



National Mental Health Services Survey (N-MHSS-D-2015-DS0001)

Bibliographic Description

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Scope of Study

Summary:	The 2015 National Mental Health Services Survey (N-MHSS) was conducted from April 2015 through January 2016. The N-MHSS collects information from all known facilities in the United States, both public and private, that provide mental
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health treatment services to people with mental illness. The Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ) of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, plans and directs the N-MHSS. The N-MHSS provides the mechanism for quantifying the dynamic character and composition of the mental health treatment delivery system. It is the only source of national and state-level data on the mental health services delivery system reported by both publicly-operated and privately-operated specialty mental health care facilities. The N-MHSS is designed to collect data on the location, characteristics, and utilization of organized mental health treatment service providers for facilities within the scope of the survey throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.² The N-MHSS complements, but does not duplicate, the information collected through **SAMHSA's survey** of substance abuse treatment facilities, the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS). The N-MHSS provides the mechanism for quantifying the dynamic character and composition of the U.S. mental health treatment delivery system. The objective of the N-MHSS is to collect data that can be used for multiple purposes:

- To assist SAMHSA and state and local governments in assessing the nature and extent of services provided in state-funded, state-operated, and private non-profit and for-profit mental health treatment facilities, and in forecasting mental health treatment resource requirements;
- **To update SAMHSA's Inventory of Behavioral Health Services (I-BHS)**, an inventory of all known mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities in the United States, which can be used as a frame for future surveys of these facilities;
- To describe the nature and scope of mental health treatment services and conduct comparative analyses for the nation and states; and
- To update the information in the mental health **component of SAMHSA's online Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator**, which includes a searchable database of some licensed and accredited public and private facilities for the provision of mental health treatment. The Locator is available <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>.

Subject

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Term(s):	substance abuse, substance abuse treatment, treatment programs
Geographic Coverage:	United States
Time Period:	4/30/2015-1/19/2016
Date(s) of Collection:	The field period for the 2015 N-MHSS, which included mailing and data collection operations, ran from April 30, 2015, through January 19, 2016.
Universe:	The 2015 N-MHSS survey universe included 17,486 facilities across the United States and its jurisdictions. Most facilities in the 2015 N-MHSS frame were identified from the updated database produced after fielding the 2010, 2012, and 2014 N-MHSS, supplemented by the 2015 mental health augmentation and new facilities that states requested be added to the I-BHS.
Data Type:	survey data
Data Collection Notes:	<p>As with any data collection effort, certain procedural considerations and data limitations must be taken into account when interpreting data from the 2015 N-MHSS. Some general issues are listed below. Considerations and limitations of specific data items are discussed where the data are presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The N-MHSS is a voluntary survey and while every effort is made to obtain responses from all known mental health treatment facilities, some facilities did not respond. There was no adjustment for the 8.1 percent facility non-response. • When possible, we used cold-deck imputation to fill in item non-response. This is a technique that uses historical information from previous surveys to supplement the current data. In the N-MHSS, missing values were imputed using survey data collected in

2014.

- Multiple responses were allowed for certain questionnaire items (e.g., services provided in non-English languages and type of payment or insurance accepted for mental health treatment services). Tabulations of data for these items include the total number of facilities reporting each response category.

Methodology

Sample: The following types of mental health treatment facilities were included in the 2015 N-MHSS; psychiatric hospitals, non-federal general hospitals with a separate psychiatric unit, VA medical centers, outpatient or day treatment or partial hospitalization mental health facilities, residential treatment centers (RTCs) for children, residential treatment centers (RTCs) for adults, and multi-setting (multi-service, non-hospital) mental health facilities.

The following types of facilities were excluded from the sample; Department of Defense military treatment facilities, Indian Health Services-administered or tribally-operated facilities, private practitioners or small group practices not licensed as a mental health clinic or center, and jails or prisons.

Mode of Data collection: mail questionnaire, telephone interview, web-based survey

Extent of Processing:

- Performed consistency checks.
- Created variable labels and/or value labels.
- Standardized missing values.
- Created online analysis version with question text.
- Performed recodes and/or calculated derived variables.
- Checked for undocumented or out-of-range codes.

Access and Availability

Note:	Some instruments administered as part of this study may contain contents from copyrighted instruments. Reproductions of the instruments are provided solely as documentation for the analysis of the data associated with this collection. Please contact the data producers for information on permissions to use the instruments for other purposes.
Restrictions:	Users are reminded that these data are to be used solely for statistical analysis and reporting of aggregated information and not for the investigation of specific individuals or treatment facilities.
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