

2012 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). N-SSATS is designed to collect data on the location, characteristics, services offered, and number of clients in treatment at alcohol and drug abuse treatment facilities (both public and private) throughout the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and other U.S. jurisdictions.

More information on N-SSATS methodology is available at the following URL:

<http://www.samhsa.gov/data/2k3/NSSATS/NSSATS.pdf>

In Georgia, 278 substance abuse treatment facilities were included in the 2012 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 21,129 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 30, 2012. The survey response rate in Georgia was 90.1%.

Facility Operation

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 30, 2012			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	86	30.9	3,921	18.6	143	15.7
Private for-profit	118	42.4	12,800	60.6	538	59.0
Local, county, or community government	27	9.7	1,567	7.4	113	12.4
State government	38	13.7	1,958	9.3	118	12.9
Federal government	9	3.2	883	4.2	--	--
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	4	1.4	326	1.5	--	--
Dept. of Defense	5	1.8	557	2.6	--	--
Indian Health Service	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tribal government	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	278	100.0	21,129	100.0	912	100.0

Primary Focus of Facility

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 30, 2012			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Substance abuse treatment services	140	50.4	13,392	63.4	130	14.3
Mental health services	13	4.7	471	2.2	27	3.0
Mix of mental health and substance abuse treatment services	120	43.2	7,106	33.6	755	82.8
General health care	2	0.7	42	0.2	--	--
Other	3	1.1	118	0.6	--	--
Total	278	100.0	21,129	100.0	912	100.0

Substance Abuse Problem Treated

	Facilities ^{1,2}		Clients in Treatment on March 30, 2012			
			All Clients ³		Clients ³ per 100,000 Pop. Aged 18 or Older	
	No.	%	No.	%		
Clients with both alcohol and drug abuse	233	87.6	7,040	34.2	87	
Clients with drug abuse only	227	85.3	10,678	51.8	141	
Clients with alcohol abuse only	195	73.3	2,886	14.0	38	
Total	266		20,604	100.0	266	

¹ Facilities may be included in more than one category.

² Facilities excluded because they were not asked or did not respond to this question: 12.

³ Sum of individual items may not agree with the total due to rounding.

Type of Care							
	Facilities ¹		Clients in Treatment on March 30, 2012				
			All Clients			Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	Median No. of Clients per Facility	No.	%
Outpatient	231	83.1	18,235	86.3	45	766	84.0
Regular	202	72.7	6,372	30.2	15		
Intensive	105	37.8	1,971	9.3	10		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	56	20.1	1,183	5.6	10		
Detoxification	53	19.1	267	1.3	--		
Methadone maintenance	52	18.7	8,442	40.0	154		
Residential (non-hospital)	75	27.0	2,064	9.8	20	72	7.9
Short term (<30 days)	30	10.8	384	1.8	9		
Long term (30+ days)	59	21.2	1,450	6.9	18		
Detoxification	18	6.5	230	1.1	8		
Hospital Inpatient	26	9.4	830	3.9	11	74	8.1
Treatment	23	8.3	605	2.9	7		
Detoxification	25	9.0	225	1.1	4		
Total	278		21,129		40	912	100.0

¹ Facilities may provide more than one type of care.

Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)		
	No.	%
Facilities with OTPs¹	49	4.2
Clients in Facilities with OTPs		
Methadone	8,480	96.4
Buprenorphine	139	1.6
Clients in Facilities without OTPs		
Buprenorphine	176	2.0
Total	8,795	100.0

¹ Percentage of all OTP facilities that are in the United States.

Facility Payment Options		
	Facilities ¹	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	255	91.7
Private health insurance	139	50.0
Medicare	99	35.6
Medicaid	137	49.3
State-financed health insurance	97	34.9
Federal military insurance	112	40.3
No payment accepted	9	3.2
Access to Recovery (ATR) vouchers ²	n/a	n/a
IHS/638 contract care funds	6	2.2
Other payments	6	2.2
Sliding fee scale	154	55.4
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	133	47.8

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, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, and WY.

