



PENNSYLVANIA

In August 2023, Pennsylvania had 1,452 state hospital beds for adults with severe mental illness, 1,384 of which were staffed. This puts Pennsylvania at 10.7 available beds per 100,000 population.

Pennsylvania's rank among the states
#24 in beds per 100,000 population
#38 in percentage of beds occupied by forensic patients

There are an additional 100 staffed beds for long-term care and 65 beds for patients in the sexual responsibility & treatment program that are not included in total bed counts for the SMI population.

Forensic Beds and Forensic Waitlist

359 of these state hospital beds (26%) are designated forensic patients in Pennsylvania and there are no empty forensic beds. Because there are no empty beds, there is a waitlist for forensic beds. In May 2023, there were 114 people on the waitlist for a forensic bed at Torrance and Norristown state hospitals.

From January to August 2023 the number of people on the waitlist has ranged from 76 in February to 114 in May and August. The average time spent on the waitlist varies across time and hospital.



Date	Torrance State Hospital		Norristown State Hospital	
	Number of Individuals	Average Number of Days	Number of Individuals	Average Number of Days
January 27, 2023	48	40.77	33	17.12
February 24, 2023	37	34.00	39	16.38
March 31, 2023	47	28.98	44	23.50
April 28, 2023	62	31.98	48	28.60
May 26, 2023	76	40.49	38	24.29
June 30, 2023	72	47.83	28	20.18
July 28, 2023	71	45.17	17	24.24
August 25, 2023	90	40.82	24	20.83

While waiting in jail for a bed to open, people with severe mental illness can experience worsening psychotic symptoms and can even die from preventable causes such as dehydration.

List of Pennsylvania's State Hospitals:

- [Clarks Summit State Hospital](#)
- [Danville State Hospital](#)
- [Norristown State Hospital](#)
- [Torrance State Hospital](#)
- [Warren State Hospital](#)
- [Wernersville State Hospital](#)