

OMH Program Census - Data dictionary

Introduction

Data compiled by the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) on the number of individuals receiving psychiatric services while incarcerated in Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) facilities. The Program Census includes the number of individuals housed in specialized mental health units, such as Behavioral Health Units (BHU), Intermediate Care Programs (ICP), and the Residential Mental Health Unit (RMHU).

Facility staff report program census numbers monthly to the Central New York Psychiatric Center (CNYPC), which aggregates and compiles the data for OMH. All individuals listed in the Program Census are also on the OMH mental health caseload.

According to a DOCCS memos dated October 2011, Serious Mental Illness (SMI) is defined by "... possessing one or more of the following diagnoses, Schizophrenia (all sub types), Delusional Disorder, Schizophreniform Disorder, Schizoaffective Disorder, Brief Psychotic Disorder Substance/Medication Induced Psychotic Disorder (excluding intoxication and withdrawal), Unspecified Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder, Bipolar Disorder I and II, Unspecified Bipolar Disorder, Severe Personality Disorder (if functionally impaired), actively suicidal or has engaged in a recent serious suicide attempt (requires to be deemed a suicide attempt by OMH), diagnosed with a mental condition that is characterized by breaks with reality resulting in functional impairments involving acts of self-harm or other behaviors that have a serious adverse effect on life, mental and physical health, Organic Brain Syndrome that results in significant functional impairment, deteriorating in segregated confinement and experiencing significant functional impairment." (<https://www.op.nysed.gov/sites/op/files/surveys/mhpsw/doccsrpt.pdf>)

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Field Name	Type	Description
RAW_FACILITY_OR_UNIT_NAME	String	Name of facility and unit (if applicable) in which the suicide took place, as it appears on the report.
FACILITY_NAME	String	Facility in which the incarcerated individual was housed at the time of the suicide, defined using the first two digits of the DOCCS facility code. This name represents the commonplace naming for facilities and excludes references to specific buildings or units seen in RAW_FACILITY_OR_UNIT_NAME.
FACILITY_REGION_NAME	String	Facility region, with regions defined by DOCCS as groups of adjacent counties.
FACILITY_HUB_NAME	String	Facility hub, with hubs defined by DOCCS as groups of facilities which are in close proximity. Hubs have an administrative function in DOCCS operations.
FACILITY_SECURITY_LEVEL	String	Security level of the facility, as designated in DOCCS public reporting or, if unavailable, in the NY Codes Rules and Regulations, Title 7. If there are multiple security levels for a given facility, the highest is reported here (Minimum, Medium, Maximum, Drug Treatment Center).
FACILITY_STATUS	String	Indicates if a facility is open or closed as of the publication of this data (Open, Closed).
FACILITY_GENDER	String	Gender-designation for the facility (Male, Female, Mixed).
REPORT_DATE_D	Date	Date on which that data was extracted, as indicated on the source data file.
CENSUS_BHU_TBU	Int	Number of individuals in the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) or Therapeutic Behavioral Unit (TBU). DOCCS states that "the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) is a program that includes a separate housing location within a correctional facility. The BHU provides services to a target population of incarcerated individuals currently diagnosed as SMI and who have a demonstrated history of treatment resistance and poor custodial adjustment/behavior and who would otherwise be serving a confinement sanction in a Special Housing Unit. This program has an emphasis on cognitive and behavioral interventions." Regarding the TBU, DOCCS states that "The Therapeutic Behavioral Unit (TBU) is the functional equivalent of the BHU for female individuals/patients serving SHU sanctions that have a history of serious mental illness and poor custodial adjustment. "
CENSUS_CORP	Int	Number of individuals in the Community Orientation and Re-entry Program (CORP). DOCCS states that CORP "... provides individuals with intensive mental health discharge planning services to OMH level 1 and level 2 patients who are returning to the New York City area." Definitions regarding OMH levels can be found here: https://www.op.nysed.gov/sites/op/files/surveys/mhpsw/doccsrpt.pdf
CENSUS_GTP	Int	Number of individuals in the Group Therapy Program (GTP). DOCCS states that "the SHU Group Therapy Program is provided for individuals who are currently diagnosed with Serious Mental Illness and who are serving a SHU sanction in excess of 30 days and who are designated as an exception for safety and security reasons. The treatment goal is for these individuals to benefit from psychiatric and behavioral interventions that enable the individuals to adjust to environmental demands and ultimately be reintegrated into general population or another specialized program placement."
CENSUS_ICP	Int	Number of individuals in the Intermediate Care Program (ICP). DOCCS states that "the ICP is a Residential Mental Health program for Seriously Mentally Ill individuals jointly operated by OMH and DOCCS. The ICP includes a separate housing location within a correctional facility. The ICP is a therapeutic community which provides rehabilitative services to individuals who are unable to function in general population because of their mental illness. The goal of the program is to improve the individuals ability to function through programming and treatment so that they may return to general population. Length of stay varies."
CENSUS_IIPC	Int	Number of individuals in the Intensive Intermediate Care Program (IICP). DOCCS states that "the IICP treats SMI individuals with long-term keeplock sanctions and/or removal from another ICP due to poor disciplinary/poor adjustment in correctional facilities. Staffing and programming in an IICP is similar to other ICPs with additional groups centering on increasing an individuals' behavioral control and future adjustment to the correctional environment."
CENSUS_RMHU	Int	Number of individuals in the Residential Mental Health Unit (RMHU). DOCCS states that "the Residential Mental Health Unit (RMHU) is a program that includes a separate housing location within a correctional facility designed to address the corrections-based therapeutic treatment of patients currently diagnosed with a serious mental illness who, due to their behavior would otherwise be serving a confinement sanction in the SHU or Separate Keeplock Unit. The program is designed to meet the therapeutic needs of patients while maintaining appropriate safety and security on the unit. The RMHU provides evaluation, intervention and supportive mental health and correctiona rehabilitative services for the incarcerated individuals/patient participants. The RMHU patient is offered four hours of structured out-of-cell therapeutic programming and/or mental health treatment on a daily basis, except on weekends and holidays. "
CENSUS_TRICP	Int	Number of individuals in the Transitional Intermediate Care Program (TRICP). DOCCS states that "the TrICP provides OMH case management services to Seriously Mentally Ill individuals (SMI) in a general population location. In addition to receiving mental health outpatient services, these individuals participate in two groups each week aimed at helping their adjustment to the regular prison environment. "