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In the first half of 2023, Utah had 282 total state hospital beds for adults with severe mental illness, 246 of which were staffed and ready for patients. This puts Utah at 7.3 staffed adult beds per 100,000 population. There are an additional 72 beds for pediatric patients and 30 beds for pediatric patients that are not included in total bed counts for the SMI population.

Forensic Beds

124 beds (50%) were designated for forensic patients at the time of data collection, with two additional civil beds being occupied by forensic patients as well. Eight beds were occupied by NGRI patients.

Utah's rank among the states

#42 in beds per 100,000 population

#22 in percentage of beds occupied by forensic patients

Patients Ready for Discharge

On average 24% of beds (58 beds) are occupied by patients who are clinically ready for discharge but unable to be discharged due to a lack of appropriate discharge facilities.

Forensic Waitlist

At the time of data collection, two incarcerated individuals were on the waitlist for state hospital beds in Utah. Incarcerated individuals wait an average of two weeks (13 days) in jail for a bed to open.

Utah's State Hospital System:

[Utah State Hospital](#) (Provo, UT) is the only state hospital in Utah. There are five-30 bed units for adults with severe mental illness and five inpatient units for forensic services.

Hospital Fast Facts:

- The average length of stay for forensic patients was 4.3 months (128 days), while civil patients stay for an average of 1.5 years (561 days).
- On average, 82% of all state hospital beds and 95% of forensic beds are occupied.
- A sixth forensic unit was planned to begin opening in 2021; however, the funding was put on hold until 2023 because of COVID-19. Staffing challenges have limited the state's ability to open this new unit.

