

2017 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). The N-SSATS collects data on the location, characteristics, services offered, and number of clients in treatment at alcohol and drug abuse treatment facilities (public and private) throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and other jurisdictions.

More information on the methodology used is available in the 2017 N-SSATS report:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/data/all-reports>

In Georgia, 292 substance abuse treatment facilities were included in the 2017 N-SSATS, which reported a total of 25,466 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2017. The survey response rate in Georgia was 82.9 percent.

Facility operation, by number and percent

	Facilities		Clients in treatment on March 31, 2017			
			All clients		Clients under age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	76	26.0	3,228	12.7	331	51.3
Private for-profit	156	53.4	17,887	70.2	203	31.5
Local, county, or community government	15	5.1	822	3.2	38	5.9
State government	38	13.0	2,610	10.2	73	11.3
Federal government	7	2.4	919	3.6	—	—
Tribal government	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	292	100.0	25,466	100.0	645	100.0

Substance abuse problem treated, by number and percent

	Facilities ¹		Clients in treatment on March 31, 2017		
			Clients ²		Clients ² per 100,000 pop. age 18 or older
	No.	%	No.	%	
Clients with both alcohol and drug abuse	223	81.7	7,708	30.3	93
Clients with drug abuse only	233	85.3	15,030	59.0	188
Clients with alcohol abuse only	185	67.8	2,728	10.7	33
Total			25,466	100.0	314

¹ Numbers of facilities may sum to more than the total, and percentages may sum to more than 100 percent, because facilities may be included in more than one category.

² States report *substance abuse problem treated* in terms of percentages of clients, from which the numbers of clients in this table are derived; their sum may not agree with the total due to rounding.

Type of care, by number and percent

	Facilities ¹		Clients in treatment on March 31, 2017					
			All clients				Clients age < 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	Median no. of clients per OTP facility	Median no. of clients per non-OTP facility	No.	%
Outpatient	246	84.2	23,162	91.0	170	30	493	76.4
Regular	226	77.4	7,155	28.1	244	21		
Intensive	102	34.9	2,009	7.9	—	15		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	47	16.1	924	3.6	—	14		
Detoxification	53	18.2	328	1.3	6	5		
Methadone maintenance	74	25.3	12,746	50.1	170	15		
Residential (non-hospital)	62	21.2	1,826	7.2	73	24	104	16.1
Short term (<30 days)	26	8.9	476	1.9	—	20		
Long term (30+ days)	51	17.5	1,125	4.4	73	20		
Detoxification	15	5.1	225	0.9	—	9		
Hospital inpatient	20	6.8	478	1.9	—	27	48	7.4
Treatment	16	5.5	252	1.0	—	20		
Detoxification	20	6.8	226	0.9	—	10		
Total	292		25,466	100.0	170	30	645	100.0

¹ Facilities may provide more than one type of care.

Opioid treatment programs (OTPs), by number and percent

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs¹	54	4.1
Clients in facilities with OTPs²		
Any MAT	12,177	2.9
Methadone	11,628	3.0
Buprenorphine	535	1.9
Naltrexone	14	0.4
Clients in facilities without OTPs²		
Any MAT	489	0.5
Buprenorphine	334	0.4
Naltrexone	155	0.8

¹ Percentage of all OTP facilities in the U.S. ² Percentage of all methadone, buprenorphine, or naltrexone clients in the U.S. See 2017 N-SSATS report for details.

Facility payment options, by number and percent¹

	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	262	89.7
Private health insurance	154	52.7
Medicare	96	32.9
Medicaid	145	49.7
State-financed health insurance	115	39.4
Federal military insurance	104	35.6
No payment accepted	13	4.5
Access to Recovery (ATR) vouchers ²	n/a	n/a
IHS/Tribal/Urban (ITU) funds	6	2.1
Other payments	6	2.1
Sliding fee scale	147	50.3
Treatment at no charge for clients who can't pay	112	38.4

¹ Facilities may accept more than one type of payment.

