CALIFORNIA

In the first half of 2023, California had 6,542 staffed, online state hospital beds. This puts California at 16.8 beds per 100,000 population.

Forensic Beds

While approximately 3,805 state hospital beds (58%) are designated for forensic patients, 4,522 state hospital beds (69 %) are occupied by forensic patients. While California State Hospitals accept civil patients, they do not accept voluntary admissions.

California's rank among the states

#6 in beds per 100,000 population

#10 in percentage of beds occupied by forensic patients

California's State Hospital System:

Atascadero (San Luis Obispo County, CA): 1,275 beds. The state hospital at Atascadero is a secure forensic hospital for male patients only.

Coalinga (Fresno County, CA): 1,500 beds. The state hospital at Coalinga primarily treats sexually violent patients and has a secure perimeter.

Metropolitan (Los Angeles County, CA): 1,106 beds. The state hospital at Metropolitan does not accept patients with a criminal history that includes murder, sex crimes, or escape.

Napa (Napa County, CA): 1,374 beds. The state hospital at Napa is the oldest state hospital still in operation. The hospital has one treatment program for civil patients and four programs for forensic patients in a secure facility.

Patton (San Bernardino, CA): 1,287 beds. The state hospital at Patton provides treatment for both civil and forensic patients in a secure facility.

As California state officials did not respond directly to our request for information, data points included in our reports were estimates based on data provided in the Department of State Hospital's 2023-23 Governor's Budget Proposals and Estimates.