

2 Treatment agency profile

This chapter presents the main features of the alcohol and other drug treatment service agencies that supplied data for the 2001–02 collection. The number of treatment agencies does not necessarily equate to the number of service delivery outlets as some treatment agencies were only reported under the main administrative centre of the service.

2.1 Establishment sector

A total of 505 alcohol and other drug treatment agencies contributed data, with 259 agencies (51%) identified as non-government providers (Table 2.1). The largest proportion of all agencies was located in New South Wales (40%) then Victoria and Queensland (17% each). New South Wales provided the majority of government agencies in alcohol and other drug treatment areas (56%) followed by South Australia (15%). The majority of non-government agencies were in Victoria (35%), followed by New South Wales (23%) and Queensland (20%).

Table 2.1: Treatment agencies, sector of service by jurisdiction, Australia, 2001–02

Service type	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Other ^(a)	Australia
	(number)									
Government	143	—	34	4	38	4	1	4	18	246
Non-government	57	86	50	22	10	10	7	17	—	259
Total	200	86	84	26	48	14	8	21	18	505
	(per cent)									
Government	58.1	—	13.8	1.6	15.4	1.6	0.4	1.6	7.3	100.0
Non-government	22.0	33.2	19.3	8.5	3.9	3.9	2.7	6.6	—	100.0
Total	39.6	17.0	16.6	5.1	9.5	2.8	1.6	4.2	3.6	100.0

(a) Other NGOTGP services not currently reported through a state or territory collection.

2.2 Location of treatment agencies

The geographic location of treatment agencies in the 2001–02 AODTS-NMDS has been analysed using the new Remoteness Areas of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Australian Standard Geographical Classification (see Appendix 4 for information on how these new categories are derived). The majority of treatment agencies in 2001–02 were located in major cities (53%) and inner regional areas (23%) (Table 2.2). Because some treatment agencies, particularly some of those located in non-metropolitan areas, were only reported under the main administrative centre of the service, the number of agencies located in major cities may be over-represented. More than half (57%) of the agencies in the Northern Territory were located in remote or very remote areas, and 23% of agencies in Queensland.

Table 2.2: Treatment agencies, geographical location by jurisdiction, Australia, 2001-02

Location	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Other ^(a)	Australia
	(per cent)									
Major cities	64.0	59.3	19.0	65.4	66.7	—	100.0	—	72.2	52.5
Inner regional	27.0	30.2	21.4	11.5	14.6	71.4	—	—	—	23.4
Outer regional	9.0	10.5	36.9	15.4	16.7	28.6	—	42.9	27.8	17.4
Remote	—	—	7.1	7.7	2.1	—	—	38.1	—	3.4
Very remote	—	—	15.5	—	—	—	—	19.0	—	3.4
Total (per cent)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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