



# MARYLAND

In the first half of 2023, Maryland had 1,056 state hospital beds, 946 of which were fully staffed and online. This puts Maryland at 15.3 online beds per 100,000 population. While none of Maryland’s state hospital beds are designated for forensic patients, more than 99% of beds are occupied by forensic patients at any given time. The state hospital has an average occupancy rate of 98% and the average length of stay for forensic patients was 2.3 years (840 days).

**Maryland’s rank among the states**

**#9** in beds per 100,000 population

**#3** in percentage of beds occupied by forensic patients

**Forensic Waitlist.** In Maryland, there were 129 incarcerated individuals waiting in jail for a bed to open at the time of data collection. Incarcerated individuals spent an average of one month (30 days) waiting for a bed to open. While waiting in jail for a bed to open, people with severe mental illness can experience worsening psychotic symptoms and can even die from preventable causes like dehydration or starvation.

**Patients Ready for Discharge.** 161 patients were clinically ready for discharge but unable to be discharged due to a lack of available facilities. This means 17% of beds are occupied by patients who clinically no longer need hospital-level care. The enclosed table shows various

Clinically Ready to Discharge but Difficult to Place*	
Undocumented	7
Intensive RRP	56
24/7 Care	15
Special Programs	8
Nursing Home	11
Assisted Living Facility	29
Home	5
Capitation	14
TBI	1
DDA	15

*\*Note: Data current as of February 17, 2023.*

reasons for which patients are unable to be placed in appropriate discharge facilities. Over one-third of patients who were ready for discharge were waiting for an intensive residential placement.

**Maryland’s State Hospital System:**  
[The Maryland Department of Health](#) operates five psychiatric state hospitals:

- [Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center](#) (Jessup, MD)
- [Eastern Shore Hospital Center](#) (Cambridge, MD)
- [Spring Grove Hospital Center](#) (Catonsville, MD)
- [Springfield Hospital Center](#) (Sykesville, MD)
- [Thomas B. Finan Center](#) (Cumberland, MD)