

METHODOLOGY

America's Best Addiction Treatment Centers **2025**

Scope, Data Collection, Evaluation, and Results

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Summary of the project

- The 6th edition of **America's Best Addiction Treatment Centers** ranking awards the **leading 420** 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 were excluded.
 - The top 10 – 18% 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. **Accreditation data** on addiction treatment centers provided by SAMHSA.
 3. **Care Services data** on additional treatment centers provided by SAMHSA.
 4. **Google reviews** were included as a measure of patient experience.

New features and changes in the 2025 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 2024 rankings:
 - **Increase of accreditation weighting:** This year the weight of the accreditation pillar was increased within the scoring model to reflect the emphasis on quality indicator.
 - **Inclusion of a new Care Services Pillar:** A new pillar was added for *Recovery Support Services* and *Education and Counseling Services* that a facility offers based on data collected by SAMHSA.
 - **Inclusion of previous year's recommendation data:** To account for reputational continuity, recommendation data from last year was factored into the reputation pillar.
 - **Inclusion of additional accreditations:**
 - Federally Qualified Health Center
 - SAMHSA certification for opioid treatment program (OTP)
 - Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

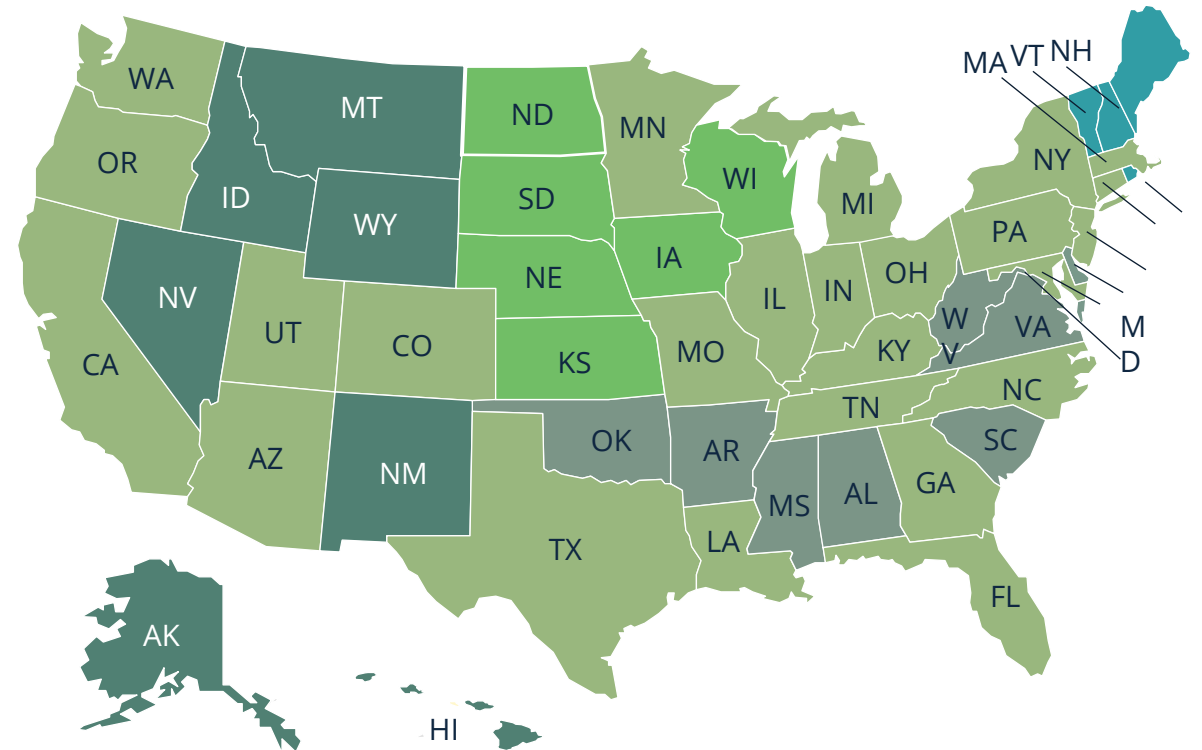
Addiction Treatment Centers from 25 states were eligible for the ranking

Geographical distribution

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

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

- 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, Wyoming
 - South:** Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Virginia, 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 2025, 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 year, with 2024 responses weighted less than those from 2025



