2009 State Profile — South Carolina
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. It is conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). N-SSATS is designed to collect data on the location, characteristics, services offered, and number of clients in treatment at alcohol and drug abuse treatment facilities (both public and private) throughout the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and other U.S. jurisdictions.

More information on N-SSATS methodology is available at the following URL: http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k3/NSSATS/NSSATS.pdf

In South Carolina, 113 substance abuse treatment facilities were included in the 2009 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 14,187 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2009. The survey response rate in South Carolina was 94.4%.

Facility Operation

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2009			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	33	29.2	2,895	20.4	537	36.1
Private for-profit	34	30.1	4,277	30.1	75	5.0
Local government	31	27.4	4,726	33.3	703	47.2
State government	11	9.7	1,905	13.4	173	11.6
Federal government	4	3.5	384	2.7	0	0.0
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	2	1.8	296	2.1	0	0.0
Dept. of Defense	2	1.8	88	0.6	0	0.0
Indian Health Service	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tribal government	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	**113**	**100.0**	**14,187**	**100.0**	**1,488**	**100.0**

Primary Focus of Facility

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2009			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Substance abuse treatment services	94	83.2	13,296	93.7	1,410	94.8
Mental health services	2	1.8	80	0.6	7	0.5
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	15	13.3	513	3.6	71	4.8
General health care	2	1.8	298	2.1	0	0.0
Other/unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	**113**	**100.0**	**14,187**	**100.0**	**1,488**	**100.0**

Substance Abuse Problem Treated

	Facilities[1, 2]		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2009		
			Clients[3]		Clients per 100,000 Pop. Aged 18 and Over
	No.	%	No.	%	
Clients with both alcohol and drug abuse	90	90.9	5,606	39.5	140
Clients with drug abuse only	89	89.9	6,014	42.4	163
Clients with alcohol abuse only	78	78.8	2,567	18.1	62
Total[2]	**99**		**14,187**	**100.0**	**365**

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

[2] Facilities excluded because they were not asked or did not respond to this question: 14

[3] Sum of individual items may not agree with the total due to rounding.

Type of Care	Facilities[1]		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2009				
			All Clients			Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	Median No. of Clients Per Facility	No.	%
Outpatient	**89**	**78.8**	**13,297**	**93.7**	**75**	**1,407**	**94.6**
Regular outpatient	80	70.8	8,261	58.2	46		
Intensive outpatient	51	45.1	1,820	12.8	12		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	9	8.0	60	0.4	3		
Detoxification	13	11.5	131	0.9	<1		
Methadone/buprenorphine	18	15.9	3,025	21.3	98		
Residential	**26**	**23.0**	**552**	**3.9**	**16**	**18**	**1.2**
Short term	12	10.6	177	1.2	9		
Long term	17	15.0	354	2.5	21		
Detoxification	6	5.3	21	0.1	3		
Hospital Inpatient	**17**	**15.0**	**338**	**2.4**	**11**	**63**	**4.2**
Rehabilitation	13	11.5	194	1.4	6		
Detoxification	17	15.0	144	1.0	4		
Total	**113**		**14,187**	**100.0**	**60**	**1,488**	**100.0**

[1]Facilities may provide more than one type of care.

Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%[1]
Facilities with OTPs	**13**	**1.0**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs		
Methadone	3,229	90.2
Buprenorphine	352	9.8
Total	**3,581**	**100.0**

[1] Percentage of all OTP facilities that are in this state.

Facility Payment Options

	Facilities[1]	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	102	90.3
Private health insurance	74	65.5
Medicare	24	21.2
Medicaid	69	61.1
Other State-financed health insurance	33	29.2
Federal military insurance	42	37.2
Access to Recovery (ATR) vouchers[2]	N/A	N/A
No payment accepted	6	5.3
Accepts other payments	1	0.9
Sliding fee scale	47	41.6
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	73	64.6

[1] Facilities may accept more than one type of payment.

[2] Available only in AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, LA, MI, MO, MT, NJ, NM, OH, OK, RI, TN, TX, WA, WI, WY .

Facility Licensing, Approval, Certification, or Accreditation

	Facilities[1]	
	No.	%
Any listed agency/organization	100	88.5
State substance abuse agency	68	60.2
State mental health department	5	4.4
State department of health	77	68.1
Hospital licensing authority	11	9.7
The Joint Commision	15	13.3
CARF[2]	71	62.8
NCQA[3]	2	1.8
COA[4]	3	2.7
Other State/Local Agency/Org	6	5.3

[1] Facilities may be licensed by more than one agency/organization.

