

## Treatment/Recovery Programs -- Discharge Status

Chapter 6 describes the discharge status of participants departing from the Alcohol and Drug Treatment/Recovery Programs.

Discharge information is collected when the planned treatment/recovery services are no longer being provided to the participant or when there is a change in the type of services being provided. Program staff use one of the following four State-defined standard discharges to describe the participant's status at the point of departure from a program:

1. Completed Treatment/Recovery Plan Goals –  
The participant successfully completed the recovery plan and met the major goals identified. The participant was not referred or transferred to any other alcohol or drug program.
2. Left Before Completion with Satisfactory Progress –  
The participant did not complete the program, but was in recovery services long enough (in the judgment of the provider's staff) to make significant progress toward achieving the goals identified in the recovery plan. The participant was not referred or transferred to any other alcohol or drug program.
3. Left Before Completion with Unsatisfactory Progress –  
The participant dropped out of the program or was dismissed from recovery services.
4. Referred or Transferred for Further Alcohol/Drug Treatment/Recovery  
The participant was referred or transferred to another program or facility to continue recovery services.

Note that a participant is often transferred from residential services to non-residential services as he/she progresses in their treatment plan. Also, transfers from non-residential to residential services may occur if a participant requires more intensive treatment.

The following are several noteworthy findings in this chapter:

#### Overall

- ◆ During the 2003-04 Fiscal Year, 43,675 participants were discharged from treatment/recovery programs. [Table 6.1]
- ◆ Overall, 24.0% of all participants at discharge were reported to have "completed treatment." [Table 6.1]
- ◆ Overall, 14.3% of participants left the program with a discharge status of "referred or transferred for further treatment/recovery services". [Table 6.1]

#### Residential Programs

- ◆ A total of 15,886 participants were discharged from residential programs during the 2003-04 Fiscal Year. [Table 6.1]
- ◆ Over one-third (35.7%) of the participants departing from residential programs successfully completed treatment. [Table 6.1]
- ◆ A discharge status of "completed treatment" was more likely among participants who were employed (58.8%). [Table 6.6]
- ◆ Almost half (47.3%) of the participants who reported alcohol as their primary drug problem "completed treatment". [Table 6.7]

#### Non-Residential Programs

- ◆ During the 2003-04 Fiscal Year, there were 27,789 participants discharged from non-residential programs. [Table 6.1]
- ◆ Seventeen percent (17.4%) of the participants in non-residential programs "completed treatment". [Table 6.1]
- ◆ Program completions were similar for both employed and unemployed participants, 21.1% and 16.3% respectively. [Table 6.12]
- ◆ Program completions were the lowest for participants who reported heroin (12.2%) as their primary drug problem. [Table 6.13]

**TABLE 6.1**

**Discharge Status By Residential And Non-Residential Programs**

Discharge Status	Residential		Non-Residential		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Completed Treatment	5,667	35.7	4,824	17.4	10,491	24.0
Left – Satisfactory	1,127	7.1	3,465	12.5	4,592	10.5
Left - Unsatisfactory	5,669	35.7	16,667	59.9	22,336	51.1
Referred/Transferred	3,423	21.5	2,833	10.2	6,256	14.3
<b>Total</b>	15,886	100.0	27,789	100.0	43,675	100.0

2003-04 Fiscal Year

Source: ADPA Contracted Treatment/Recovery Programs - Los Angeles County Participant Reporting System

**TABLE 6.2**

**Residential Discharge Status By Gender**

Discharge Status	Male		Female		Total
	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	4,030	38.1	1,637	30.9	5,667
Left – Satisfactory	607	5.7	520	9.8	1,127
Left - Unsatisfactory	3,693	34.9	1,976	37.2	5,669
Referred/Transferred	2,252	21.3	1,171	22.1	3,423
<b>Total</b>	10,582	100.0	5,304	100.0	15,886

2003-04 Fiscal Year  
 Source: ADPA Contracted Treatment/Recovery Programs  
 Los Angeles County Participant Reporting System

