

State Profile - Colorado

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 **Colorado**, 425 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2004 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 30,501 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2004. The survey response rate in **Colorado** was 98%.

Facility Ownership/Operation			Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004			
	Facilities		All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	162	38%	11,211	37%	1,260	48%
Private for-profit	235	55%	16,088	53%	1,024	39%
Local government	7	2%	677	2%	207	8%
State government	12	3%	1,485	5%	111	4%
Federal government	7	2%	826	3%	–	–
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	3	1%	588	2%	–	–
Dept. of Defense	4	1%	238	1%	–	–
Indian Health Service	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tribal government	2	1%	214	1%	30	1%
Total	425	100%	30,501	100%	2,632	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	231	54%	18,953	62%	1,370	52%
Mental health services	36	9%	1,718	6%	336	13%
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	136	32%	8,519	28%	869	33%
General health care	5	1%	408	1%	4	<1%
Other/unknown	17	4%	903	3%	53	2%
Total	425	100%	30,501	100%	2,632	100%

Substance Abuse Problem Treated			Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004			
	Facilities¹		Clients		Clients per 100,000 Pop. Aged 18 and Over	
	No.	%	No.	%		
Clients with both alcohol and drug abuse	347	95%	13,495	44%	372	
Clients with drug abuse only	281	77%	5,775	19%	158	
Clients with alcohol abuse only	337	92%	11,231	37%	322	
Total²	366		30,501	100%	852	

¹ Facilities may be included in more than one category.

² Excludes 59 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	395	93%	28,602	94%	51	2,214	81%
Regular outpatient	375	88%	24,177	79%	50		
Intensive outpatient	188	44%	1,879	6%	5		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	28	7%	398	1%	1		
Detoxification	20	5%	125	<1%	1		
Methadone	11	3%	2,023	7%	220		
Residential	57	13%	1,762	6%	21	486	19%
Short term	19	5%	229	1%	12		
Long term	41	10%	1,238	4%	14		
Detoxification	18	4%	295	1%	18		
Hospital Inpatient	14	3%	137	<1%	9	22	1%
Rehabilitation	9	2%	104	<1%	9		
Detoxification	11	3%	33	<1%	2		
Total	425		30,501	100%	50	2,632	100%

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	5	46%
Detoxification only	–	–
Both maintenance and detoxification	6	54%
Total	11	100%
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	2,046	
Methadone	2,033	
Buprenorphine	13	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	402	95%
Private health insurance	218	51%
Medicare	58	14%
Medicaid	117	28%
Other State-financed health insurance	78	18%
Federal military insurance	98	23%
No payment accepted	4	1%
Other type of payment	48	11%
Sliding fee scale	280	66%
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	90	22%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities ¹	37	8
No. of clients	1,167	72
Designated beds	1,316	107
Utilization rate	89%	67%
Designated beds per facility (average)	36	13

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	424	100%
State substance abuse agency	407	96%
State mental health department	132	31%
State public health department/board of health	101	24%
Hospital licensing authority	16	4%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	39	9%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	13	3%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	6	1%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	10	2%
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	82	19%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	176	41%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	186	44%

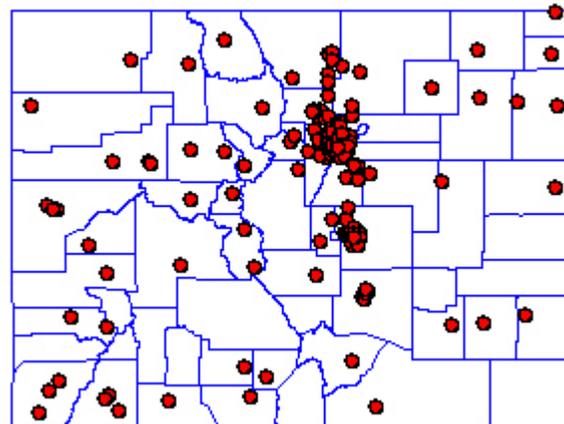
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any program or group	403	95%
Adolescents	202	48%
Co-occurring disorders	113	27%
Criminal justice clients	22	52%
Persons with HIV or AIDS	24	6%
Gays and lesbians	25	6%
Seniors or older adults	22	5%
Women	136	32%
Pregnant or postpartum women	47	11%
Men	103	24%
DUI/DWI offenders	308	73%
Other groups	54	13%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Assessment Services	397	93%
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment or diagnosis	390	92%
Comprehensive mental health assessment or diagnosis	169	40%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	419	99%
Family counseling	277	65%
Group therapy	407	96%
Individual therapy	396	93%
Relapse prevention	345	81%
Aftercare counseling	287	68%
Pharmacotherapies	268	63%
Antabuse	267	63%
Naltrexone	95	22%
Buprenorphine	12	3%
Methadone	17	4%
Testing	376	88%
Breathalyzer or blood alcohol testing	327	77%
Drug or alcohol urine screening	322	76%
Screening for Hepatitis B	88	21%
Screening for Hepatitis C	91	21%
HIV testing	44	10%
STD testing	33	8%
TB screening	102	24%
Transitional Services	323	76%
Assistance with obtaining social services	122	29%
Discharge planning	311	73%
Employment counseling or training	80	19%
Assistance in locating housing	81	91%
Other Services	349	82%
Case management services	263	62%
Child care	15	4%
Domestic violence	152	36%
HIV or AIDS education, counseling or support	168	40%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	135	32%
Transportation assistance to treatment	51	12%
Acupuncture	7	2%
Residential beds for clients' children	8	2%

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	73	17%
Any language other than English	150	35%
Staff counselor	104	69%
On-call interpreter	19	13%
Both staff counselor and on-call interpreter	27	18%
Spanish	129	30%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	2	1%
Other	20	5%

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

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