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SAMHSA releases data from the latest National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released findings from the 2010 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS).

N-SSATS is an annual census of substance abuse treatment facilities that provides data on the location and characteristics of alcohol and drug abuse treatment services throughout the United States. It also provides information on the scope and nature of how these facilities and programs are used.

The report finds that overall there was very little change in the scope and nature of these treatment facilities from 2006 to 2010.

Throughout the nation, the 13,339 eligible facilities that responded to the survey reported that a total of nearly 1.2 million clients were in treatment in their facilities on March 31, 2010. Private non-profit run facilities made up the bulk of treatment facilities (58 percent) while private for-profit facilities made up 30 percent of these services in 2010. The remaining facilities were operated by local governments (6 percent), state governments (3 percent), the Federal government (3 percent) and tribal governments (1 percent).

The 2010 N-SSATS shows that there were 462 adults in treatment at substance abuse facilities for every 100,000 people in the U.S. aged 18 and older.

The report's other major findings include:

- The total number of substance abuse treatment facilities remained relatively constant between 2006 and 2010 while the number of people in treatment in the facilities responding to the survey increased slightly from 1,130,881 in 2006 to 1,175,462 in 2010.
- Forty three percent of all people in substance abuse treatment facilities had diagnosed co-occurring abuse and mental health disorders.
- Clients under age 18 made up 8 percent of all clients in treatment at the time of the survey.

Copies of this report and all its detailed findings are available on the Web at <http://www.dasis.samhsa.gov/10nssats/nssats2010web.pdf>. For related publications and information visit the SAMHSA Web site at www.samhsa.gov/.

SAMHSA is a public health agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. Its mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

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