

**Table 13.4A Perceived COVID-19 Pandemic Effect on Access to Substance Use Treatment: Among People Aged 12 or Older, among People Aged 12 or Older with Substance Use in Past Year, and among People Aged 12 or Older with Substance Use Disorder in Past Year; by Age Group, Numbers in Thousands, Quarter 4, 2020**

<b>Perceived Effect on Substance Use Treatment</b>	<b>Aged 12+</b>	<b>Aged 12-17</b>	<b>Aged 18+</b>	<b>Aged 18-25</b>	<b>Aged 26+</b>
<b>PERCEIVED EFFECT AMONG TOTAL POPULATION</b>					
Appointments moved from in-person to telehealth	21,487	1,362	20,125	2,359	17,766
Delays or cancellations in appointments	18,196	1,647	16,548	1,928	14,621
Delays in getting prescriptions	8,653	752	7,901	814	7,087
Unable to access needed care resulting in moderate to severe impact on health	6,704	376	6,328	575	5,753
<b>PERCEIVED EFFECT AMONG PAST YEAR ALCOHOL OR ILLICIT DRUG USERS</b>					
Appointments moved from in-person to telehealth	14,103	397	13,706	1,715	11,991
Delays or cancellations in appointments	11,872	529	11,342	1,406	9,936
Delays in getting prescriptions	5,852	141	5,711	623	5,088
Unable to access needed care resulting in moderate to severe impact on health	4,233	49	4,184	393	3,791
<b>PERCEIVED EFFECT AMONG PEOPLE WITH PAST YEAR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER</b>					
Appointments moved from in-person to telehealth	4,482	*	4,206	569	3,637
Delays or cancellations in appointments	3,888	*	3,662	464	3,198
Delays in getting prescriptions	2,358	*	2,240	206	2,034
Unable to access needed care resulting in moderate to severe impact on health	1,817	*	1,792	140	1,651

\* = low precision; -- = not available; da = does not apply; nc = not comparable due to methodological changes; nr = not reported due to measurement issues.

NOTE: Estimates in this table for 2020 exclude a subset of respondents who did not complete the questionnaire. The analysis weights and estimates were adjusted for the reduced sample size. See the *2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Summary and Definitions* for details.

NOTE: Respondents could report that the questions about access to substance use treatment did not apply to them. Respondents who reported that the respective question did not apply to them were classified as not having experienced that effect.

NOTE: Respondents with unknown information on their perception of the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on their access to substance use treatment were excluded.

Definitions: Measures and terms are defined in Appendix A.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Quarter 4, 2020.

**Table 13.4B Perceived COVID-19 Pandemic Effect on Access to Substance Use Treatment: Among People Aged 12 or Older, among People Aged 12 or Older with Substance Use in Past Year, and among People Aged 12 or Older with Substance Use Disorder in Past Year; by Age Group, Percentages, Quarter 4, 2020**

<b>Perceived Effect on Substance Use Treatment</b>	<b>Aged 12+</b>	<b>Aged 12-17</b>	<b>Aged 18+</b>	<b>Aged 18-25</b>	<b>Aged 26+</b>
<b>PERCEIVED EFFECT AMONG TOTAL POPULATION</b>					
Appointments moved from in-person to telehealth	8.0	5.7	8.2	7.2	8.4
Delays or cancellations in appointments	6.7	6.8	6.7	5.9	6.9
Delays in getting prescriptions	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.5	3.3
Unable to access needed care resulting in moderate to severe impact on health	2.5	1.6	2.6	1.8	2.7
<b>PERCEIVED EFFECT AMONG PAST YEAR ALCOHOL OR ILLICIT DRUG USERS</b>					
Appointments moved from in-person to telehealth	7.9	9.0	7.9	7.9	7.9
Delays or cancellations in appointments	6.7	12.0	6.5	6.5	6.5
Delays in getting prescriptions	3.3	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.4
Unable to access needed care resulting in moderate to severe impact on health	2.4	1.1	2.4	1.8	2.5
<b>PERCEIVED EFFECT AMONG PEOPLE WITH PAST YEAR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER</b>					
Appointments moved from in-person to telehealth	11.7	*	11.3	8.4	12.0
Delays or cancellations in appointments	10.1	*	9.9	6.9	10.5
Delays in getting prescriptions	6.2	*	6.0	3.1	6.7
Unable to access needed care resulting in moderate to severe impact on health	4.7	*	4.8	2.1	5.4

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