2009 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. 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 Georgia, 257 substance abuse treatment facilities were included in the 2009 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 19,237 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2009. The survey response rate in Georgia was 92.8%.

Facility Operation

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2009			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	80	31.1	3,982	20.7	401	48.5
Private for-profit	87	33.9	8,801	45.8	128	15.5
Local government	26	10.1	1,359	7.1	68	8.2
State government	53	20.6	3,388	17.6	227	27.5
Federal government	11	4.3	1,707	8.9	2	0.2
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	4	1.6	916	4.8	0	0.0
Dept. of Defense	7	2.7	791	4.1	2	0.2
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	**257**	**100.0**	**19,237**	**100.0**	**826**	**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	136	52.9	11,124	57.8	177	21.4
Mental health services	5	1.9	121	0.6	84	10.2
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	112	43.6	7,095	36.9	555	67.2
General health care	2	0.8	837	4.4	0	0.0
Other/unknown	2	0.8	60	0.3	10	1.2
Total	**257**	**100.0**	**19,237**	**100.0**	**826**	**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	213	86.9	7,486	38.9	97
Clients with drug abuse only	200	81.6	8,662	45.0	117
Clients with alcohol abuse only	182	74.3	3,090	16.1	41
Total[2]	**245**		**19,237**	**100.0**	**254**

[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: 12

[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	**205**	**79.8**	**16,483**	**85.7**	**45**	**694**	**84.0**
Regular outpatient	177	68.9	7,791	40.5	15		
Intensive outpatient	92	35.8	1,461	7.6	10		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	54	21.0	891	4.6	10		
Detoxification	51	19.8	340	1.8	<1		
Methadone/buprenorphine	41	16.0	6,000	31.2	130		
Residential	**73**	**28.4**	**2,414**	**12.5**	**20**	**121**	**14.6**
Short term	28	10.9	549	2.9	6		
Long term	59	23.0	1,631	8.5	16		
Detoxification	16	6.2	234	1.2	7		
Hospital Inpatient	**22**	**8.6**	**340**	**1.8**	**11**	**11**	**1.3**
Rehabilitation	18	7.0	173	0.9	5		
Detoxification	22	8.6	167	0.9	7		
Total	**257**		**19,237**	**100.0**	**40**	**826**	**100.0**

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

Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%[1]
Facilities with OTPs	**37**	**3.0**
Clients in Facilities with OTPs		
Methadone	6,305	99.3
Buprenorphine	42	0.7
Total	**6,347**	**100.0**

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

Facility Payment Options

	Facilities[1]	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	236	91.8
Private health insurance	140	54.5
Medicare	93	36.2
Medicaid	128	49.8
Other State-financed health insurance	97	37.7
Federal military insurance	113	44.0
Access to Recovery (ATR) vouchers[2]	N/A	N/A
No payment accepted	9	3.5
Accepts other payments	3	1.2
Sliding fee scale	136	52.9
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	134	52.1

[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	239	93.0
State substance abuse agency	181	70.4
State mental health department	88	34.2
State department of health	77	30.0
Hospital licensing authority	30	11.7
The Joint Commision	69	26.8
CARF[2]	123	47.9
NCQA[3]	12	4.7
COA[4]	17	6.6
Other State/Local Agency/Org	46	17.9

