

OKLAHOMA

In the first half of 2023, Oklahoma had 376 state hospital beds for adults with severe mental illness. This puts Oklahoma at 9.6 staffed beds per 100,000 population. 200 of these beds (53%) are designated for forensic patients. Of these, approximately half are NGRI patients.

Oklahoma's rank among the states #30 in beds per 100,000 population #21 in percentage of beds occupied by forensic patients

Oklahoma's State Hospital System:

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services operates several facilities including Griffin Memorial Hospital (Norman, OK), Oklahoma Forensic Center (Vinita, OK), and Tulsa Center for Behavioral Health (Tulsa, OK). The Department also operates the Transitions Recovery Center (Vinita, OK), a secure 52-bed forensic step-down facility for NGRI patients.

Jail-based competency restorations, residential and step-down facilities contribute to Oklahoma having no incarcerated individuals on the waitlist for beds and no patients who are ready for discharge but cannot be discharged due to a lack of appropriate discharge facilities. The Department has additionally reduced hospital overflow through their 24 urgent recovery beds for people who need intensive care on a voluntary basis.

Patients who may not require inpatient services or involuntary hospitalization are diverted from the hospital system through Oklahoma's Comprehensive Crisis
Response. This includes increasing public awareness of 988, dispatching mobile crisis teams, equipping each law enforcement officer with 24/7 access to behavioral health professionals, and adding 50% more urgent care and crisis center across the state.