



MICHIGAN

In the first half of 2023, Michigan had 643 total state hospital beds for adults, 497 of which were staffed and ready for patients. This puts Michigan at 5.0 online beds per 100,000. According to state officials, the state hospital system is operating at or near capacity. Michigan also has 79 beds for adolescents, which are not included in total bed counts for the SMI population.

Forensic Patients

While Michigan does not specifically designate beds for civil and forensic patients, there were 223 beds (45%) occupied by forensic patients at the time of data collection. 204 (41%) of these beds were occupied by patients who were NGRI. Forensic patients had an average length of stay of 3 months (93 days) in the hospital.

Michigan's rank among the states

#46 in beds per 100,000 population
#24 in percentage of beds occupied by forensic patients

Patients Ready for Discharge and the Forensic Waitlist

100 beds in Michigan state hospitals (20%) were occupied by patients who are clinically ready for discharge but unable to be discharged due to a lack of less restrictive facilities for discharge. If appropriate discharge facilities were available, these beds could be occupied by people with severe mental illness who are currently waiting in jail for a bed to open. There were 200 people with severe mental illness waiting in jail for a bed to open so they could be restored to competency, as of May 2023. Patients waited an average of 3 months (92 days) in jail for a bed in the state hospital 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 and starvation.

Michigan's State Hospital System:

The [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) operates five inpatient facilities:

- [Caro Psychiatric Hospital](#) (Caro, MI)
- [Center for Forensic Psychiatry](#) (Saline, MI)
- [Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital](#) (Kalamazoo, MI)
- [Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital](#) (Westland, MI)
- [Hawthorn Center](#) (Northville, MI)

The Hawthorn Center will soon be replaced by a new [\\$325 million psychiatric hospital](#) due to aging infrastructure in the current facility.