[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	120	46.7

Types of Services Offered	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Assessment and Pre-Treatment Services	**254**	**98.8**
Screening for substance abuse	234	91.1
Screening for mental health disorders	159	61.9
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment/diagnosis	225	87.5
Comprehensive mental health assessment/diagnosis	121	47.1
Outreach to persons in the community who may need treatment	162	63.0
Interim services for clients when immediate admission is not possible	80	31.1
Testing	**243**	**94.6**
Breathalyzer/blood alcohol testing	172	66.9
Drug or alcohol urine screening	242	94.2
Screening for Hepatitis B	82	31.9
Screening for Hepatitis C	81	31.5
HIV testing	143	55.6
STD testing	113	44.0
TB screening	159	61.9
Counseling	**254**	**98.8**
Individual counseling	231	89.9
Group counseling	245	95.3
Family counseling	170	66.1
Marital/couples counseling	108	42.0
Transitional Services	**251**	**97.7**
Discharge planning	243	94.6
Aftercare/continuing care	220	85.6
Pharmocotherapies	**159**	**61.9**
Medications for psychiatric disorders	120	46.7
Nicotine replacement	54	21.0
Campral®	50	19.5
Antabuse®	60	23.3
Naltrexone	43	16.7
Buprenorphine	46	17.9
Subutex®	26	10.1
Suboxone®	42	16.3
Methadone	48	18.7
Ancillary Services	**256**	**99.6**
Case management services	212	82.5
Social skills development	196	76.3
Mentoring/peer support	121	47.1
Child care for clients' children	15	5.8
Assistance with obtaining social services	121	47.1
Employment counseling or training for clients	109	42.4
Assistance in locating housing for clients	124	48.2
Domestic violence	93	36.2
Early intervention for HIV	95	37.0
HIV or AIDS education, counseling, or support	174	67.7
Health education other than HIV/AIDS	136	52.9
Substance abuse education	254	98.8
Transportation assistance to treatment	91	35.4
Mental health services	159	61.9
Acupuncture	2	0.8
Residential beds for clients' children	12	4.7
Self-help groups	125	48.6

Clinical/Therapeutic Approaches Used Often or Sometimes	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Substance abuse counseling	254	98.8
Relapse prevention	244	94.9
Cognitive-behavioral therapy	226	87.9
12-step facilitation	212	82.5
Motivational interviewing	205	79.8
Anger management	216	84.0

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Clinical/Therapeutic Approaches Used Often or Sometimes (cont.)	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Brief intervention	202	78.6
Contingency management	149	58.0
Trauma-related counseling	159	61.9
Rational emotive behavioral therapy	142	55.3
Matrix model	109	42.4
Community reinforcement plus vouchers	23	8.9
Other treatment approaches	39	15.2

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate[1]

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
Number of facilities	59	13
Number of clients	1,659	279
Number of designated beds	1,949	458
Utilization rate (%)	85.1	60.9
No. of designated beds/facility (avg.)	33	35

[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

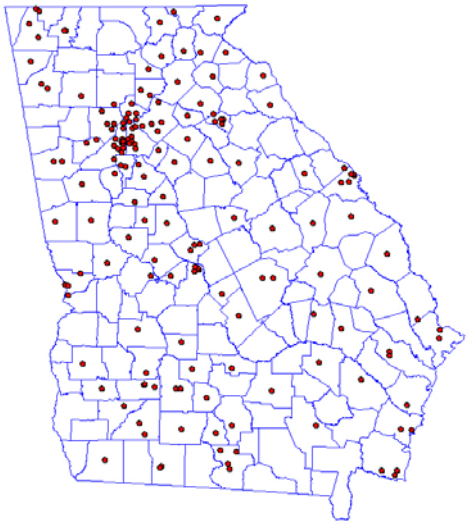
	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Any program or group	204	79.4
Co-occurring disorders	91	35.4
Adult women	69	26.8
Adolescents	77	30.0
DUI/DWI offenders	58	22.6
Criminal justice clients	49	19.1
Adult men	47	18.3
Pregnant or postpartum women	22	8.6
Persons with HIV or AIDS	24	9.3
Seniors or older adults	16	6.2
Gays or lesbians	7	2.7
Other groups	21	8.2

Services for the Hearing Impaired and in Languages Other than English

	Facilities No.	Facilities %
Hearing impaired/sign language	67	26.1
Any language other than English	79	30.7
Services Provided by:		
On-call interpreter	49	62.0
Staff counselor	19	24.1
Both staff counselor and on-call interpreter	11	13.9
Languages Provided by Staff Counselor:[1]		
Spanish	29	96.7
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	0	0.0
Other	7	23.3

[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



• Access N-SSATS profiles for individual States at:
http://wwwdasis.samhsa.gov/webt/NewMapv1.htm

• For information on individual facilities, access SAMHSA's Treatment Facility Locator at:
http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/

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