

# 2011 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, 249 substance abuse treatment facilities were included in the 2011 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 21,804 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 31, 2011. The survey response rate in Georgia was 91.0%.

### Facility Operation

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2011			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	88	35.3	4,489	20.6	272	32.2
Private for-profit	90	36.1	10,343	47.4	241	28.5
Local, county, or community government	20	8.0	1,331	6.1	84	9.9
State government	40	16.1	4,238	19.4	248	29.3
Federal government	11	4.4	1,403	6.4	0	0.0
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	4	1.6	1,065	4.9	0	0.0
Dept. of Defense	7	2.8	338	1.6	0	0.0
Indian Health Service	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tribal government	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21,804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Primary Focus of Facility

	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2011			
			All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Substance abuse treatment services	129	51.8	14,051	64.4	104	12.3
Mental health services	5	2.0	185	0.8	56	6.6
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	110	44.2	7,254	33.3	671	79.4
General health care	1	0.4	55	0.3	0	0.0
Other/unknown	4	1.6	259	1.2	14	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21,804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Substance Abuse Problem Treated

	Facilities <sup>1,2</sup>		Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2011			
			Clients <sup>3</sup>		Clients per 100,000 Pop. Aged 18 or Older	
	No.	%	No.	%		
Clients with both alcohol and drug abuse	201	84.1	8,525	39.6	110	
Clients with drug abuse only	208	87.0	9,777	45.4	130	
Clients with alcohol abuse only	181	75.7	3,228	15.0	42	
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>239</b>		<b>21,530</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>282</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Facilities may be included in more than one category.

<sup>3</sup> Sum of individual items may not agree with the total due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Facilities excluded because they were not asked or did not respond to this question:

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Type of Care	Clients in Treatment on March 31, 2011							
	Facilities <sup>1</sup>		All Clients			Clients Under Age 18		
	No.	%	No.	%	Median No. of Clients Per Facility	No.	%	
<b>Outpatient</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>19,027</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>89.6</b>	
Regular	169	67.9	6,907	31.7	15			
Intensive	88	35.3	2,623	12.0	12			
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	48	19.3	1,700	7.8	12			
Detoxification	43	17.3	347	1.6	1			
Methadone maintenance	40	16.1	7,450	34.2	154			
<b>Residential (non-hospital)</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4.9</b>	
Short term	22	8.8	436	2.0	12			
Long term	57	22.9	1,680	7.7	20			
Detoxification	18	7.2	129	0.6	9			
<b>Hospital Inpatient</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5.6</b>	
Treatment	21	8.4	322	1.5	9			
Detoxification	21	8.4	210	1.0	6			
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>		<b>21,804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

<sup>1</sup>Facilities may provide more than one type of care.

Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)		
	No.	%
<b>Facilities with OTPs<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>Clients in Facilities with OTPs</b>		
Methadone	7,514	98.6
Buprenorphine	108	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup>Percentage of all OTP facilities that are in this State or jurisdiction.

Facility Payment Options		
	Facilities <sup>1</sup>	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	231	92.8
Private health insurance	127	51.0
Medicare	91	36.5
Medicaid	118	47.4
Other State-financed health insurance	83	33.3
Federal military insurance	99	39.8
Access to Recovery (ATR) vouchers <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A
Accepts HIS/638 contract care funds	3	1.2
No payment accepted	9	3.6
Accepts other payments	2	0.8
Sliding fee scale	133	53.4
Treatment at no charge for clients who cannot pay	123	49.4

<sup>1</sup>Facilities may accept more than one type of payment.

<sup>2</sup>Available only in AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, LA, MI, MO, MT, NJ, NM, OH, OK, RI, TN, TX, WA, WI, WY.

N/A - Not applicable.

Facility Licensing, Certification, or Accreditation		
	Facilities <sup>1</sup>	
	No.	%
Any listed agency/organization	234	94.0
State substance abuse agency	183	73.5
State mental health department	99	39.8
State department of health	108	43.4
Hospital licensing authority	32	12.9
The Joint Commission	54	21.7
CARF <sup>2</sup>	131	52.6
NCQA <sup>3</sup>	13	5.2
COA <sup>4</sup>	14	5.6
Other State/Local Agency/Org	36	14.5

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

<sup>2</sup>Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

<sup>3</sup>National Committee for Quality Assurance

<sup>4</sup>Council on Accreditation

Facility Funding		
	Facilities	
	No.	%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	119	47.8

