



***Treatment Episode Data Set -- Admissions (TEDS-A),
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Scope of Study

Summary:

The Treatment Episode Data Set -- Admissions (TEDS-A) is a national census data system of annual admissions to substance abuse treatment facilities. TEDS-A provides annual data on the number and characteristics of persons admitted to public and private substance abuse treatment programs that receive public funding. The unit of analysis is a treatment admission. TEDS consists of data reported to state substance abuse agencies by the treatment programs, which in turn report it to SAMHSA.

A sister data system, called the Treatment Episode Data Set -- Discharges (TEDS-D), collects data on discharges from substance abuse treatment facilities. The first year of TEDS-A data is 1992, while the first year of TEDS-D is 2006.

TEDS variables that are required to be reported are called the "Minimum Data Set (MDS)", while those that are optional are called the "Supplemental Data Set (SuDS)".

Variables in the MDS include: information on service setting, number of prior treatments, primary source of referral, gender, race, ethnicity, education, employment status, substance(s) abused, route of administration, frequency of use, age at first use, and whether methadone was prescribed in treatment. Supplemental variables include: diagnosis codes, presence of psychiatric problems, living arrangements, source of income, health insurance, expected source of payment, pregnancy and veteran status, marital status, detailed not in labor force codes, detailed criminal justice referral codes, days waiting to enter treatment, and the number of arrests in the 30 days prior to admissions (starting in 2008).

Substances abused include alcohol, cocaine and crack, marijuana and hashish, heroin, nonprescription methadone, other opiates and synthetics, PCP, other hallucinogens, methamphetamine, other amphetamines, other stimulants, benzodiazepines, other non-benzodiazepine tranquilizers, barbiturates, other non-barbiturate sedatives or hypnotics, inhalants, over-the-counter medications, and other substances.

Created variables include total number of substances reported, intravenous drug use (IDU), and flags for any mention of specific substances.

Subject Term(s): alcohol abuse, drug abuse, drug treatment, health care services, health insurance, intervention, mental health, substance abuse, substance abuse treatment, treatment programs

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: 2012

Date(s) of Collection: 2012

Unit of Observation: treatment admissions

Universe: State laws require certain substance abuse treatment programs to report all of their admissions and discharges to the State. In all States, treatment programs receiving any public funds are required to provide the data on both publicly and privately funded clients. In some States, programs that do not receive public funds are required to provide data as well. On the other hand, there are some instances in which information is provided only for clients whose treatment is funded through public monies. TEDS collects this data from the States on all admissions and discharges aged 12 or older. TEDS-A presents only the admission data.

Data Type: administrative records data

Data Collection Notes:

Several limitations to the data exist and should be noted:

In 2012, a new variable was added that reports the number of times, if any, that a client was arrested in the 30 days preceding his or her admission into treatment. The variable is not on files prior to 2008.

In 2012, changes were made to the full TEDS series. The changes consisted of the following:

In 2011, a change was made to the full TEDS series. All records for which the age is missing are now excluded from the dataset.

In 2010, changes were made to the full TEDS series. The changes consisted of the following:

The categories and codes in this public-use file differ somewhat from those used by SAMHSA and those found in the TEDS Crosswalks and in other reports. This is a result of the recoding that was performed to protect client privacy in creating the public-use file.

To further protect respondent and provider privacy, all Behavioral Health Services Information System (BHSIS) unique identification numbers have been removed from the public-use data. Therefore, no linkages are possible between the TEDS and the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) public-use files.

The data are collected from the states by Synectics for Management Decisions, Incorporated, on behalf of SAMHSA.

The 2012 public-use file was created using the most current data from October 2012 (the October 17, 2013 extract).

Methodology

Sample: -

Mode of Data collection: record abstracts

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: -

Restrictions: Users are reminded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 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 organizations.

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Dataset(s):

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