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In the first half of 2023, Mississippi had 366 online state hospital beds for adults. This puts Mississippi at 12.4 beds per 100,000. Mississippi also has 16 beds for adolescents, which are not included in total bed counts for the SMI population.

Forensic Patients. There are 71 total beds for forensic patients in Mississippi, 62 of which are staffed and ready for patients. There are an additional 16 forensic patients occupying civil beds, bringing the total number of beds occupied by forensic patients to 78 (21%). Eight of these beds are occupied by NGRI patients. While civil patients stay in the hospital for an average of 1.3 months (39 days), forensic patients stay for an average of 4.4 months (133 days).

Forensic Waitlist. At the time of data collection, there were 70 people on the waitlist for forensic services. For those awaiting competency restoration, the average wait for a bed to open was 9.6 months (287 days). It takes approximately one month to restore someone to competency once they have been admitted to a hospital.

Occupancy Rate. Hospital occupancy rates greater than 85% are indicative of bed shortages. In Mississippi, 94% of all beds and 97% of forensic beds were occupied at the time of data collection.

Mississippi's rank among the states

#15 in beds per 100,000 population
#42 in percentage of beds occupied by forensic patients

Mississippi's State Hospital System:

Mississippi has four state hospitals operated by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health:

- [Mississippi State Hospital](#) (Whitfield, MS): This facility has 100 acute psychiatric civil beds for adults, 25 beds for females with substance use disorder, 56 Continued Treatment Services beds for long-term patients, 62 forensic beds, & a 276 bed nursing home.
- [East Mississippi State Hospital](#) (Meridian, MS): This facility has 120 acute psychiatric civil beds for adults and 35 beds for males with substance use disorder.
- [North Mississippi State Hospital](#) (Tupelo, MS): This facility has 50 acute psychiatric civil beds for adults.
- [South Mississippi State Hospital](#) (Purvis, MS): This facility has 50 acute psychiatric civil beds for adults.