## Types of Services Offered

	Facilities	
	No.	%
<b>Assessment and Pre-Treatment Services</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>96.4</b>
Screening for substance abuse	227	91.2
Screening for mental health disorders	162	65.1
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment or diagnosis	212	85.1
Comprehensive mental health assessment or diagnosis	105	42.2
Screening for tobacco use	81	32.5
Outreach to persons in the community who may need treatment	152	61.0
Interim services for clients when immediate admission is not possible	79	31.7
<b>Testing</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>95.6</b>
Breathalyzer or blood alcohol testing	167	67.1
Drug or alcohol urine screening	238	95.6
Screening for Hepatitis B	92	36.9
Screening for Hepatitis C	94	37.8
HIV testing	132	53.0
STD testing	113	45.4
TB screening	160	64.3
<b>Counseling</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>99.6</b>
Individual counseling	240	96.4
Group counseling	237	95.2
Family counseling	198	79.5
Marital/couples counseling	140	56.2
<b>Transitional Services</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>99.2</b>
Discharge planning	245	98.4
Aftercare/continuing care	221	88.8
<b>Pharmacotherapies</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>61.0</b>
Medications for psychiatric disorders	108	43.4
Nicotine replacement	45	18.1
Campral <sup>®</sup>	40	16.1
Antabuse <sup>®</sup>	50	20.1
Naltrexone (oral)	38	15.3
Vivitrol <sup>®</sup> (injectable Naltrexone)	16	6.4
Buprenorphine	47	18.9
Subutex <sup>®</sup> or generic	29	11.6
Suboxone <sup>®</sup>	44	17.7
Methadone	49	19.7
Non-nicotine smoking/tobacco cessation medications	38	15.3
<b>Ancillary Services</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>99.6</b>
Case management services	216	86.7
Social skills development	207	83.1
Mentoring/peer support	126	50.6
Child care for clients' children	12	4.8
Assistance with obtaining social services	137	55.0
Employment counseling or training for clients	105	42.2
Assistance in locating housing for clients	129	51.8
Domestic violence	98	39.4
Early intervention for HIV	93	37.3
<i>continued</i>		

## Types of Services Offered (cont.)

	Facilities	
	No.	%
HIV or AIDS education, counseling, or support	171	68.7
Hepatitis education, counseling, or support	107	43.0
Health education other than HIV/AIDS or hepatitis	138	55.4
Substance abuse education	241	96.8
Transportation assistance to treatment	91	36.5
Mental health services	146	58.6
Acupuncture	3	1.2
Residential beds for clients' children	10	4.0
Self-help groups	118	47.4
Smoking cessation counseling	53	21.3

## Clinical/Therapeutic Approaches Used Always or Often or Sometimes

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Substance abuse counseling	247	99.2
Relapse prevention	229	92.0
Cognitive-behavioral therapy	221	88.8
12-step facilitation	204	81.9
Motivational interviewing	196	78.7
Anger management	209	83.9
Brief intervention	190	76.3
Contingency management/motivational incentives	143	57.4
Trauma-related counseling	173	69.5
Rational emotive behavioral therapy (REBT)	131	52.6
Matrix model	110	44.2
Community reinforcement plus vouchers	34	13.7
Other treatment approaches	36	14.5

## Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate<sup>1</sup>

	Hospital	
	Residential	Inpatient
Number of facilities	62	14
Number of clients <sup>2</sup>	1,910	419
Number of designated beds	2,214	376
Utilization rate (%)	86.3	111.4
No. of designated beds/facility (avg.)	36	27

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Number of clients on March 31, 2011.

## Programs for Special Groups

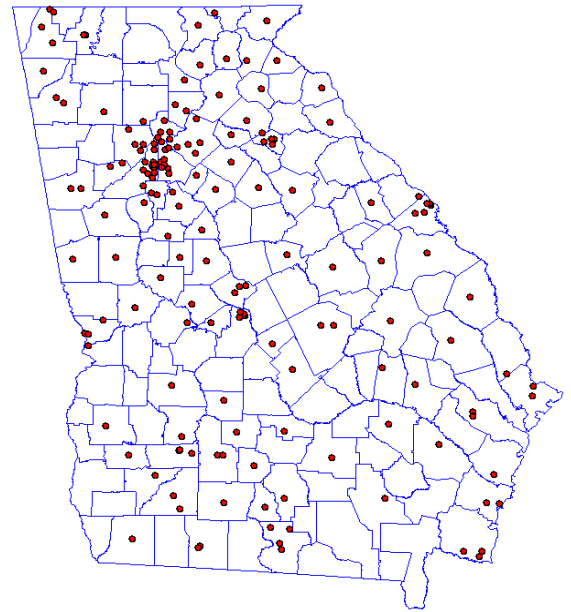
	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any program or group	184	73.9
Co-occurring disorders	83	33.3
Adult women	68	27.3
Adolescents	51	20.5
DUI/DWI offenders	49	19.7
Criminal justice clients	45	18.1
Adult men	53	21.3
Pregnant or postpartum women	32	12.9
Persons with HIV or AIDS	19	7.6
Seniors or older adults	14	5.6
Lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender clients (LGBT)	6	2.4
Other groups	20	8.0

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

	No.	%
Hearing impaired/sign language	64	25.7
Any language other than English	76	30.5
<b>Non-English Language Provided by:</b>		
On-call interpreter only	44	57.9
Staff counselor only	20	26.3
Both staff counselor and on-call interpreter	12	15.8
<b>Languages Provided by Staff Counselor:<sup>1</sup></b>		
Spanish	32	100.0
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	0	0.0
Other	6	18.8

<sup>1</sup> 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



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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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