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

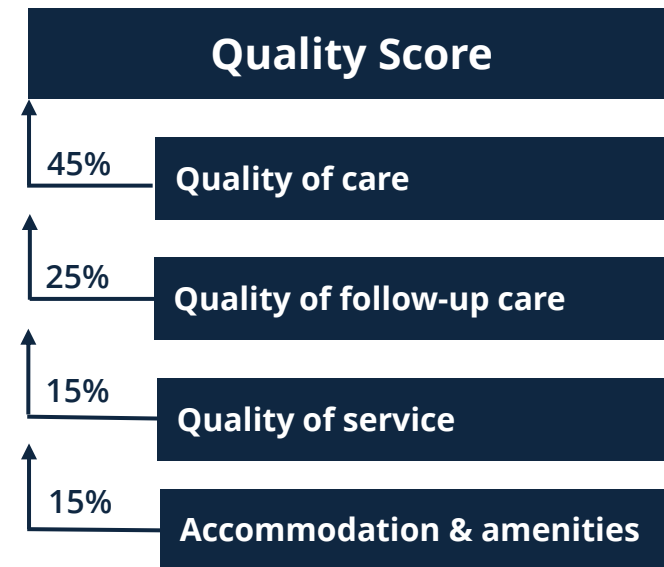
A quality score was calculated for each recommended addiction treatment center

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"), on 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**
- The quality score was assigned to each facility 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



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Facility quality metrics - Accreditations & certifications

- 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).
 - State Substance Abuse Agency
 - State Mental Health Department
 - State Department of Health
 - Hospital Licensing Authority
 - The Joint Commission
 - Federally Qualified Health Center
 - 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)
- Each accreditation was weighted equally.

ACCREDITATION SCORE

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Facility care services metric

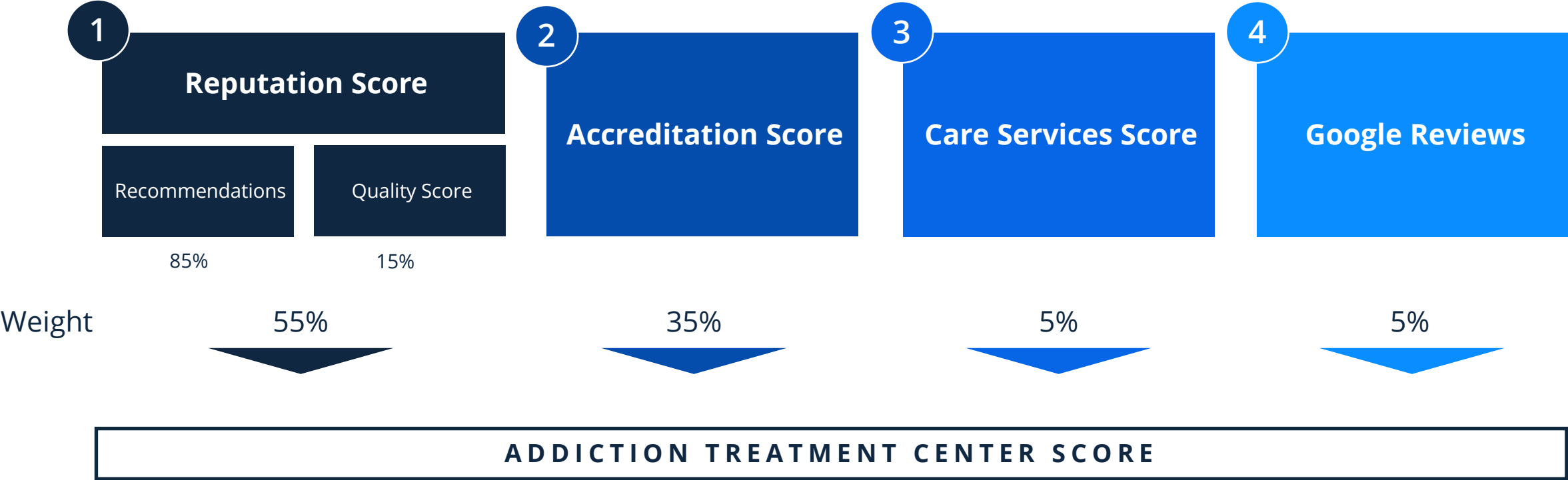
3 Care Services

- 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

A score was calculated for each addiction treatment center

Scoring model



As a result, 420 addiction treatment centers with the highest score were awarded

Final Addiction Treatment Center Ranking

California

Rank	Facility	City
1	Cliffside Malibu	Malibu
2	Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation - Rancho Mirage	Rancho Mirage
3	Elevate Addiction Services - Santa Cruz	Watsonville
4	Oro House Recovery Centers	Malibu
5	Summit Estate Recovery Center	Saratoga

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Florida

Rank	Facility	City
1	UF Health Florida Recovery Center	Gainesville
2	Riverside Recovery of Tampa	Tampa
3	Ambrosia Treatment Center - Singer Island	Singer Island
4	The Women and Children Residential Treatment Program - Orange County	Orlando
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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