

State Profile - Alabama

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 **Alabama**, 137 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2004 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 12,106 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2004. The survey response rate in **Alabama** was 97%.

Facility Ownership/Operation			Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004					
	Facilities		All Clients		Clients Under Age 18			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Private non-profit	65	47%	4,534	38%	648	78%		
Private for-profit	40	29%	5,399	45%	133	16%		
Local government	24	18%	1,725	14%	50	6%		
State government	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Federal government	8	6%	448	4%	2	<1%		
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	5	4%	365	3%	-	-		
Dept. of Defense	3	2%	83	1%	2	<1%		
Indian Health Service	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Tribal government	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	137	100%	12,106	100%	833	100%		

Primary Focus of Facility			Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004					
	Facilities		All Clients		Clients Under Age 18			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Substance abuse treatment services	103	75%	10,469	87%	722	87%		
Mental health services	7	5%	201	2%	52	6%		
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	22	16%	1,144	9%	59	7%		
General health care	5	4%	292	2%	-	-		
Other/unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	137	100%	12,106	100%	833	100%		

Substance Abuse Problem Treated			Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004					
	Facilities¹		Clients		Clients per 100,000 Pop.			
	No.	%	No.	%	Aged 18 and Over			
Clients with both alcohol and drug abuse	108	86%	4,848	40%	127			
Clients with drug abuse only	11	89%	6,060	50%	173			
Clients with alcohol abuse only	99	79%	1,195	10%	31			
Total²	125		12,103	100%	331			

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

	Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004						
	Facilities ¹		All Clients			Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	Median No. of Clients Per Facility	No.	%
Outpatient	116	85%	10,931	90%	50	643	77%
Regular outpatient	72	53%	1,359	11%	10		
Intensive outpatient	81	59%	4,350	36%	30		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	21	15%	280	2%	7		
Detoxification	17	12%	76	1%	1		
Methadone	19	14%	4,866	40%	228		
Residential	34	25%	1,123	9%	30	166	20%
Short term	16	12%	381	3%	21		
Long term	25	18%	646	5%	18		
Detoxification	7	5%	95	1%	13		
Hospital Inpatient	9	7%	52	<1%	4	24	3%
Rehabilitation	5	4%	32	<1%	10		
Detoxification	8	6%	20	<1%	3		
Total	137		12,106	100%	45	833	100%

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	8	42%
Detoxification only	–	–
Both maintenance and detoxification	11	58%
Total	19	100%
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	4,985	
Methadone	4,985	
Buprenorphine	–	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	128	93%
Private health insurance	88	62%
Medicare	40	29%
Medicaid	71	52%
Other State-financed health insurance	62	45%
Federal military insurance	57	42%
No payment accepted	4	3%
Other type of payment	5	4%
Sliding fee scale	71	52%
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	78	57%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Hospital	
	Residential	Inpatient
No. of facilities ¹	26	4
No. of clients	910	21
Designated beds	914	62
Utilization rate	99%	40%
Designated beds per facility (average)	35	16

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	134	98%
State substance abuse agency	100	73%
State mental health department	109	80%
State public health department/board of health	31	23%
Hospital licensing authority	15	11%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	33	24%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	17	12%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	2	2%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	–	–
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	9	7%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	39	29%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	83	61%

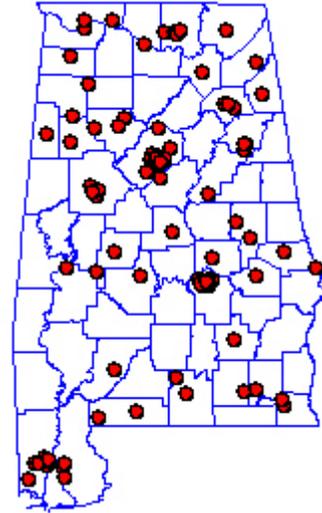
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any program or group	97	71%
Adolescents	37	27%
Co-occurring disorders	39	29%
Criminal justice clients	24	18%
Persons with HIV or AIDS	14	10%
Gays and lesbians	6	4%
Seniors or older adults	8	6%
Women	32	23%
Pregnant or postpartum women	23	17%
Men	18	13%
DUI/DWI offenders	18	13%
Other groups	13	10%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Assessment Services	125	91%
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment or diagnosis	123	90%
Comprehensive mental health assessment or diagnosis	46	34%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	135	99%
Family counseling	113	82%
Group therapy	130	95%
Individual therapy	131	96%
Relapse prevention	109	80%
Aftercare counseling	108	79%
Pharmacotherapies	23	17%
Antabuse	12	9%
Naltrexone	7	5%
Buprenorphine	10	7%
Methadone	21	15%
Testing	124	91%
Breathalyzer or blood alcohol testing	76	55%
Drug or alcohol urine screening	122	89%
Screening for Hepatitis B	31	23%
Screening for Hepatitis C	29	21%
HIV testing	37	27%
STD testing	28	20%
TB screening	50	36%
Transitional Services	126	92%
Assistance with obtaining social services	64	47%
Discharge planning	120	88%
Employment counseling or training	36	26%
Assistance in locating housing	55	40%
Other Services	130	95%
Case management services	86	63%
Child care	13	9%
Domestic violence	30	22%
HIV or AIDS education, counseling or support	36	26%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	110	80%
Transportation assistance to treatment	39	28%
Acupuncture	—	—
Residential beds for clients' children	4	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.	%
Hearing impaired/sign language	56	41%
Any language other than English	47	34%
Staff counselor	5	11%
On-call interpreter	38	81%
Both staff counselor and on-call interpreter	4	9%
Spanish	9	7%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	—	—
Other	4	3%

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

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