[2] Commission on Accreditation of Rehailitation Facilities

[3] National Committee for Quality Assurance

[4] Council for Accreditation

Facility Funding

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	65	57.5

Types of Services Offered	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Assessment and Pre-Treatment Services	**113**	**100.0**
Screening for substance abuse	109	96.5
Screening for mental health disorders	45	39.8
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment/diagnosis	103	91.2
Comprehensive mental health assessment/diagnosis	23	20.4
Outreach to persons in the community who may need treatment	72	63.7
Interim services for clients when immediate admission is not possible	61	54.0
Testing	**109**	**96.5**
Breathalyzer/blood alcohol testing	81	71.7
Drug or alcohol urine screening	105	92.9
Screening for Hepatitis B	22	19.5
Screening for Hepatitis C	23	20.4
HIV testing	36	31.9
STD testing	19	16.8
TB screening	48	42.5
Counseling	**108**	**95.6**
Individual counseling	107	94.7
Group counseling	105	92.9
Family counseling	93	82.3
Marital/couples counseling	66	58.4
Transitional Services	**104**	**92.0**
Discharge planning	104	92.0
Aftercare/continuing care	91	80.5
Pharmocotherapies	**46**	**40.7**
Medications for psychiatric disorders	26	23.0
Nicotine replacement	24	21.2
Campral®	15	13.3
Antabuse®	14	12.4
Naltrexone	13	11.5
Buprenorphine	25	22.1
Subutex®	8	7.1
Suboxone®	24	21.2
Methadone	15	13.3
Ancillary Services	**113**	**100.0**
Case management services	97	85.8
Social skills development	77	68.1
Mentoring/peer support	42	37.2
Child care for clients' children	12	10.6
Assistance with obtaining social services	58	51.3
Employment counseling or training for clients	39	34.5
Assistance in locating housing for clients	40	35.4
Domestic violence	33	29.2
Early intervention for HIV	24	21.2
HIV or AIDS education, counseling, or support	57	50.4
Health education other than HIV/AIDS	44	38.9
Substance abuse education	112	99.1
Transportation assistance to treatment	33	29.2
Mental health services	36	31.9
Acupuncture	0	0.0
Residential beds for clients' children	5	4.4
Self-help groups	67	59.3

Clinical/Therapeutic Approaches Used Often or Sometimes	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Substance abuse counseling	106	93.8
Relapse prevention	111	98.2
Cognitive-behavioral therapy	100	88.5
12-step facilitation	87	77.0
Motivational interviewing	100	88.5
Anger management	86	76.1

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Clinical/Therapeutic Approaches Used Often or Sometimes (cont.)	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Brief intervention	85	75.2
Contingency management	67	59.3
Trauma-related counseling	62	54.9
Rational emotive behavioral therapy	58	51.3
Matrix model	53	46.9
Community reinforcement plus vouchers	21	18.6
Other treatment approaches	17	15.0

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate[1]

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
Number of facilities	19	14
Number of clients	511	310
Number of designated beds	626	285
Utilization rate (%)	81.6	108.8
No. of designated beds/facility (avg.)	33	20

[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

Programs for Special Groups

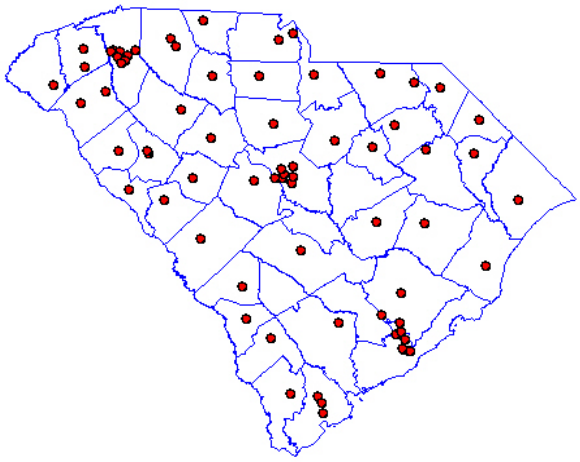
	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Any program or group	90	79.6
Co-occurring disorders	24	21.2
Adult women	37	32.7
Adolescents	47	41.6
DUI/DWI offenders	49	43.4
Criminal justice clients	41	36.3
Adult men	21	18.6
Pregnant or postpartum women	16	14.2
Persons with HIV or AIDS	0	0.0
Seniors or older adults	4	3.5
Gays or lesbians	1	0.9
Other groups	3	2.7

Services for the Hearing Impaired and in Languages Other than English

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Hearing impaired/sign language	53	46.9
Any language other than English	63	55.8
Services Provided by:		
On-call interpreter	34	54.0
Staff counselor	10	15.9
Both staff counselor and on-call interpreter	19	30.2
Languages Provided by Staff Counselor:[1]		
Spanish	29	100.0
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	0	0.0
Other	1	3.4

[1] Percentages based on the number of facilities providing substance abuse treatment in a language other than English by a staff counselor.

Location of Treatment Facilities



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