



ILLINOIS

In the first half of 2023, Illinois had 1,359 state hospital beds. This puts Illinois at 10.8 beds per 100,000 population.

Forensic Patients. In Illinois, 865 beds (64%) are designated for the SMI population. However, an additional 87 civil beds were occupied by forensic patients at the time of data collection, meaning that 70% of all beds are occupied by forensic patients. Approximately one quarter of all beds (344 beds) are occupied by patients who are NGRI.

Illinois' rank among the states
#23 in beds per 100,000 population

#8 in percentage of beds occupied by
forensic patients

Forensic Waitlist. In early 2023, 129 people were waiting in jail for a state hospital bed to open. Incarcerated individuals had been waiting in jail for an average of 2 months (58 days) for a bed to open. While waiting in jail for a bed to open, people with severe mental illness can experience deterioration, worsening psychotic symptoms, and even death.

Hospital Occupancy Rates. Hospital occupancy rates greater than 85% are indicative of bed shortages. In Illinois, 89% of all beds and 97% of designated forensic beds are occupied.

Length of Stay. Civil patients who had been discharged had an average stay of 3.3 months (99 days), while current patients had an average stay of 3.5 years (1,273 days). Discharged forensic patients had an average stay of one year (361 days), while current forensic patients had an average stay of 3.4 years (1,225 days).

Illinois' State Hospital System:

[The Illinois Department of Human Services](#) operates seven state hospitals, which are also called mental health centers. Click the link above to learn more about each of the state hospitals:

- Alton Mental Health Center (Alton, IL)
- Chester Mental Health Center (Chester, IL)
- Chicago-Read Mental Health Center (Chicago, IL)
- Choate Mental Health Center (Anna, IL)
- Elgin Mental Health Center (Elgin, IL)
- Madden Mental Health Center (Hines, IL)
- McFarland Mental Health Center (Springfield, IL)