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,** 1,779 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2004 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 140,401 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2004. The survey response rate in **California** was 95%.

Facility Ownership/Operation

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	1,171	66%	76,349	54%	8,402	74%
Private for-profit	373	21%	39,474	28%	1,178	10%
Local government	193	11%	20,326	15%	1,642	14%
State government	11	1%	420	<1%	29	<1%
Federal government	22	1%	3,399	2%	74	1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	10	1%	2,801	2%	–	–
Dept. of Defense	7	<1%	485	<1%	50	<1%
Indian Health Service	5	<1%	113	<1%	24	<1%
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tribal government	9	1%	432	<1%	97	1%
Total	**1,779**	**100%**	**140,401**	**100%**	**11,422**	**100%**

Primary Focus of Facility

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Substance abuse treatment services	1,290	73%	105,004	75%	7,911	69%
Mental health services	66	4%	2,967	2%	188	2%
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	353	20%	23,100	17%	3,053	27%
General health care	24	1%	1,984	1%	201	2%
Other/unknown	46	3%	7,346	5%	69	1%
Total	**1,779**	**100%**	**140,401**	**100%**	**11,422**	**100%**

Substance Abuse Problem Treated

	Facilities[1]		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004		
			Clients		Clients per 100,000 Pop.
	No.	%	No.	%	Aged 18 and Over
Clients with both alcohol and drug abuse	1,473	93%	64,120	46%	227
Clients with drug abuse only	1,256	79%	49,504	36%	186
Clients with alcohol abuse only	1,144	72%	25,425	18%	94
Total[2]	**1,592**		**139,049**	**100%**	**508**

[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, 2004				
			All Clients			Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	Median No. of Clients Per Facility	No.	%
Outpatient	**1,262**	**71%**	**121,676**	**87%**	**48**	**10,524**	**92%**
Regular outpatient	1,062	60%	71,976	51%	26		
Intensive outpatient	670	38%	16,610	12%	14		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	305	17%	3,890	3%	5		
Detoxification	227	13%	2,597	2%	5		
Methadone	122	7%	26,603	19%	195		
Residential	**714**	**40%**	**17,567**	**13%**	**16**	**808**	**7%**
Short term	276	16%	2,229	2%	3		
Long term	657	37%	14,287	10%	15		
Detoxification	204	12%	1,051	1%	3		
Hospital Inpatient	**86**	**5%**	**1,158**	**1%**	7	**90**	**1%**
Rehabilitation	69	4%	733	1%	3		
Detoxification	53	3%	425	<1%	5		
Total	**1,779**		**140,401**	**100%**	**37**	**11,422**	**100%**

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	11	9%
Detoxification only	–	–
Both maintenance and detoxification	109	91%
Total	**120**	**100%**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	**28,503**	
Methadone	28,481	
Buprenorphine	22	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	1,544	87%
Private health insurance	747	42%
Medicare	274	15%
Medicaid	436	25%
Other State-financed health insurance	253	14%
Federal military insurance	227	13%
No payment accepted	99	6%
Other type of payment	251	14%
Sliding fee scale	1,198	67%
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	1,077	61%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities[1]	536	40
No. of clients	14,623	961
Designated beds	14,632	1,102
Utilization rate	94%	87%
Designated beds per facility (average)	29	28

[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 that did not respond to this question.

Facility Licensing, Approval, Certification, or Accreditation

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any listed agency/organization	1,626	91%
State substance abuse agency	1,464	82%
State mental health department	229	13%
State public health department/board of health	289	16%
Hospital licensing authority	65	4%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	158	9%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	213	12%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	43	2%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	42	2%
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	330	19%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	524	30%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	1,215	68%

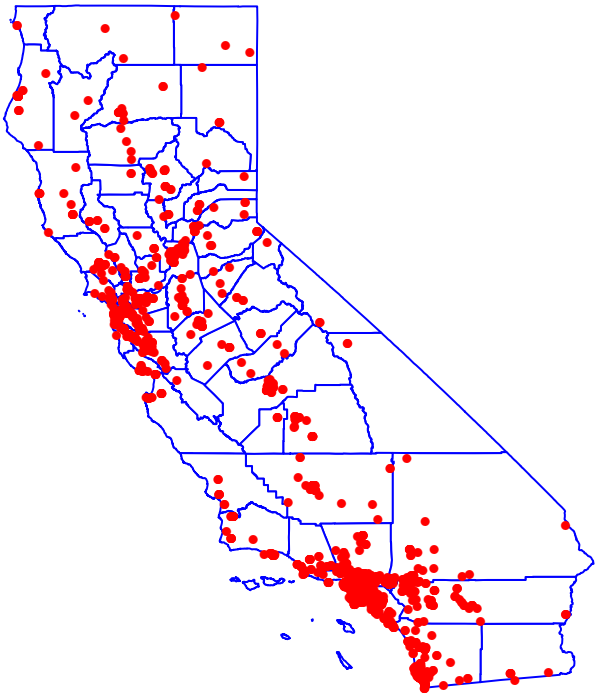
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Any program or group	1,457	82%
Adolescents	448	25%
Co-occurring disorders	641	36%
Criminal justice clients	576	32%
Persons with HIV or AIDS	207	12%
Gays and lesbians	128	7%
Seniors or older adults	131	7%
Women	551	31%
Pregnant or postpartum women	359	20%
Men	458	26%
DUI/DWI offenders	157	9%
Other groups	219	12%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Assessment Services	**1,619**	**91%**
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment or diagnosis	1,591	89%
Comprehensive mental health assessment or diagnosis	488	27%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	**1,758**	**99%**
Family counseling	1,129	63%
Group therapy	1,586	89%
Individual therapy	1,640	92%
Relapse prevention	1,520	85%
Aftercare counseling	1,323	74%
Pharmacotherapies	**239**	**13%**
Antabuse	190	11%
Naltrexone	124	7%
Buprenorphine	99	6%
Methadone	139	8%
Testing	**1,598**	**90%**
Breathalyzer or blood alcohol testing	823	46%
Drug or alcohol urine screening	1,536	86%
Screening for Hepatitis B	361	20%
Screening for Hepatitis C	404	23%
HIV testing	694	39%
STD testing	382	21%
TB screening	655	37%
Transitional Services	**1,594**	**90%**
Assistance with obtaining social services	1,003	56%
Discharge planning	1,526	86%
Employment counseling or training	797	54%
Assistance in locating housing	991	56%
Other Services	**1,660**	**93%**
Case management services	1,376	77%
Child care	265	15%
Domestic violence	653	37%
HIV or AIDS education, counseling or support	1,164	65%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	1,137	64%
Transportation assistance to treatment	751	42%
Acupuncture	104	6%
Residential beds for clients' children	126	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	371	21%
Any language other than English	992	56%
Staff counselor	665	67%
On-call interpreter	115	12%
Both staff counselor and on-call interpreter	212	21%
Spanish	842	43%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	12	1%
Other	202	11%

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

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