

State Profile - District of Columbia

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 the **District of Columbia**, 51 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2004 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 5,365 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2004. The survey response rate in the **District of Columbia** 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	31	61%	3,227	60%	140	42%		
Private for-profit	8	16%	752	14%	185	55%		
Local government	3	6%	549	10%	–	–		
State government	5	10%	425	8%	10	3%		
Federal government	4	8%	412	8%	–	–		
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	3	6%	318	6%	–	–		
Dept. of Defense	1	2%	94	2%	–	–		
Indian Health Service	–	–	–	–	–	–		
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–		
Tribal government	–	–	–	–	–	–		
Total	51	100%	5,365	100%	335	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	31	61%	3,624	68%	15	5%		
Mental health services	3	6%	117	2%	73	22%		
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	15	29%	1,323	25%	243	73%		
General health care	1	2%	280	5%	4	1%		
Other/unknown	1	2%	21	<1%	–	–		
Total	51	100%	5,365	100%	335	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	44	88%	1,452	27%	354			
Clients with drug abuse only	47	94%	3,224	60%	769			
Clients with alcohol abuse only	34	68%	689	13%	171			
Total²	50		5,365	100%	1,294			

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	41	80%	4,426	83%	52	194	58%
Regular outpatient	36	71%	1,256	23%	12		
Intensive outpatient	22	43%	1,012	19%	25		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	14	28%	237	4%	12		
Detoxification	11	22%	35	1%	–		
Methadone	7	14%	1,886	35%	316		
Residential	17	33%	861	16%	46	96	29%
Short term	9	18%	278	52%	16		
Long term	15	29%	459	9%	21		
Detoxification	4	8%	125	2%	15		
Hospital Inpatient	6	12%	78	2%	14	45	13%
Rehabilitation	6	12%	66	1%	11		
Detoxification	3	6%	12	<1%	3		
Total	51		5,365	100%	66	335	100%

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	3	33%
Detoxification only	2	22%
Both maintenance and detoxification	4	44%
Total	9	100%
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	1,400	
Methadone	2,253	
Buprenorphine	–	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	29	57%
Private health insurance	26	51%
Medicare	18	35%
Medicaid	21	41%
Other State-financed health insurance	10	20%
Federal military insurance	11	22%
No payment accepted	9	18%
Other type of payment	6	12%
Sliding fee scale	19	37%
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	36	71%

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities ¹	15	2
No. of clients	735	11
Designated beds	500	22
Utilization rate	147%	50%
Designated beds per facility (average)	33	11

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	49	96%
State substance abuse agency	32	63%
State mental health department	16	31%
State public health department/board of health	20	39%
Hospital licensing authority	8	16%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	12	24%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	21	41%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	4	8%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	–	–
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	4	8%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	18	35%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	42	82%

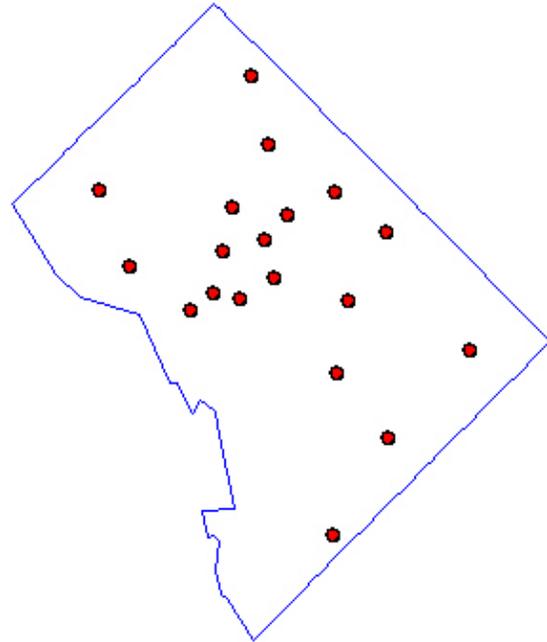
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any program or group	43	84%
Adolescents	10	20%
Co-occurring disorders	26	51%
Criminal justice clients	23	45%
Persons with HIV or AIDS	15	29%
Gays and lesbians	6	12%
Seniors or older adults	4	8%
Women	21	41%
Pregnant or postpartum women	9	18%
Men	17	33%
DUI/DWI offenders	7	14%
Other groups	6	12%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Assessment Services	48	94%
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment or diagnosis	46	90%
Comprehensive mental health assessment or diagnosis	26	51%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	51	100%
Family counseling	35	69%
Group therapy	47	92%
Individual therapy	46	90%
Relapse prevention	47	92%
Aftercare counseling	40	78%
Pharmacotherapies	10	20%
Antabuse	10	20%
Naltrexone	5	10%
Buprenorphine	6	12%
Methadone	11	22%
Testing	49	96%
Breathalyzer or blood alcohol testing	42	82%
Drug or alcohol urine screening	48	94%
Screening for Hepatitis B	19	37%
Screening for Hepatitis C	20	39%
HIV testing	29	57%
STD testing	23	45%
TB screening	28	55%
Transitional Services	50	98%
Assistance with obtaining social services	38	75%
Discharge planning	48	94%
Employment counseling or training	27	53%
Assistance in locating housing	35	69%
Other Services	48	94%
Case management services	43	84%
Child care	8	16%
Domestic violence	12	24%
HIV or AIDS education, counseling or support	42	82%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	37	73%
Transportation assistance to treatment	26	51%
Acupuncture	1	2%
Residential beds for clients' children	6	12%

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	14	28%
Any language other than English	22	43%
Staff counselor	8	36%
On-call interpreter	9	41%
Both staff counselor and on-call interpreter	5	23%
Spanish	13	26%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	–	–
Other	2	4%

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Access the latest N-SSATS public use files at:
<http://webapp.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/SAMHDA-SERIES/00058.xml>

Other substance abuse reports are available at:
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