**TABLE 6.3**

**Residential Discharge Status By Race/Ethnicity**

Discharge Status	White		Black/African American		Latino		Native American		Asian/Pacific Islander		Other		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	2,664	42.5	1,312	34.3	1,414	28.2	64	32.3	86	36.5	127	36.3	5,667
Left – Satisfactory	444	7.1	316	8.3	310	6.2	17	8.6	14	6.0	26	7.4	1,127
Left – Unsatisfactory	2,033	32.4	1,336	34.9	2,003	40.0	87	43.9	85	36.2	125	35.7	5,669
Referred/Transferred	1,127	18.0	859	22.5	1,285	25.6	30	15.2	50	21.3	72	20.6	3,423
<b>Total</b>	6,268	100.0	3,823	100.0	5,012	100.0	198	100.0	235	100.0	350	100.0	15,886

2003-04 Fiscal Year  
 Source: ADPA Contracted Treatment/Recovery Programs - Los Angeles County Participant Reporting System

**TABLE 6.4**

**Residential Discharge Status By Age**

Discharge Status	Under 18		18 - 20		21 - 24		25 - 44		45 - 64		65 - Over		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	92	23.6	202	31.3	441	30.6	3,448	36.1	1,454	38.3	30	49.2	5,667
Left – Satisfactory	36	9.2	52	8.1	123	8.5	698	7.3	217	5.7	1	1.6	1,127
Left – Unsatisfactory	248	63.6	287	44.5	609	42.3	3,430	35.9	1,083	28.5	12	19.7	5,669
Referred/Transferred	14	3.6	104	16.1	268	18.6	1,976	20.7	1,043	27.5	18	29.5	3,423
<b>Total</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,797</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,886</b>

2003-04 Fiscal Year

Source: ADPA Contracted Treatment/Recovery Programs - Los Angeles County Participant Reporting System

**TABLE 6.5**

**Residential Discharge Status By Years Of Education**

Discharge Status	None		1 – 8 years		9 – 12 years		13 or more years		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	8	22.9	149	21.2	4,619	36.9	891	34.1	5,667
Left – Satisfactory	5	14.3	66	9.4	868	6.9	188	7.2	1,127
Left – Unsatisfactory	12	34.2	310	44.0	4,475	35.7	872	33.3	5,669
Referred/Transferred	10	28.6	179	25.4	2,568	20.5	666	25.4	3,423
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,530</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,617</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,886</b>

2003-04 Fiscal Year

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**TABLE 6.6**

**Residential Discharge Status By Employment Status At Admission**

Discharge Status	Employed		Unemployed		Total
	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	514	58.8	5,153	34.3	5,667
Left – Satisfactory	41	4.7	1,086	7.2	1,127
Left – Unsatisfactory	218	24.9	5,451	36.3	5,669
Referred/Transferred	101	11.6	3,322	22.1	3,423
<b>Total</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,012</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,886</b>

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 Los Angeles County Participant Reporting System

**TABLE 6.7**

**Residential Discharge Status By Primary Alcohol/Drug Problem At Admission**

Discharge Status	Alcohol		Cocaine/Crack		Heroin		Marijuana/ Hashish		Methamphetamine		Other		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	1,572	47.3	1,230	34.3	1,035	27.3	243	33.2	1,211	33.5	376	44.4	5,667
Left – Satisfactory	226	6.8	310	8.7	158	4.2	63	8.6	333	9.2	37	4.4	1,127
Left – Unsatisfactory	926	27.9	1,284	35.8	1,496	39.5	335	45.8	1,357	37.6	271	32.0	5,669
Referred/Transferred	597	18.0	759	21.2	1,100	29.0	91	12.4	713	19.7	163	19.2	3,423
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,321</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,789</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,614</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,886</b>

2003-04 Fiscal Year  
 Source: ADPA Contracted Treatment/Recovery Programs - Los Angeles County Participant Reporting System

