

Table 7.67A Detailed Reasons for Not Receiving Substance Use Treatment in Past Year among Persons Aged 12 or Older Classified as Needing But Not Receiving Substance Use Treatment at a Specialty Facility and Who Perceived a Need for Substance Use Treatment in Past Year: Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2019

Reason for Not Receiving Substance Use Treatment¹	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
TOTAL POPULATION	880	836	1,033	964	812
No Health Care Coverage and Could Not Afford Cost	264	221	313 ^a	314 ^a	170
Had Health Care Coverage But Did Not Cover Treatment or Did Not Cover Full Cost	40	96	108 ^a	100	38
No Transportation/Programs Too Far Away or Hours Inconvenient	104	61	69	73	60
Did Not Find Program That Offered Type of Treatment That Was Wanted	95	119	93	106	120
Not Ready to Stop Using	355	315	410	371	324
No Openings in a Program	40	26	51	51	42
Did Not Know Where to Go for Treatment	110	155	113	204	193
Might Cause Neighbors/Community to Have Negative Opinion	73	111	177	144	140
Might Have Negative Effect on Job	141	96	212	154	136
Did Not Feel Need for Treatment at the Time	64	31	127	52	52
Could Handle the Problem Without Treatment	72	74	130	107	95
Treatment Would Not Help	29	18	40	36	38
Did Not Have Time	78	40	82	67	69
Did Not Want Others to Find Out	85	39	74	60	62
Some Other Reason	18	12	31	42	34

* = low precision; -- = not available; da = does not apply; nc = not comparable due to methodological changes; nr = not reported due to measurement issues.

NOTE: Respondents were classified as needing substance use treatment if they met the DSM-IV criteria for an illicit drug or alcohol use disorder or received treatment for illicit drug or alcohol use at a specialty facility (i.e., drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility [inpatient or outpatient], hospital [inpatient only], or mental health center).

NOTE: Perceived Need for Substance Use Treatment includes persons who did not receive but felt they needed illicit drug or alcohol use treatment, as well as persons who received treatment at a location other than a specialty facility but felt they needed additional treatment.

^a The difference between this estimate and the 2019 estimate is statistically significant at the .05 level. Rounding may make the estimates appear identical.

¹ Respondents could indicate multiple reasons for not receiving treatment; thus, these response categories are not mutually exclusive.

Definitions: Measures and terms are defined in Appendix A.

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Table 7.67B Detailed Reasons for Not Receiving Substance Use Treatment in Past Year among Persons Aged 12 or Older Classified as Needing But Not Receiving Substance Use Treatment at a Specialty Facility and Who Perceived a Need for Substance Use Treatment in Past Year: Percentages, 2015-2019

Reason for Not Receiving Substance Use Treatment ¹	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
TOTAL POPULATION	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No Health Care Coverage and Could Not Afford Cost	30.0	26.4	30.3	32.5 ^a	20.9
Had Health Care Coverage But Did Not Cover Treatment or Did Not Cover Full Cost	4.6	11.5	10.5	10.4	4.6
No Transportation/Programs Too Far Away or Hours Inconvenient	11.8	7.2	6.7	7.6	7.3
Did Not Find Program That Offered Type of Treatment That Was Wanted	10.8	14.2	9.0	11.0	14.7
Not Ready to Stop Using	40.3	37.7	39.7	38.4	39.9
No Openings in a Program	4.5	3.1	5.0	5.3	5.2
Did Not Know Where to Go for Treatment	12.5 ^a	18.6	10.9 ^a	21.1	23.8
Might Cause Neighbors/Community to Have Negative Opinion	8.3 ^a	13.2	17.2	14.9	17.2
Might Have Negative Effect on Job	16.1	11.5	20.5	16.0	16.8
Did Not Feel Need for Treatment at the Time	7.3	3.7	12.3	5.3	6.4
Could Handle the Problem Without Treatment	8.2	8.9	12.6	11.1	11.7
Treatment Would Not Help	3.3	2.1	3.9	3.8	4.6
Did Not Have Time	8.9	4.8	7.9	7.0	8.5
Did Not Want Others to Find Out	9.6	4.6	7.1	6.2	7.6
Some Other Reason	2.1	1.4	3.0	4.4	4.2

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