



NEBRASKA

In the first half of 2023, Nebraska had 250 total state hospital beds for adults with severe mental illness, 194 of which were staffed and ready for patients. This puts Nebraska at 9.9 staffed beds per 100,000 population. On average, 82% of these beds are occupied.

Nebraska's rank among the states

#26 in beds per 100,000 population

#19 in percentage of beds occupied by forensic patients

Forensic Patients

There are 112 online beds for forensic patients in Nebraska. The average length of stay for forensic patients is 2.6 months (77 days) for female patients and 3.9 months (117 days) for male patients. The occupancy rates of various forensic units range from 71% to 97%.

Forensic Waitlist

There were 57 people involved with the criminal legal system who were waiting for a forensic bed to open, but some of these people were not currently incarcerated individuals in jail. These people wait an average of two months (60 days) for a bed to open.

Nebraska's State Hospital System:

[The Lincoln Regional Center](#) is the only hospital for people with severe mental illness in Nebraska. The hospital has 250 beds but was not able to open all beds at the time of data collection due to construction and staffing shortages.

[The Norfolk Regional Center](#) is another state operated facility exclusively for the treatment of sex offenders. The hospital has 120 beds and these beds are not included in total bed counts for the SMI population.



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