



MINNESOTA

In the first half of 2023, Minnesota had 192 state hospital beds. This puts Minnesota at 3.4 beds per 100,000.

Minnesota is unique in that all commitments to the state hospital occur through civil courts, not criminal courts. According to state officials, a person might be charged in criminal court with a serious crime. During the criminal proceedings, the person may be found incompetent to stand trial due to mental illness. At that point, the criminal proceedings must stop. Subsequently, the person may then be civilly committed as mentally ill, provided they meet the criteria — but that is a separate proceeding in civil court. Most people who are civilly committed receive treatment in programs and facilities not operated by the state.

Minnesota's rank among the states

#49 in beds per 100,000 population

There are seven hospitals operated by the Department of Health Services. With a few exceptions, all patients at DHS-operated psychiatric facilities have been civilly committed as mentally ill, mentally ill and dangerous, chemically dependent, developmentally disabled, sexually dangerous or as a sexual psychopathic personality. Some are under more than one commitment.

Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC):

This is the state's largest psychiatric hospital with 96 budgeted, staffed beds. The average occupancy rate at the facility in May of 2023 was 86 percent. The average length of stay is about 100 days.

Community Behavioral Health Hospitals:

These six regional 16-bed hospitals have a combined total of 96 budgeted, staffed beds. The combined average occupancy rate at those facilities in May of 2023 was 94 percent. The average length of stay is 48 days.

Forensic Mental Health Program:

Minnesota also operates the Forensic Mental Health Program. This is a supervised living facility for forensic patients, that provides essentially the same care as state hospitals. The hospital has 359 beds, an average occupancy of 95%, and the average length of stay is approximately 10 years. Beds in the Forensic Mental Health Program are not included in total state hospital bed numbers for the state because the facility is not licensed as a state hospital.