Facility Licensing, Certification, or Accreditation		
	Facilities ¹	
	No.	%
Any listed agency/organization	266	95.7
State substance abuse agency	211	75.9
State mental health department	126	45.3
State department of health	112	40.3
Hospital licensing authority	26	9.4
The Joint Commission	59	21.2
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities	154	55.4
National Committee for Quality Assurance	16	5.8
Council on Accreditation	21	7.6
Other state/local agency/organization	39	14.0

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

Facility Funding		
	Facilities	
	No.	%
Receives federal, state, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	116	41.7

Types of Services Offered

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Assessment and Pre-Treatment Services	274	98.6
Screening for substance abuse	262	94.2
Screening for mental health disorders	192	69.1
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment or diagnosis	249	89.6
Comprehensive mental health assessment or diagnosis	134	48.2
Screening for tobacco use	109	39.2
Outreach to persons in the community who may need treatment	181	65.1
Interim services for clients when immediate admission is not possible	104	37.4
Testing	267	96.0
Breathalyzer or other blood alcohol testing	174	62.6
Drug or alcohol urine screening	266	95.7
Screening for Hepatitis B	92	33.1
Screening for Hepatitis C	96	34.5
HIV testing	134	48.2
STD testing	121	43.5
TB screening	175	62.9
Counseling	276	99.3
Individual counseling	271	97.5
Group counseling	266	95.7
Family counseling	234	84.2
Marital/couples counseling	153	55.0
Transitional Services	277	99.6
Discharge planning	272	97.8
Aftercare/continuing care	239	86.0
Pharmacotherapies	184	66.2
Antabuse®	50	18.0
Naltrexone (oral)	37	13.3
Vivitrol® (injectable Naltrexone)	22	7.9
Campral®	38	13.7
Nicotine replacement	54	19.4
Non-nicotine smoking/tobacco cessation medications	35	12.6
Medications for psychiatric disorders	131	47.1
Methadone	59	21.2
Buprenorphine with naloxone (Suboxone®)	45	16.2
Buprenorphine without naloxone	28	10.1
Ancillary Services	277	99.6
Case management services	246	88.5
Social skills development	235	84.5
Mentoring/peer support	146	52.5
Child care for clients' children	16	5.8
Assistance with obtaining social services	168	60.4
Employment counseling or training for clients	130	46.8
Assistance in locating housing for clients	152	54.7
Domestic violence services	123	44.2
Early intervention for HIV	106	38.1
HIV or AIDS education, counseling, or support	182	65.5
Hepatitis education, counseling, or support	127	45.7

Continued.

Types of Services Offered (continued)

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Health education other than HIV/AIDS or hepatitis	158	56.8
Substance abuse education	271	97.5
Transportation assistance to treatment	105	37.8
Mental health services	173	62.2
Acupuncture	2	0.7
Residential beds for clients' children	17	6.1
Self-help groups	135	48.6
Smoking cessation counseling	77	27.7

Clinical/Therapeutic Approaches Used Always or Often or Sometimes

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Substance abuse counseling	271	97.5
Relapse prevention	251	90.3
Cognitive-behavioral therapy	245	88.1
Motivational interviewing	232	83.5
Anger management	235	84.5
Brief intervention	233	83.8
12-step facilitation	206	74.1
Trauma-related counseling	201	72.3
Contingency management/motivational incentives	155	55.8
Rational emotive behavioral therapy (REBT)	152	54.7
Matrix Model	146	52.5
Computerized substance abuse treatment	48	17.3
Community reinforcement plus vouchers	37	13.3
Other treatment approaches	32	11.5

Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate¹

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
Number of facilities	63	9
Number of clients ²	1,740	169
Number of designated beds	2,009	236
Utilization rate ³	86.6	71.6
Average number of designated beds per facility	32	26

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 30, 2012.

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

Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any program or group	210	75.5
Clients with co-occurring disorders	111	39.9
Adult women	83	29.9
DUI/DWI offenders	57	20.5
Adolescents	78	28.1
Adult men	52	18.7
Criminal justice clients	55	19.8
Persons who have experienced trauma	58	20.9
Pregnant or postpartum women	35	12.6
Persons with HIV or AIDS	21	7.6
Veterans	23	8.3
Seniors or older adults	19	6.8
LGBTQ ¹ clients	13	4.7
Active duty military	22	7.9
Members of military families	15	5.4
Other groups	28	10.1

¹ Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning clients.

Services in Sign Language for the Hearing Impaired and in Languages Other than English

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Sign language	86	30.9
Any language other than English	102	36.7
Non-English Language Provided by:		
On-call interpreter only	60	58.8
Staff counselor only	18	17.6
Both staff counselor and on-call interpreter	24	23.5
Languages Provided by Staff Counselor:¹		
Spanish	41	97.6
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	1	2.4
Other	11	26.2

¹ Percentages based on the number of facilities reporting that they provided substance abuse treatment in a language other than English by a staff counselor only or by both staff counselors and on-call interpreters.

Location of Treatment Facilities



Symbol key: -- Quantity is zero. * Less than 0.05 percent. n/a Not applicable.

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<http://www.samhsa.gov/data/DASIS.aspx#N-SSATS>

Access the latest N-SSATS public use files at:

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

Other substance abuse reports are available at:

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

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/>



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