

VERMONT

In the first half of 2023, Vermont had 25 total beds and 16 staffed state hospital beds for adults with severe mental illness. This puts Vermont at 2.5 available beds per 100,000 population. Four state hospital beds (25%) are occupied by forensic patients in Vermont.

In addition to the 25 state hospital beds, there are 32 beds in other hospitals that the Department of Mental Health can contract with. The Senate recently approved a proposal to convert nine beds in Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital, the state's only public hospital, into secure residential treatment beds. It is unclear whether these beds will provide hospital-level care to patients.

Converting Vermont's already scarcely available beds into forensic beds means people with SMI who have not been charged with a crime will have even fewer options for treatment in Vermont's public hospital.

For more information on Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital, you can read the Department of Mental Health's 2022 report here.

Vermont's rank among the states #50 in beds per 100,000 population

#38 in percentage of beds occupied by forensic patients

Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital: Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital is the only state hospital in Vermont. The facility has 25 beds when fully staffed and is located in Berlin, Vermont.

