



# VIRGINIA

In the first half of 2023, the [Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services](#) had 1,341 total state hospital beds for adults with severe mental illness, 1,241 of which were staffed and ready for patients. This puts Virginia at 14.3 staffed adult beds per 100,000 population.

There are 48 beds for pediatric patients and 264 beds for geriatric patients in Virginia. While pediatric beds are not included in total bed counts for the SMI population, some geriatric beds are since Virginia utilizes geriatric beds to care for forensic patients with SMI in addition to caring for those with dementia. Approximately 63% of all beds were occupied by forensic patients at the time of data collection.

Virginia’s rank among the states  
**#12** in beds per 100,000 population  
  
**#11** in percentage of beds occupied by forensic patients

## Forensic Waitlist

There were 40 incarcerated individuals waiting for a forensic bed at the time of data collection. Most of these patients (85%) were awaiting competency restoration. Patients waited an average of one week (6.9 days) to be admitted to the state hospital.

## Patients Ready for Discharge

152 adult beds and six pediatric beds are occupied by patients who are clinically ready for discharge, but unable to be safely discharged due to a lack of appropriate facilities across nine hospitals.

## Length of Stay

Length of stay varied greatly across different types of patient commitment orders (Figure 1)

Patient Status	Length of stay (months)	Length of stay (days)
Emergency treatment from the jail	1.3	40
Evaluations for competency to stand trial and/or sanity at the time of the offense	2.5	74
Civil patients	3.3	99
Restoration of people deemed incompetent to stand trial	3.5	106
NGRI acquittees admitted voluntarily	7.1	213
Patients deemed incompetent to stand trial and unrestorable	10.5	314
Patients who require civil commitment at the end of their Department of Correction sentence	12.5	375
NGRI acquittees admitted after having their conditional release revoked	23.5	704
NGRI Patients	44.7	1,341