



ALABAMA

In the first half of 2023, Alabama had 408 state hospital beds for adults with severe mental illness. This puts Alabama at 8.0 available beds per 100,000 population.

Forensic Beds

140 state hospital beds (34%) are designated for forensic patients in Alabama. The Alabama Department of Mental Health did not reply to our request for further information on the status of state hospital beds in Alabama. There may be additional forensic patients in beds designated for civil patients in Alabama that are unaccounted for in this report.

Alabama's rank among the states
#35 in beds per 100,000 population

#32 in percentage of beds occupied by
forensic patients

Alabama's State Hospital System:

[Bryce Hospital](#) (Tuscaloosa, AL): 268 beds. Bryce Hospital is responsible for the provision of inpatient psychiatric services for adults throughout the state.

[Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility](#) (Tuscaloosa, AL): 140 beds. Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility is responsible for providing comprehensive psychiatric evaluation/treatment to the criminally committed throughout the state and forensic evaluations to the Criminal Courts for the state of Alabama. It is the only maximum security forensic facility operated by the Alabama Department of Mental Health.

[Mary Starke Harper Geriatric Psychiatry Center](#) (Tuscaloosa, AL): Mary Starke Harper Geriatric Psychiatry Center is responsible for the provision of inpatient psychiatric services for citizens aged 65 and older throughout the state. Beds are not included in total bed count for the adult SMI population because they are designated geriatric and primarily serve patients with dementia.

[Pediatric Beds](#): Alabama has no designated state hospital beds for minors and provides inpatient psychiatric services for children and adolescents statewide through a contract with East Alabama Medical Center. These beds are not included in total bed counts for the adult SMI population because they are pediatric.