

## “Women & MOUD”

### Study Overview

This study examines women’s progress and completion in medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) treatment. The researchers focus on methadone. The study concludes with a call for more gender-responsive treatment approaches to increase MOUD treatment progress and completion among women.



- Methadone treatment for OUD is the most cost-effective MOUD treatment.
- In this study, female clients were more likely to make progress toward MOUD treatment completion than male clients.
- The study underscores the need for gender-competent services in methadone treatment.

### TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ Among those receiving methadone (versus counseling), female clients were significantly less likely than men to complete their treatment.
- ✓ Latinx individuals had a lower likelihood of completion compared to non-Latinx people.
- ✓ There was also a relationship between clients who reported homelessness and MOUD treatment progress and completion. Individuals with housing instability had a lower chance of making progress *and* completing treatment.