

National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) 2004

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, go to the following URL: <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k3/NSSATS/NSSATS.pdf>.

In the United States and its jurisdictions 13,454 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2004 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 1,072,251 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2004. The survey response rate in the United States and its jurisdictions was 96%.

Facility Ownership/Operation						
	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004			
	No.	%	All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
			No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	8,053	60%	588,170	55%	60,114	66%
Private for-profit	3,488	26%	296,533	28%	15,830	17%
Local government	956	7%	97,261	9%	8,819	10%
State government	458	3%	43,455	4%	4,279	5%
Federal government	327	2%	36,378	3%	396	<1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	185	1%	28,306	3%	–	–
Dept. of Defense	102	1%	6,335	1%	132	<1%
Indian Health Service	34	<1%	1,582	<1%	241	<1%
Other	6	<1%	155	<1%	23	<1%
Tribal government	172	1%	10,454	1%	1,674	2%
Total	13,454	100%	1,072,251	100%	91,112	100%

Primary Focus of Facility						
	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004			
	No.	%	All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
			No.	%	No.	%
Substance abuse treatment services	8,340	62%	733,905	68%	52,517	58%
Mental health services	1,104	8%	50,922	5%	6,740	7%
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	3,558	26%	251,687	24%	30,264	33%
General health care	219	2%	16,744	2%	413	1%
Other/unknown	233	2%	18,993	2%	1,178	1%
Total	13,454	100%	1,072,251	100%	91,112	100%

Substance Abuse Problem Treated						
	Facilities¹		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004			
	No.	%	Clients		Clients per 100,000 Pop. Aged 18 and Over	
			No.	%		
Clients with both alcohol and drug abuse	11,338	94%	493,552	46%	209	
Clients with drug abuse only	9,898	82%	362,103	34%	159	
Clients with alcohol abuse only	9,785	81%	210,696	20%	91	
Total²	12,086		1,066,351	100%	459	

¹ Facilities may be included in more than one category.

² Excludes 1,368 facilities that were not asked or did not respond to this question.

Type of Care

Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2004
All Clients Clients Under Age 18

	Facilities ¹		Median No. of Clients Per Facility				
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Outpatient	10,853	81%	954,551	89%	46	79,405	87%
Regular outpatient	9,649	72%	564,300	53%	30		
Intensive outpatient	5,643	42%	121,862	11%	12		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	1,871	11%	28,133	3%	7		
Detoxification	1,369	10%	12,064	1%	2		
Methadone	925	7%	228,192	21%	210		
Residential	3,680	27%	101,713	10%	19	10,492	12%
Short term	1,524	11%	21,758	2%	10		
Long term	3,027	23%	72,934	7%	16		
Detoxification	942	7%	7,021	1%	4		
Hospital Inpatient	1,073	8%	15,987	2%	8	1,215	1%
Treatment	724	5%	9,773	1%	7		
Detoxification	874	7%	6,214	1%	4		
Total	13,454		1,072,251	100%	40	91,112	100%

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Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs		
Maintenance only	374	35%
Detoxification only	106	10%
Both maintenance and detoxification	590	55%
Total	1,070	100%
Clients in Facilities with OTPs	241,688	
Methadone	240,961	
Buprenorphine	727	

Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	12,117	90%
Private health insurance	8,957	67%
Medicare	4,471	33%
Medicaid	6,969	52%
Other State-financed health insurance	4,700	35%
Federal military insurance	4,516	34%
No payment accepted	562	4%
Other type of payment	1,377	10%
Sliding fee scale	8,645	64%
Treatment at no charge for clients	7,283	54%

Facility Capacity and Utilization¹

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities	3,058	552
No. of clients	89,943	11,479
Designated beds	97,915	12,678
Utilization rate	92%	91%
Designated beds per facility (average)	32	23

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	12,781	95%
State substance abuse agency	10,876	81%
State mental health department	4,483	33%
State public health department/board of health	4,172	31%
Hospital licensing authority	1,144	9%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	3,191	24%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	2,060	15%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	294	2%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	627	5%
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	1,758	13%

Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	6,600	49%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	8,671	64%

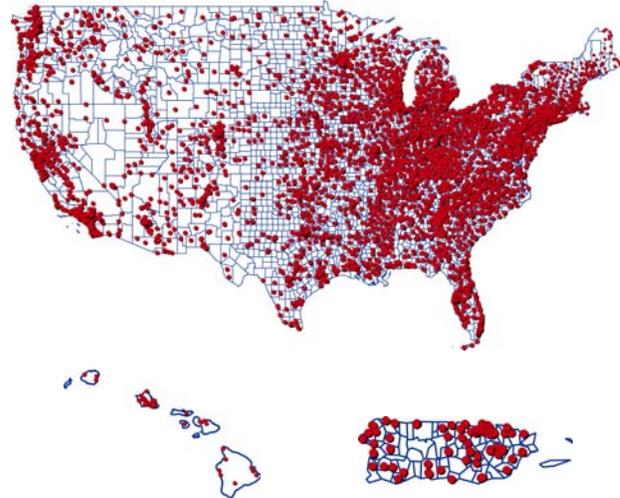
Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any program or group	11,068	82%
Adolescents	4,164	31%
Co-occurring disorders	4,756	35%
Criminal justice clients	3,659	27%
Persons with HIV or AIDS	1,464	11%
Gays or lesbians	738	6%
Seniors or Older Adults	908	7%
Women	4,054	30%
Pregnant or postpartum women	1,888	14%
Men	3,098	23%
DUI/DWI offenders	4,147	31%
Other groups	1,767	13%

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Assessment Services	12,747	95%
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment or diagnosis	12,512	93%
Comprehensive mental health assessment or diagnosis	5,754	43%
Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling	13,311	99%
Family counseling	10,182	76%
Group therapy	11,983	89%
Individual therapy	12,743	95%
Relapse prevention	10,719	80%
Aftercare counseling	10,380	77%
Pharmacotherapies	3,434	26%
Antabuse	2,132	16%
Naltrexone	1,517	11%
Buprenorphine	935	7%
Methadone	1,257	9%
Testing	11,457	85%
Breathalyzer or blood alcohol testing	7,180	53%
Drug or alcohol urine screening	10,885	81%
Screening for Hepatitis B	3,045	23%
Screening for Hepatitis C	3,131	23%
HIV testing	4,132	31%
STD testing	2,911	22%
TB screening	4,583	34%
Transitional Services	11,976	89%
Assistance with obtaining social services	7,298	54%
Discharge planning	11,385	85%
Employment counseling or training	4,722	35%
Assistance in locating housing	5,975	44%
Other Services	11,995	89%
Case management services	9,329	69%
Child care	1,138	9%
Domestic violence	4,363	32%
HIV or AIDS education, counseling, or support	7,518	56%
Outcome follow-up after discharge	7,331	55%
Transportation assistance to treatment	4,628	34%
Acupuncture	604	5%
Residential beds for clients' children	564	4%

Location of Treatment Facilities



- Access N-SSATS profiles for individual States at: <http://www.dasis.samhsa.gov/webt/NewMapv1.htm>
- For information on individual facilities, access SAMHSA's Treatment Facility Locator at: <http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>

Services for the Hearing Impaired or in Languages Other than English

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Hearing impaired/sign language	3,886	29%
Any language other than English	6,359	47%
Staff counselor	2,741	43%
On-call interpreter	2,468	39%
Both staff counselor and on-call interpreter	1,150	18%
Spanish	3,562	27%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	135	1%
Other	84	7%

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<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/dasis.htm#Reports>

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:
<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov>



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