

Data Spotlight

National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services

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N-SSATS Spotlight: Domestic Violence Services

Annually, about 4.8 million intimate partner rapes and physical assaults are committed against women, and about 2.9 million physical assaults related to intimate partner violence are committed against men.¹ Because substance abuse often co-occurs with domestic violence, substance abuse treatment providers are advised to screen persons entering substance abuse treatment for exposure to domestic violence in order to identify both the batterers and victims.² Screening enables providers to develop treatment plans that include the appropriate domestic violence services, such as specialized counseling, medical treatment, or legal services.

The National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) provides information on the availability of domestic violence services at substance abuse treatment facilities. In 2009, about one third (36 percent) of treatment facilities offered these services. Facilities that primarily focused on a mix of mental health and substance abuse treatment services (47 percent) or general health care (44 percent) were more likely than those that focused on mental health services (38 percent) or substance abuse treatment services (30 percent) to offer domestic violence services (Figure 1). Facilities that were operated by tribal governments (56 percent) were more likely than facilities that were operated by the Federal Government (38 percent), private for-profit organizations (37 percent), private non-profit organizations (35 percent), State governments (32 percent), or local, county, or community governments (32 percent) to offer domestic violence services (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Facilities Providing Domestic Violence Services, by Primary Focus of Treatment Facility: 2009

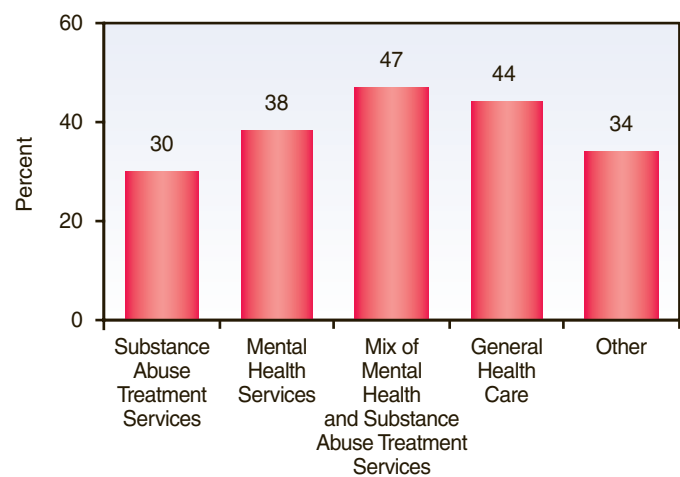
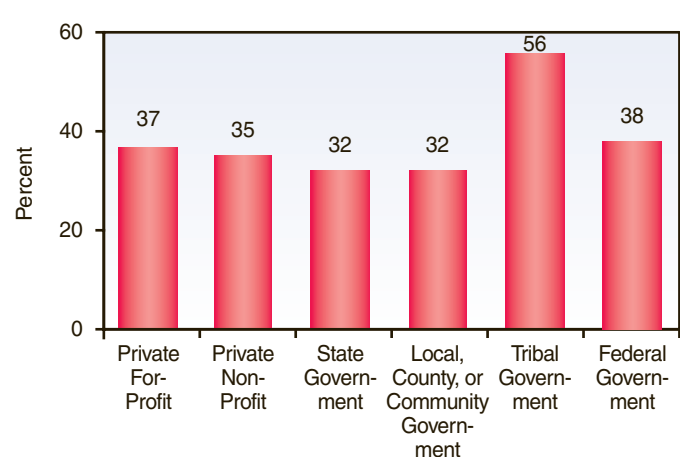


Figure 2. Facilities Providing Domestic Violence Services, by Facility Operation: 2009



¹ Tjaden, P., & Thoennes, N. (2000, July). *Extent, nature, and consequences of intimate partner violence: Findings from the National Violence against Women Survey* (NCJ 181867). Washington, DC: National Institute of Justice and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. [Available at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/App/Publications/abstract.aspx?ID=181867>]

² Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. (1997). *Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) Series 25: Substance abuse treatment and domestic violence* (DHHS Publication No. SMA 97-3163). Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. [Available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bookshelf/br.fcgi?book=hssamhsatip&part=A46712>]

Source: 2009 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. N-SSATS is one component of the Drug and Alcohol Services Information System (DASIS), an integrated data system maintained by the Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, SAMHSA.