² Available in AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, LA, MA, MD, MI, MO, MT, NC, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, TX, WA, WI, and WY.

Facility licensing, certification, or accreditation, by number and percent

	Facilities ¹	
	No.	%
Any listed agency/organization	274	93.8
State substance abuse agency	209	71.6
State mental health department	116	39.7
State department of health	123	42.1
Hospital licensing authority	17	5.8
The Joint Commission	59	20.2
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities	169	57.9
National Committee for Quality Assurance	11	3.8
Council on Accreditation	21	7.2
Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program	11	3.8
Other state/local agency/organization	14	4.8

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

Facility funding, by number and percent

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Receives federal, state, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	102	34.9

Types of services offered, by number and percent

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Assessment and pre-treatment services		
Screening for substance abuse	282	96.6
Screening for mental health disorders	215	73.6
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment or diagnosis	265	90.8
Comprehensive mental health assessment or diagnosis	158	54.1
Screening for tobacco use	142	48.6
Outreach to persons in the community who may need treatment	190	65.1
Interim services for clients when immediate admission is not possible	112	38.4
No services offered	4	1.4
Testing		
Breathalyzer or other blood alcohol testing	170	58.2
Drug or alcohol urine screening	279	95.5
Screening for hepatitis B	102	34.9
Screening for hepatitis C	120	41.1
HIV testing	144	49.3
STD testing	110	37.7
TB screening	175	59.9
No services offered	11	3.8
Counseling		
Individual counseling	287	98.3
Group counseling	273	93.5
Family counseling	236	80.8
Marital/couples counseling	175	59.9
Transitional services		
Discharge planning	282	96.6
Aftercare/continuing care	255	87.3
No services offered	2	0.7
Pharmacotherapies		
Disulfiram (Antabuse®)	52	17.8
Naltrexone (oral)	48	16.4
Extended-release, injectable naltrexone/Vivitrol®	36	12.3
Acamprosate (Campral®)	36	12.3
Nicotine replacement	65	22.3
Non-nicotine smoking/tobacco cessation medications	55	18.8
Medications for psychiatric disorders	147	50.3
Methadone	54	18.5
Buprenorphine with naloxone (Suboxone®)	50	17.1
Buprenorphine without naloxone	47	16.1
Buprenorphine subdermal implant (Probuphine®)	1	0.3
No services offered	81	27.7
Ancillary services		
Case management services	268	91.8
Social skills development	250	85.6
Mentoring/peer support	174	59.6
Child care for clients' children	11	3.8
Assistance with obtaining social services	170	58.2
Employment counseling or training for clients	144	49.3

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Types of services offered, by number and percent (continued)

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Assistance in locating housing for clients	170	58.2
Domestic violence services	126	43.2
Early intervention for HIV	98	33.6
HIV or AIDS education, counseling, or support	196	67.1
Hepatitis education, counseling, or support	150	51.4
Health education other than HIV/AIDS or hepatitis	183	62.7
Substance abuse education	285	97.6
Transportation assistance to treatment	103	35.3
Mental health services	198	67.8
Acupuncture	5	1.7
Residential beds for clients' children	13	4.5
Self-help groups	134	45.9
Smoking/tobacco cessation counseling	107	36.6
No services offered	—	—
Other services		
Treatment for gambling disorder	50	17.1
Treatment for Internet use disorder	37	12.7
Treatment for other addiction disorder	95	32.5
No services offered	191	65.4

Clinical/therapeutic approaches (used 'always,' 'often,' or 'sometimes'), by number and percent

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Substance abuse counseling	287	98.3
Relapse prevention	281	96.2
Cognitive behavioral therapy	273	93.5
Motivational interviewing	259	88.7
Anger management	251	86.0
Brief intervention	246	84.2
Trauma-related counseling	232	79.5
12-step facilitation	217	74.3
Contingency management/motivational incentives	179	61.3
Dialectical behavior therapy	158	54.1
Rational emotive behavioral therapy	141	48.3
Matrix model	158	54.1
Computerized substance abuse treatment	62	21.2
Community reinforcement plus vouchers	39	13.4
Other treatment approaches	17	5.8

Facility capacity and utilization rate¹

	Residential	Hospital inpatient
Number of facilities	49	13
Number of clients ²	1,523	401
Number of designated beds	1,612	350
Utilization rate ³	94.5	114.6
Average number of designated beds per facility	33	27

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.

