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,** 258 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2004 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 17,238 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2004. The survey response rate in **Georgia** 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	88	34%	4,187	24%	557	44%
Private for-profit	61	24%	6,633	39%	153	12%
Local government	25	10%	1,639	10%	76	6%
State government	73	28%	3,839	22%	488	38%
Federal government	11	4%	940	6%	–	–
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	3	1%	400	2%	–	–
Dept. of Defense	7	3%	540	3%	–	–
Indian Health Service	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other	1	<1%	–	–	–	–
Tribal government	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**258**	**100%**	**17,238**	**100%**	**1,274**	**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	118	46%	10,515	61%	303	24%
Mental health services	24	9%	863	5%	310	24%
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	111	43%	5,813	34%	659	52%
General health care	5	2%	74	<1%	2	<1%
Other/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**258**	**100%**	**17,238**	**100%**	**1,274**	**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	214	95%	7,930	46%	117
Clients with drug abuse only	191	85%	6,311	37%	98
Clients with alcohol abuse only	188	83%	2,921	17%	43
Total[2]	**226**		**17,162**	**100%**	**258**

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

[2] Excludes 5 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	**207**	**80%**	**14,576**	**85%**	**42**	**824**	**65%**
Regular outpatient	117	66%	6,235	36%	19		
Intensive outpatient	91	35%	2,168	13%	10		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	74	29%	2,191	13%	15		
Detoxification	41	16%	240	1%	2		
Methadone	23	9%	3,742	22%	155		
Residential	**69**	**27%**	**2,162**	**13%**	**17**	**352**	**38%**
Short term	20	8%	235	1%	10		
Long term	54	21%	1,719	10%	16		
Detoxification	21	8%	208	2%	9		
Hospital Inpatient	**40**	**16%**	**500**	**3%**	9	**98**	**7%**
Rehabilitation	28	11%	309	2%	5		
Detoxification	39	14%	191	1%	5		
Total	**258**		**17,238**	**100%**	**40**	**1,274**	**100%**

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	3	13%
Detoxification only	–	–
Both maintenance and detoxification	20	87%
Total	**23**	**100%**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	**3,901**	
Methadone	3,901	
Buprenorphine	–	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	236	92%
Private health insurance	163	63%
Medicare	118	46%
Medicaid	152	59%
Other State-financed health insurance	93	36%
Federal military insurance	126	49%
No payment accepted	9	4%
Other type of payment	5	2%
Sliding fee scale	166	64%
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	136	53%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities[1]	53	19
No. of clients	1,639	315
Designated beds	1,612	405
Utilization rate	102%	78%
Designated beds per facility (average)	30	21

[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	248	96%
State substance abuse agency	177	69%
State mental health department	110	43%
State public health department/board of health	58	23%
Hospital licensing authority	37	4%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	114	44%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	95	37%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	9	4%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	7	3%
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	60	23%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	71	28%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	162	63%

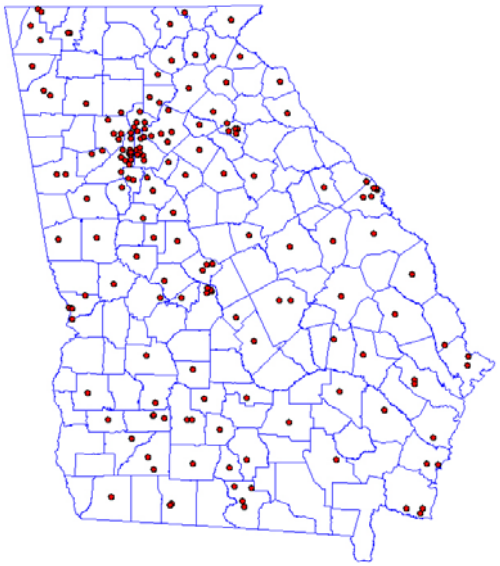
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Any program or group	221	86%
Adolescents	73	28%
Co-occurring disorders	121	47%
Criminal justice clients	47	18%
Persons with HIV or AIDS	33	13%
Gays and lesbians	10	4%
Seniors or older adults	19	7%
Women	59	23%
Pregnant or postpartum women	38	15%
Men	37	14%
DUI/DWI offenders	72	28%
Other groups	25	10%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Assessment Services	**250**	**97%**
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment or diagnosis	245	95%
Comprehensive mental health assessment or diagnosis	166	64%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	**254**	**98%**
Family counseling	181	70%
Group therapy	234	91%
Individual therapy	229	89%
Relapse prevention	220	85%
Aftercare counseling	193	75%
Pharmacotherapies	**101**	**39%**
Antabuse	89	34%
Naltrexone	45	17%
Buprenorphine	29	11%
Methadone	30	12%
Testing	**251**	**97%**
Breathalyzer or blood alcohol testing	172	67%
Drug or alcohol urine screening	248	96%
Screening for Hepatitis B	107	41%
Screening for Hepatitis C	93	36%
HIV testing	150	58%
STD testing	127	49%
TB screening	177	69%
Transitional Services	**244**	**95%**
Assistance with obtaining social services	153	59%
Discharge planning	241	93%
Employment counseling or training	103	40%
Assistance in locating housing	124	48%
Other Services	**240**	**93%**
Case management services	199	77%
Child care	19	7%
Domestic violence	96	37%
HIV or AIDS education, counseling or support	165	64%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	146	57%
Transportation assistance to treatment	96	37%
Acupuncture	1	<1%
Residential beds for clients' children	14	5%

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	81	31%
Any language other than English	112	43%
Staff counselor	16	14%
On-call interpreter	78	70%
Both staff counselor and on-call interpreter	18	16%
Spanish	29	11%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	–	–
Other	7	3%

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

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