

Data Spotlight

Substance Abuse Facilities with Services in Spanish Are Available in All Regions for Hispanic Clients Admitted to Treatment in 2010

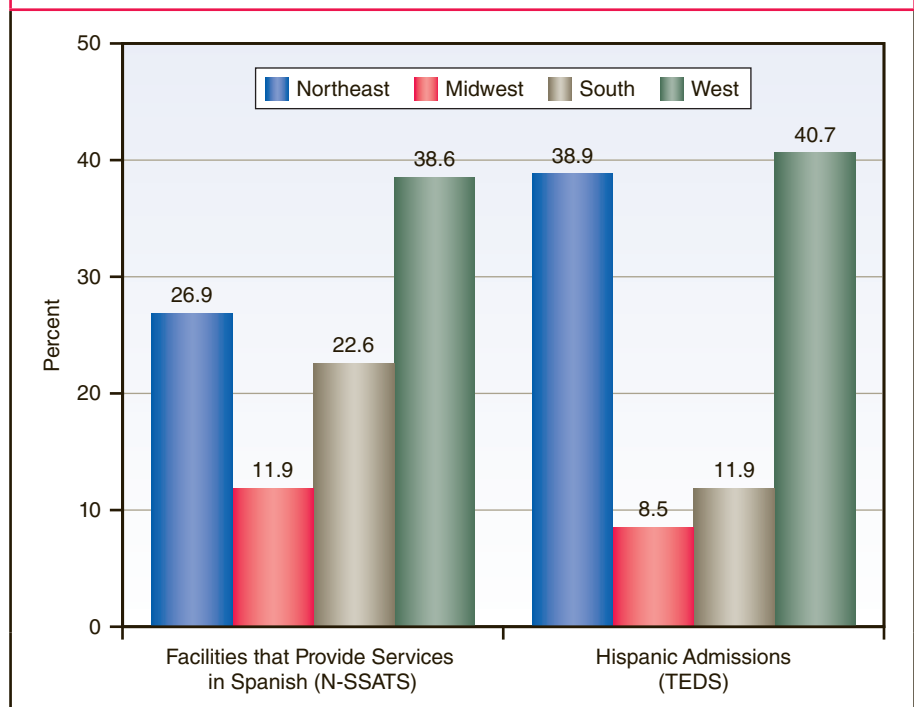
Many individuals seeking treatment do not speak English as their first language and may need to receive treatment services in their native language. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 14.3 million Hispanic individuals who were 18 years and older spoke Spanish at home and spoke English less than “very well.”¹ In 2010, almost 13,200 facilities in the 50 States and the District of Columbia responded to the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS).² Approximately 3,350 facilities, or 93.8 percent of the facilities that provide services in a language other than English, reported that staff counselors are available to provide services in Spanish. According to the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS), in 2010, 250,184 substance abuse treatment admissions, or 14.0 percent of all admissions, were Hispanic.²

This *Data Spotlight* presents a regional snapshot of the percentage of facilities that reported providing services in Spanish and of the Hispanic clients admitted (Figure). For example, in 2010, 40.7 percent of all admissions of Hispanic origin were in the West. About 38.6 percent of all facilities that provided language services in Spanish were located in that region. Together, the West and Northeast regions accounted for four fifths (79.7 percent) of all Hispanic admissions and nearly two thirds (65.5 percent) of all the facilities that provided treatment services in Spanish.

¹ Shin, H. B., & Kominski, R. A. (2010). *Language use in the United States: 2007* (American Community Survey Reports, ACS-12). Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau.

² The N-SSATS and TEDS analyses exclude substance abuse treatment facilities and substance abuse treatment admissions located in Puerto Rico and U.S. jurisdictions other than Washington, DC.

Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities That Provide Services in Spanish and Admissions of Hispanic Origin, by Region: 2010



Sources: 2010 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS). N-SSATS is an annual survey of all substance abuse treatment facilities in the United States, both public and private, that are known to SAMHSA. Information and data for this report are based on data reported to N-SSATS for the survey reference date March 31, 2010. For more information on N-SSATS, see <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/DASIS/2k10nssats/NSSATS2010Web.pdf>.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS), 2010, based on data received through October 10, 2011. TEDS is a compilation of data on the demographic characteristics and substance abuse problems of those admitted for substance abuse treatment in the United States, primarily at facilities that receive public funding. For more information on TEDS, see <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/DASIS.aspx#TEDS>.

N-SSATS and TEDS are both components of Behavioral Health Services Information System (BHSIS), an integrated data system maintained by the Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, SAMHSA.

