

# Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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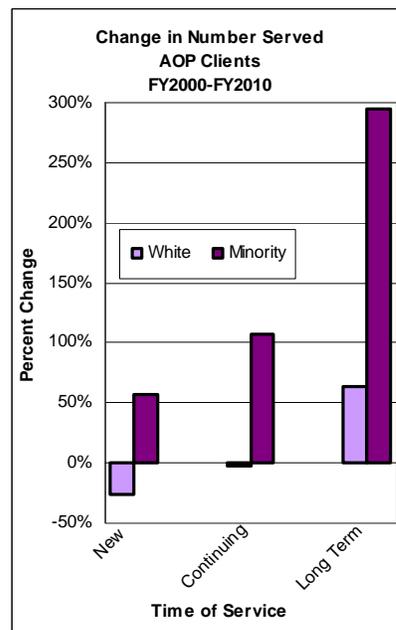
RE: Time in Service for White and Minority AOP Clients

This brief report is the fourth in a series that focuses on minority group representation among individuals served by Vermont community mental health programs. The first two reports provided information about utilization of community mental health services by children and by adults. The third report provided information on time in service for white and minority youth.<sup>1,2,3</sup> This report provides information about the time in service for individuals served by Adult Mental Health Outpatient (AOP) programs in Vermont during FY2000 and FY2010.

Information regarding white and minority adults served is based on Monthly Service Report (MSR) data provided to DMH by designated agencies. For purposes of this analysis, race is reported in two categories: White and Minority. "Minority" includes all AOP clients reported as Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, or "other". Time in service is reported in three broad categories: "New Clients" (those admitted during the current year), "Continuing Clients" (those admitted during the previous year), and "Long Term Clients" (those admitted two or more years earlier).

As you will see, there was substantial growth in the number of minority adults served in each of our time-in-service categories between 2000 and 2010. This caseload increase was greatest in the "Long Term" group with minority adult participation increasing by almost 300%, while white participation increased by 64%. Growth in the number of minority group participants in the "Continuing" group was also substantial, increasing by more than 100%, compared to a slight decrease (-2%) for white adults. Minority participation as "New" clients also increased substantially (+57%), while the number of white adults in our "New" client category decreased (-27%).

We look forward to your questions, comments, interpretation of these findings, and your requests for further analyses. As always, we can be reached at [pip@ahs.state.vt.us](mailto:pip@ahs.state.vt.us) or 802-241-4049.



<sup>1</sup>[http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP\\_Dec\\_17\\_2010.pdf](http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_Dec_17_2010.pdf)

<sup>2</sup>[http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP\\_Oct\\_29\\_2010.pdf](http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_Oct_29_2010.pdf)

<sup>3</sup>[http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP\\_Apr\\_22\\_2011.pdf](http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_Apr_22_2011.pdf)

**Adult Mental Health Outpatient Programs  
Time in Service  
For White and Minority Adults  
Vermont FY2000 - FY2010**

	Numbers Served		Percent Change
	FY2000	FY2010	
<b>New Clients</b>			
Total	4268	3108	-27%
White	3986	2920	-27%
Minority	92	144	+57%
<b>Continuing</b>			
Total	1451	1450	0%
White	1404	1375	-2%
Minority	29	60	+107%
<b>Long Term</b>			
Total	1457	2419	+66%
White	1368	2243	+64%
Minority	20	79	+295%

Based on analysis of Monthly Service Report (MSR) data submitted to the Vermont Department of Mental Health by designated agencies during fiscal years 2000 and 2010. The minority race group includes Black/African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American and "other" clients. Includes individuals with a primary program assignment of AOP. "New Clients" are clients admitted in the current fiscal year, "Continuing Clients" are clients admitted in the previous fiscal year and "Longer Term Clients" are clients admitted two or more years earlier.