**TABLE 6.8**

**Non-Residential Discharge Status By Gender**

Discharge Status	Male		Female		Total
	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	3,294	17.5	1,530	17.0	4,824
Left – Satisfactory	2,343	12.5	1,122	12.5	3,465
Left - Unsatisfactory	11,393	60.6	5,274	58.7	16,667
Referred/Transferred	1,772	9.4	1,061	11.8	2,833
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,987</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27,789</b>

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 Los Angeles County Participant Reporting System

**TABLE 6.9**

**Non-Residential Discharge Status By Race/Ethnicity**

Discharge Status	White		Black/African American		Latino		Native American		Asian/Pacific Islander		Other		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	1,493	19.7	889	13.8	2,118	17.2	39	18.0	122	22.2	163	22.0	4,824
Left – Satisfactory	911	12.0	723	11.2	1,637	13.3	26	12.0	90	16.4	78	10.5	3,465
Left – Unsatisfactory	4,217	55.8	4,234	65.8	7,399	60.3	128	58.9	278	50.6	411	55.4	16,667
Referred/Transferred	942	12.5	590	9.2	1,128	9.2	24	11.1	59	10.8	90	12.1	2,833
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,563</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,436</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,282</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27,789</b>

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**TABLE 6.10**

**Non-Residential Discharge Status By Age**

Discharge Status	Under 18		18 - 20		21 - 24		25 - 44		45 - 64		65 - Over		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	711	18.9	376	19.5	341	15.5	2,268	16.9	1,096	17.4	32	18.8	4,824
Left – Satisfactory	723	19.2	309	16.0	216	9.8	1,285	9.6	905	14.4	27	15.9	3,465
Left – Unsatisfactory	2,109	55.9	1,085	56.2	1,424	64.5	8,280	61.7	3,677	58.4	92	54.1	16,667
Referred/Transferred	226	6.0	160	8.3	224	10.2	1,584	11.8	620	9.8	19	11.2	2,833
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,769</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,298</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27,789</b>

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**TABLE 6.11**

**Non-Residential Discharge Status By Years Of Education**

Discharge Status	None		1 – 8 years		9 – 12 years		13 or more years		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	35	20.6	381	17.5	3,850	17.2	558	17.9	4,824
Left – Satisfactory	17	10.0	326	15.0	2,723	12.2	399	12.8	3,465
Left – Unsatisfactory	91	53.5	1,308	60.1	13,525	60.6	1,743	55.9	16,667
Referred/Transferred	27	15.9	161	7.4	2,227	10.0	418	13.4	2,833
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22,325</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,118</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27,789</b>

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**TABLE 6.12**

**Non-Residential Discharge Status By Employment Status At Admission**

Discharge Status	Employed		Unemployed		Total
	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	1,296	21.1	3,528	16.3	4,824
Left – Satisfactory	616	10.0	2,849	13.2	3,465
Left – Unsatisfactory	3,605	58.7	13,062	60.3	16,667
Referred/Transferred	628	10.2	2,205	10.2	2,833
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,145</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21,644</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27,789</b>

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**TABLE 6.13**

**Non-Residential Discharge Status By Primary Alcohol/Drug Problem At Admission**

Discharge Status	Alcohol		Cocaine/Crack		Heroin		Marijuana/Hashish		Methamphetamine		Other		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Completed Treatment	1,029	21.8	725	16.3	849	12.2	1,011	20.0	976	17.3	234	24.6	4,824
Left – Satisfactory	680	14.4	362	8.1	1,141	16.4	721	14.2	436	7.7	125	13.2	3,465
Left – Unsatisfactory	2,654	56.3	2,821	63.5	4,251	61.2	2,980	58.5	3,506	62.2	455	47.9	16,667
Referred/Transferred	353	7.5	538	12.1	712	10.2	372	7.3	722	12.8	136	14.3	2,833
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,716</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,446</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,953</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,084</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,640</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27,789</b>

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