

**Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project**  
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RE: Forensic Admission to the Vermont State Hospital

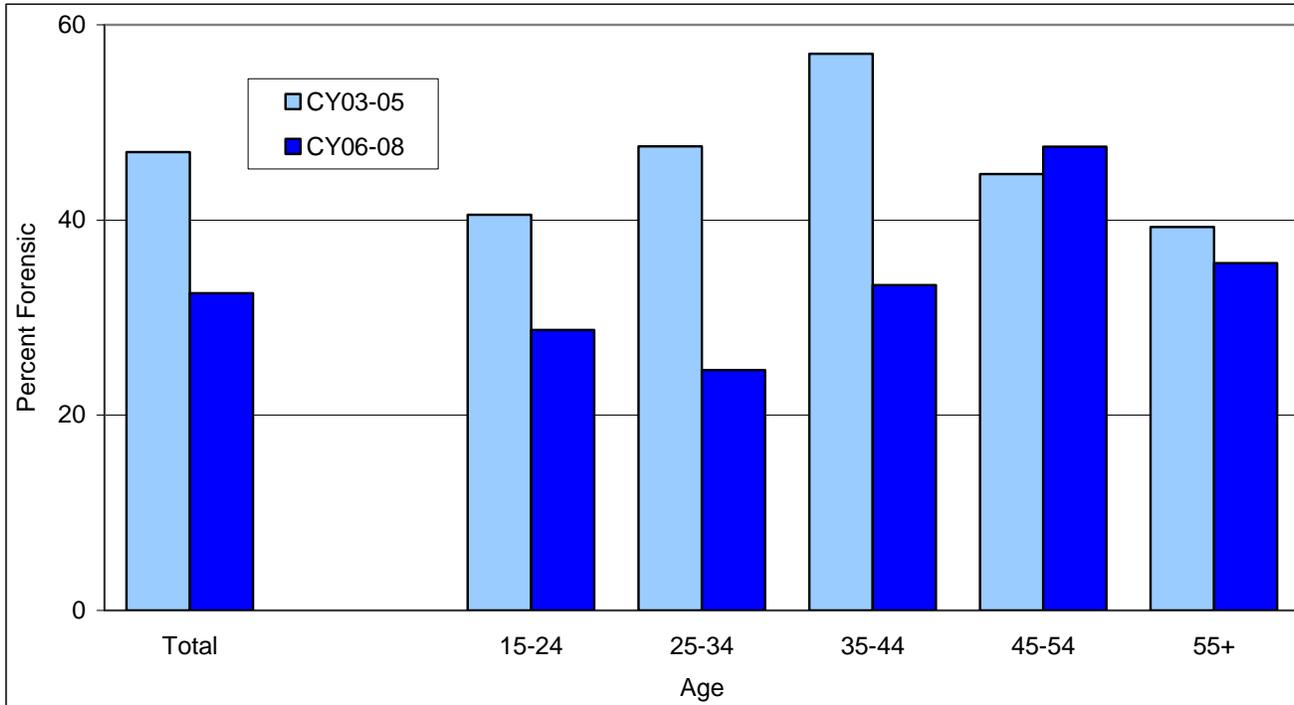
This week's PIP report provides an overview of Vermont State Hospital forensic admission rates during two recent time periods: CY2003-CY2005 and CY2006-CY2008. The total number of forensic admissions and the percent of all admissions that were forensic are provided for both time periods. This analysis was originally conducted in response to a request from Commissioner Michael Hartman.

Data for this analysis were extracted from the Vermont State Hospital Treatment Episode Database. Forensic admissions include admissions for court-ordered observations and commitments following competency and hospitalization hearings.

As you will see, there were substantial reductions in forensic admissions to VSH between CY2003-CY2005 and CY2006-CY2008, both in terms of numbers of admissions (from 294 to 249) and as the percent of all admissions (from 47% to 33%). The decrease in forensic admission rate (-31% overall) was greatest in the 25-34 age group (-48%). The forensic admission rate increased slightly (+6%) in the 45-54 age group between the two time periods under examination.

We look forward to your questions, your comments, and your suggestions for further analysis. Please forward your comments and suggestions to [pip@vdh.state.vt.us](mailto:pip@vdh.state.vt.us) or 802.863.7249.

## Forensic Admissions to Vermont State Hospital CY2003 - CY2005 and CY2006 - CY2008 by Age



Age at Admission	Total Admissions		Forensic Admissions				% Change
	CY03-05	CY06-08	Number		% of Total		
			CY03-05	CY06-08	CY03-05	CY06-08	
<b>Total</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>-31%</b>
15-24	111	160	45	46	41%	29%	-29%
25-34	143	211	68	52	48%	25%	-48%
35-44	156	171	89	57	57%	33%	-42%
45-54	132	120	59	57	45%	48%	6%
55+	84	104	33	37	39%	36%	-9%

Based on analysis of the Vermont State Hospital Treatment Episode database.

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