Table 5.88A Reasons for Not Receiving Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment in the Past Year among Persons Aged 12 or Older Classified as Needing But Not Receiving Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment at a Specialty Facility and Who Felt a Need for Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment in the Past Year: Numbers in Thousands, 2003

Reason Did Not Receive Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment ¹	Total	
Cost/Insurance Barriers ²	344	
Stigma ³	203	
Did Not Feel Need for Treatment/Could Handle the Problem Without Treatment ⁴	178	
Treatment Would Not Help	65	
Did Not Have Time	55	
Did Not Know Where to Go for Treatment	90	
Not Ready to Stop Using	427	
Other Access Barriers ⁵	127	

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Respondents were classified as needing treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol problem if they met at least one of three criteria during the past year: (1) dependent on any illicit drug or alcohol; (2) abuse of any illicit drug or alcohol; or (3) received treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol problem at a specialty facility (i.e., drug and alcohol rehabilitation facilities [inpatient or outpatient], hospitals [inpatient only], and mental health centers). Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), inhalants, hallucinogens, heroin, or prescription-type psychotherapeutic (nonmedical use).

NOTE: Needing But Not Receiving Treatment refers to respondents classified as needing treatment for illicit drugs or alcohol, but have not received treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol problem at a specialty facility.

NOTE: Felt Need for Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment includes persons who did not receive but felt they needed treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol problem, as well as persons who received treatment at a location other than a specialty facility but felt they needed additional treatment.

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

⁴ Includes reasons of "Did not feel need for treatment" and "Could handle the problem without treatment."

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2003.

² Includes reasons of "No health coverage and could not afford cost," "Had health coverage but did not cover treatment or did not cover cost," and other specify responses of "Could not afford cost; health coverage not indicated."

³ Includes reasons of "Might cause neighbors/community to have negative opinion," "Might have negative effect on job," "Did not want others to find out," and other specify responses of "Ashamed/embarrassed/afraid" and "Afraid would have trouble with the police/social services."

⁵ Includes reasons of "No transportation/inconvenient," "No program having type of treatment," "No openings in a program," and other specify responses of "No program had counselors/doctors with whom you were comfortable," and "You attempted to get treatment but encountered delays."

Table 5.88B Reasons for Not Receiving Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment in the Past Year among Persons Aged 12 or Older Classified as Needing But Not Receiving Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment at a Specialty Facility and Who Felt a Need for Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment in the Past Year: Percentages, 2003

Reason Did Not Receive Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment ¹	Total	
Cost/Insurance Barriers ²	33.2	
Stigma ³	19.6	
Did Not Feel Need for Treatment/Could Handle the Problem Without Treatment ⁴	17.2	
Treatment Would Not Help	6.3	
Did Not Have Time	5.3	
Did Not Know Where to Go for Treatment	8.7	
Not Ready to Stop Using	41.2	
Other Access Barriers ⁵	12.3	

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Table 5.89A Detailed Reasons for Not Receiving Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment in the Past Year among Persons Aged 12 or Older Classified as Needing But Not Receiving Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment at a Specialty Facility and Who Felt a Need for Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment in the Past Year: Numbers in Thousands, 2002 and 2003

Reason Did Not Receive Illicit Drug or	Total	
Alcohol Treatment 1	2002	2003
No Health Coverage and Could Not Afford Cost	384	282
Had Health Coverage but Did Not Cover Treatment or Did Not Cover Cost	106	67
No Transportation/Inconvenient	119 ^a	32
No Program Having Type of Treatment	76	77
Not Ready to Stop Using	490	427
No Openings in a Program	28	35
Did Not Know Where to Go for Treatment	147	90
Might Cause Neighbors/Community to Have Negative Opinion	90	74
Might Have Negative Effect on Job	165	81
Did Not Feel Need for Treatment		93
Could Handle the Problem Without Treatment		141
Treatment Would Not Help		65
Did Not Have Time		55
Did Not Want Others to Find Out		84
Some Other Reason		31

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

⁻⁻ Not available.

^aDifference between estimate and 2003 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^bDifference between estimate and 2003 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

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Table 5.89B Detailed Reasons for Not Receiving Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment in the Past Year among Persons Aged 12 or Older Classified as Needing But Not Receiving Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment at a Specialty Facility and Who Felt a Need for Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment in the Past Year: Percentages, 2002 and 2003

Reason Did Not Receive Any Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment ¹	Total	
	2002	2003
No Health Coverage and Could Not Afford Cost	32.3	27.2
Had Health Coverage but Did Not Cover Treatment or Did Not Cover Cost	8.9	6.5
No Transportation/Inconvenient	10.0	3.1
No Program Having Type of Treatment	6.4	7.5
Not Ready to Stop Using	41.2	41.2
No Openings in a Program	2.4	3.4
Did Not Know Where to Go for Treatment	12.3	8.7
Might Cause Neighbors/Community to Have Negative Opinion	7.5	7.1
Might Have Negative Effect on Job	13.9	7.8
Did Not Feel Need for Treatment		9.0
Could Handle the Problem Without Treatment		13.6
Treatment Would Not Help		6.3
Did Not Have Time		5.3
Did Not Want Others to Find Out		8.1
Some Other Reason		3.0

^{*}Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Felt Need for Illicit Drug or Alcohol Treatment includes persons who did not receive but felt they needed treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol problem, as well as persons who received treatment at a location other than a specialty facility but felt they needed additional treatment.

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