

METHODOLOGY

America's Best Residential Addiction Treatment Centers **2026**

Scope, Data Collection, Evaluation, and Results

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Summary of the project

The 7th edition of **America's Best Residential Addiction Treatment Centers** ranking awards the **leading 440** addiction treatment centers in the U.S. Facilities in the 25 states⁽¹⁾ with the highest number of addiction treatment centers, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), were included in the survey. The remaining states were grouped into 4 regions. Facilities from these states were considered accordingly.

The scope of facilities and states included in the survey is:

- Inpatient/residential and long-term addiction treatment centers were included in the ranking. Long-term programs required a minimum residency of 30 days ^(2,3). Facilities that only offer outpatient or short-term addiction treatment services are not included in this ranking.
- The top 10 – 15% facilities per state and region were awarded. This amount is based on the number of facilities within the specific state or region that meet the above-mentioned scope of requirements and therefore varies in the individual states and regions.

The list is based on **four data sources**:

1. **National online survey – reputation score:** from medical professionals and managers/administrators working in addiction treatment centers.
2. **Credentials:** Accreditations, certifications, and licenses of addiction treatment centers provided by SAMHSA were included as a quality measure.
3. **Care services data** on additional treatment centers provided by SAMHSA.
4. **Patient reviews:** volume-weighted patient experience data from leading review platforms and Google Reviews.

New features and changes in the 2026 edition

The following list provides a brief overview of all **major changes in this year's edition** compared to the America's Best Addiction Treatment Centers 2025 rankings:

- **Inclusion of previous year's recommendation data:** To account for reputational continuity, recommendation data from last **two years** was factored into the reputation pillar
- **Expanded patient review data:** Patient Reviews were considered from two leading U.S. review platforms for addiction treatment centers
- **Update on credential analysis:** Updated weighting ratios for accreditations, certifications, and licenses
- **Expansion of the list:** Increase from 420 facilities to 440

Residential Addiction Treatment Centers across the United States were eligible for the ranking

