

# The N-SSATS Report

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## Overview of Opioid Treatment Programs within the United States: 2008

### In Brief

- In 2008, a total of 1,132 (8 percent) of all substance abuse treatment facilities were certified as Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)
- Of the 1,132 OTPs, 1,044 (92 percent) offered outpatient treatment
- On March 31, 2008, there were 268,071 clients who received methadone and 4,280 clients who received buprenorphine in facilities with OTPs
- There were 654 (58 percent) facilities with OTPs that provided substance abuse treatment services in a language other than English, either by a staff counselor or through an on-call interpreter; 498 (44 percent of all OTPs) provided these services by a staff counselor in Spanish

Various therapies are used in the treatment of substance abuse. One type of therapy used in the treatment of heroin or other opiate (narcotic) addiction is medication-assisted opioid therapy with medications such as methadone<sup>1</sup> or buprenorphine.<sup>2</sup> In order for a facility to use medication-assisted opioid therapies,<sup>3</sup> it must be certified as an opioid treatment program (OTP) through the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In addition, individual physicians may take specialized training as authorized under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 to prescribe buprenorphine addiction products in their practices.

Information about OTPs can be examined using data from the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS). This report includes