² Number of clients on March 31, 2017.

³ Because substance abuse treatment clients may also occupy non-designated beds, utilization rates may be more than 100 percent.

Clients per 100,000 population in opioid treatment on March 31, 2017

	No.
Any type of medication-assisted therapy	117
Methadone	111
Buprenorphine	5
Naltrexone	†

Services in sign language for the deaf and hard-of-hearing and in languages other than English, by number and percent

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Sign language	89	30.5
Any language other than English	116	39.7
Non-English language provided by		
Staff counselor only	25	21.6
On-call interpreter only	65	56.0
Both staff counselor and on-call interpreter	26	22.4
Languages provided by staff counselor¹		
Spanish	50	98.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native languages	—	—
Other	5	9.8

¹ Numbers and percentages are based on facilities that provide language services through a staff counselor, either exclusively or in conjunction with on-call interpreters.

Specifically tailored programs or groups, by number and percent

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any program or group	217	74.3
Adult women	143	49.0
Clients with co-occurring disorders	144	49.3
Adult men	130	44.5
Clients who have experienced trauma	107	36.6
Criminal justice clients	93	31.8
DUI/DWI clients	50	17.1
Young adults	96	32.9
Adolescents	68	23.3
Clients who have experienced domestic violence	89	30.5
Clients who have experienced sexual abuse	87	29.8
Pregnant or postpartum women	75	25.7
Seniors or older adults	70	24.0
LGBT ¹	64	21.9
Veterans	77	26.4
Clients living with HIV/AIDS	59	20.2
Members of military families	53	18.2
Active duty military	45	15.4
Other	9	3.1
No program or group offered	75	25.7

¹ Lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender clients.

Symbol key

— Quantity is zero; * Less than 0.05 percent; *n/a* Not applicable; ‡ No facilities in this category; † Less than 1 per 100,000 population.

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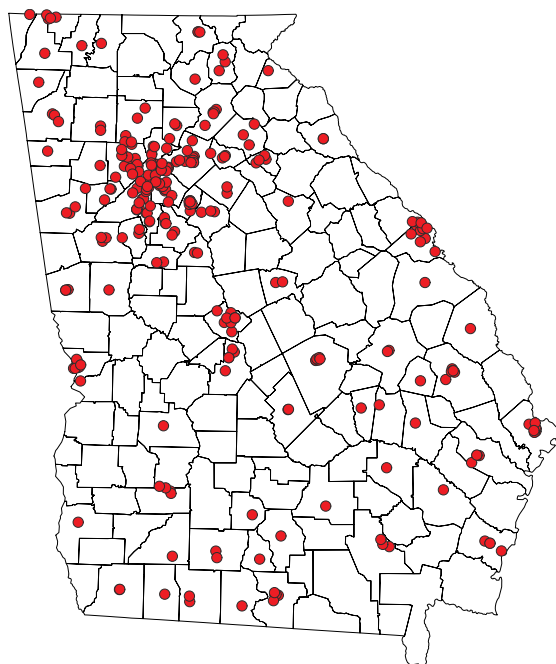
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Access the latest N-SSATS public use files at: <https://datafiles.samhsa.gov>

Access N-SSATS profiles for individual states at: <https://www.dasis.samhsa.gov/>

For information on individual facilities, access SAMHSA's Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator at: <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/>

Location of treatment facilities



<https://www.dasis.samhsa.gov/webt/newmapv1.htm>



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