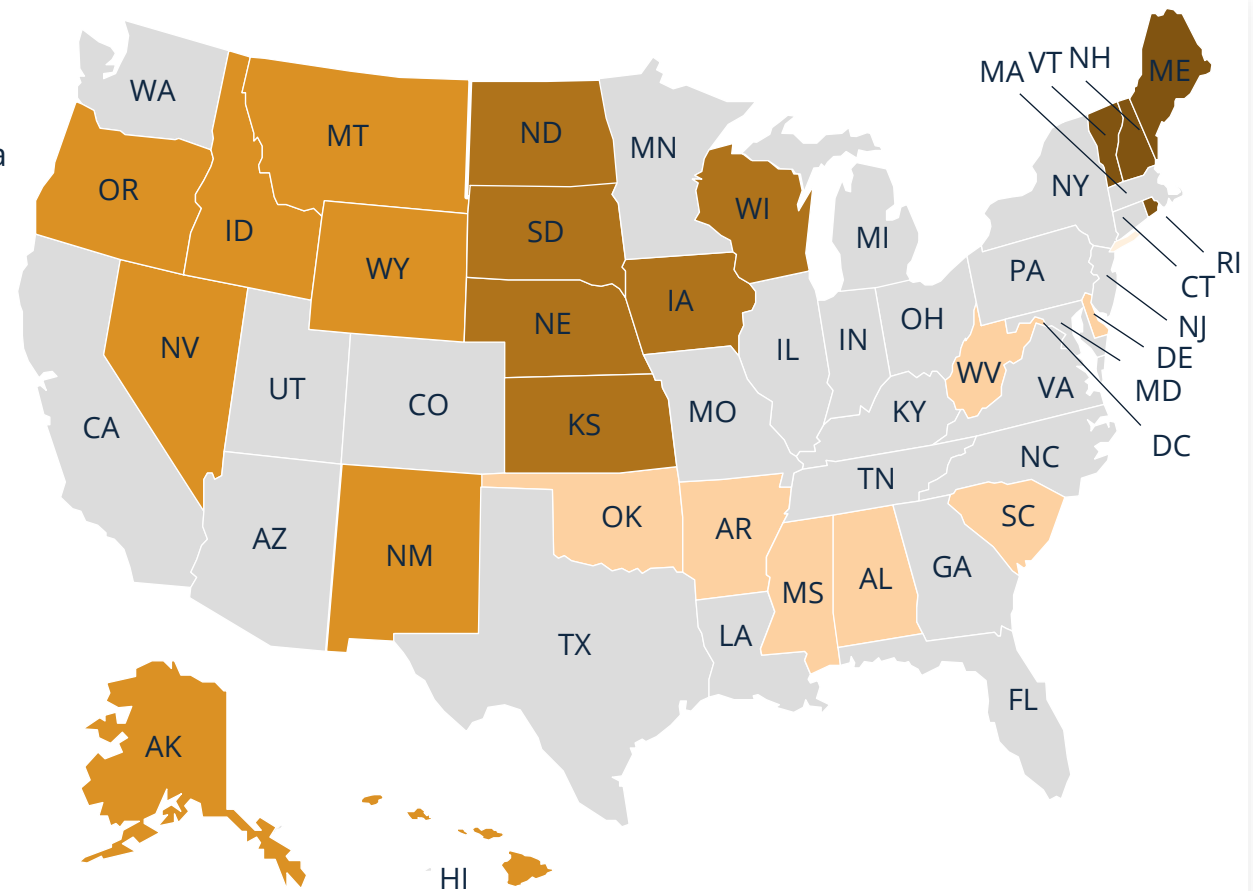
Geographical distribution

Addiction Treatment Centers from **the 25 states with the highest number of centers** were included in the survey:

- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- Washington

All remaining states were divided into **4 regions** for the survey:

- **Northeast:** Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
- **Midwest:** Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin
- **West:** Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Wyoming
- **South:** Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Washington, D.C., Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, West Virginia



Facility evaluation is based on four pillars, ranging from peer evaluations and accreditations to care services and patient experience

Data sources



Medical experts with knowledge about addiction treatment centers were invited to the survey

Recommendations from peers

1 National Online Survey

From May to June 2026, Statista invited thousands of medical professionals (therapists, counselors, medical doctors) and managers/administrators who work in addiction treatment facilities to an online survey. The survey was also promoted on newsweek.com.



Nationwide online survey was conducted among medical professionals and managers/administrators working in addiction treatment. Self-recommendations were not allowed.



Participants were asked to recommend notable addiction treatment centers **in their state**. The professional experience of each participant was taken into account. This year's analysis also included data from the previous two years, with lower weighting than the 2026 survey data.



Participants were asked to assign a **ranking position** (e.g., Top 1, Top 2, Top 3, Top 50, Not in the Top 50) to addiction treatment centers. These assessments and the recommendations were used to determine the **reputation score**.

REPUTATION SCORE

A quality score was calculated for each recommended addiction treatment center

Quality Score

1 National Online Survey

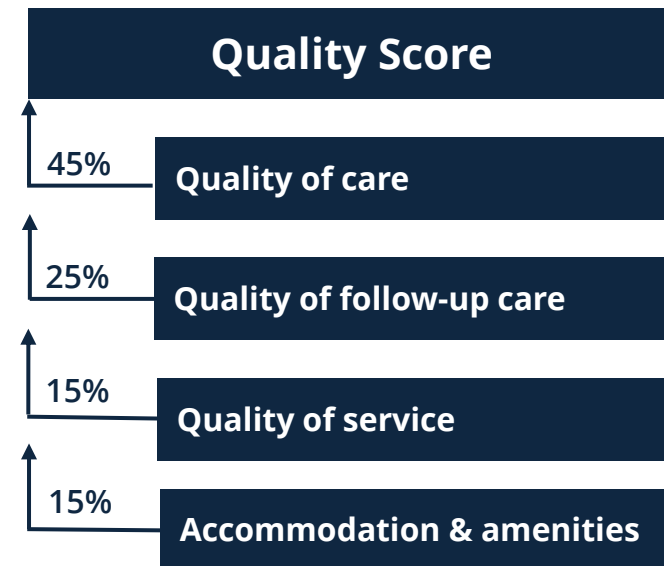
For each recommended addiction treatment center participants were asked to rate **four quality dimensions** on a scale from 1 ("Poor") to 10 ("Excellent"), from which a quality score was calculated.

The following quality dimensions with their respective weights were evaluated:

- **Quality of care**
- **Quality of follow-up care**
- **Quality of service**
- **Accommodation & amenities**

A quality score was assigned to facilities based on the weighted average of these ratings.

1 Quality Score Weights



REPUTATION SCORE

Available data on American addiction treatment centers was analyzed

Facility accreditation metric

2 Credentials

The **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** provides data for addiction treatment centers.

Several accreditations and certifications were included in the scoring analysis (where available).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">– State Substance Abuse Agency– State Mental Health Department– State Department of Health– Hospital Licensing Authority– The Joint Commission– Federally Qualified Health Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)– National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)– Council on Accreditation (COA)– Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP)– SAMHSA Certification for Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)– Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) |
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A higher weight was assigned to accreditations than to certifications and licenses in the analysis.

CREDENTIAL SCORE

Available data on American addiction treatment centers was analyzed

Facility care services metric

3 Care Services

The **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** provides data for addiction treatment centers.

