis	156	41%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	**382**	**99%**
Family counseling	248	65%
Group therapy	365	95%
Individual therapy	360	94%
Relapse prevention groups	308	80%
Aftercare counseling	266	69%
Pharmacotherapies	**245**	**64%**
Antabuse	245	64%
Naltrexone	88	23%
Buprenorphine	9	**2%**
Testing	**338**	**88%**
Breathalyzer or other blood alcohol testing	281	73%
Drug/alcohol urine screening	295	77%
Screening for Hepatitis B	79	21%
Screening for Hepatitis C	81	21%
HIV testing	71	18%
STD testing	41	11%
TB screening	99	26%
Transitional Services	**283**	**74%**
Assistance with obtaining social services	123	32%
Discharge planning	265	69%
Employment counseling/training	101	26%
Housing assistance	95	25%
Other Services	**316**	**82%**
Case management services	223	58%
Child care	13	3%
Domestic violence or family/partner violence services	123	32%
HIV/AIDS education/counseling/support	169	44%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	134	35%
Transportation assistance to treatment	65	17%
Acupuncture	7	2%
Residential beds for clients' children	10	3%

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	56	15%
Any language other than English	144	38%
Spanish	136	35%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	5	1%
Other	18	5%

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

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