Several recovery support, educational, and counseling services were included in the scoring analysis (where available).

- Self-help groups
- Housing services
- Assistance with obtaining social services
- Recovery coach
- Mentoring/peer support
- Employment counseling or training
- HIV or AIDS education, counseling, or support
- Hepatitis education, counseling, or support
- Health education services other than HIV/AIDS or hepatitis
- Substance use disorder education
- Smoking/vaping/tobacco cessation counseling
- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Family counseling
- Marital/couples counseling
- Vocational training or educational support

Each care service was weighted equally.

CARE SERVICES SCORE

Patient review data on American addiction treatment centers was analyzed

Facility reviews across three platforms

4 Patient Reviews

Data were sourced from three platforms: Rehabs.com⁽¹⁾, Recovery.com⁽²⁾, and Google Reviews.

Score calculation:

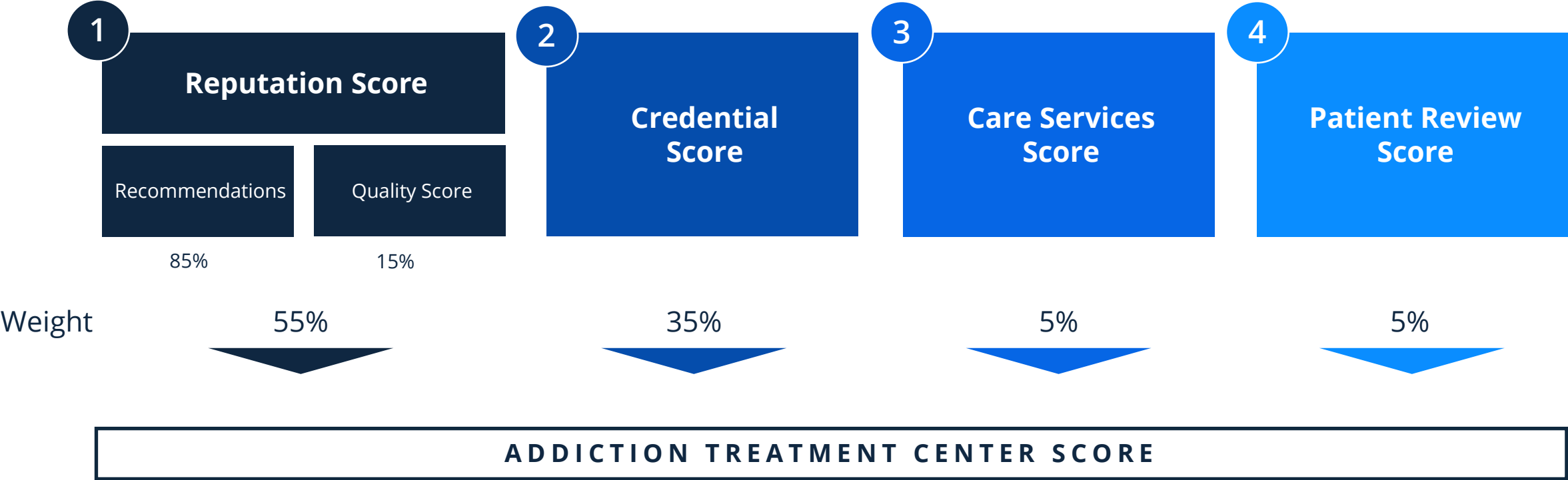
- Average star ratings and total number of reviews were incorporated into the analysis
- Platform weighting: Platforms with a higher volume of reviews contributed more strongly to the final score
- Within-platform weighting: Ratings based on a larger number of reviews were given greater influence
- All platform-specific ratings were standardized into percentage scores

Final Patient Review Score reflects a volume-weighted aggregation across all three platforms

PATIENT REVIEW SCORE

A score was calculated for each addiction treatment center

Scoring model



As a result, addiction treatment centers with the highest score were awarded

Final Addiction Treatment Center Ranking

California

Rank	Facility	City
1	Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation - Rancho Mirage	Rancho Mirage
2	Westwind Recovery	Los Angeles
3	Tarzana Treatment Centers - Tarzana	Tarzana
4	Luxe Recovery	Los Angeles
5	Alta Mira Recovery Programs	Sausalito

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Florida

Rank	Facility	City
1	Riverside Recovery of Tampa	Tampa
2	Banyan Boca	Boca Raton
3	Hanley Center	West Palm Beach
4	Beach House	Juno Beach
5	Lakeview Health - Jacksonville	Jacksonville

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LEADING ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTERS WERE AWARDED

America's Best Addiction Treatment Centers partner network

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