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TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani and Erin Linehan

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RE: Multi-State State Hospital Utilization Rates

David Murphey (Senior Policy Analyst in the Vermont Agency of Human Services) recently requested information on state hospital utilization rates for Vermont and other states for his Annual Report on the Social Wellbeing of Vermonters. This week's brief report presents per-capita end-of-year State Hospital census for Vermont and 34 other states and per-capita admission rates for Vermont and 39 other states. This information is based on the SAMHSA/CMHS report on "Additions and Resident Patients at End of Year, State and County Mental Hospitals, by Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Diagnosis, by State, United States, 2003". This is the most recent data currently available.

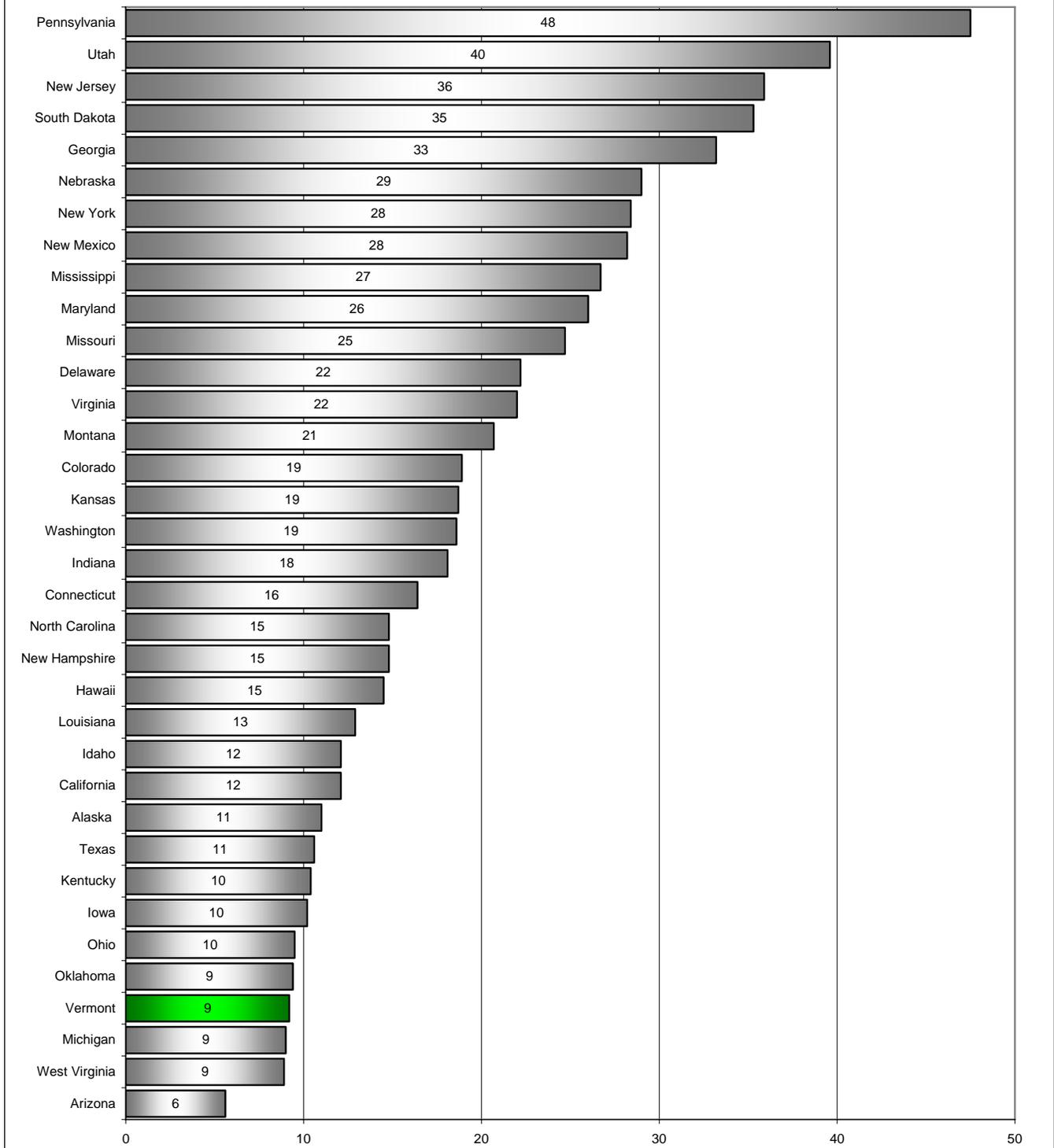
At the end of FY2003, with a per-capita State Hospital utilization rate of 9, Vermont ranked 32nd of the 35 reporting states. At that time, end-of-year census rates ranged from 48 per 100,000 in Pennsylvania to 6 per 100,000 in Arizona. Vermont's ranking in terms of State Hospital utilization rates was substantially lower for individuals in the 25-44 and 45-64 age groups (ranking 33rd and 31st respectively) than for individuals in the 18-24 and 65+ age groups (ranking 20th and 22nd respectively).

During FY2003, with a per-capita State Hospital admission rate of 29, Vermont ranked 29th of the 40 reporting states. At that time, end-of-year census rates ranged from 366 per 100,000 in Washington DC to 8 per 100,000 in Arizona. There was very little difference among age groups in Vermont's ranking in terms of per-capita admission rates.

State Hospital utilization rates and ranks are presented graphically on the pages that follow.

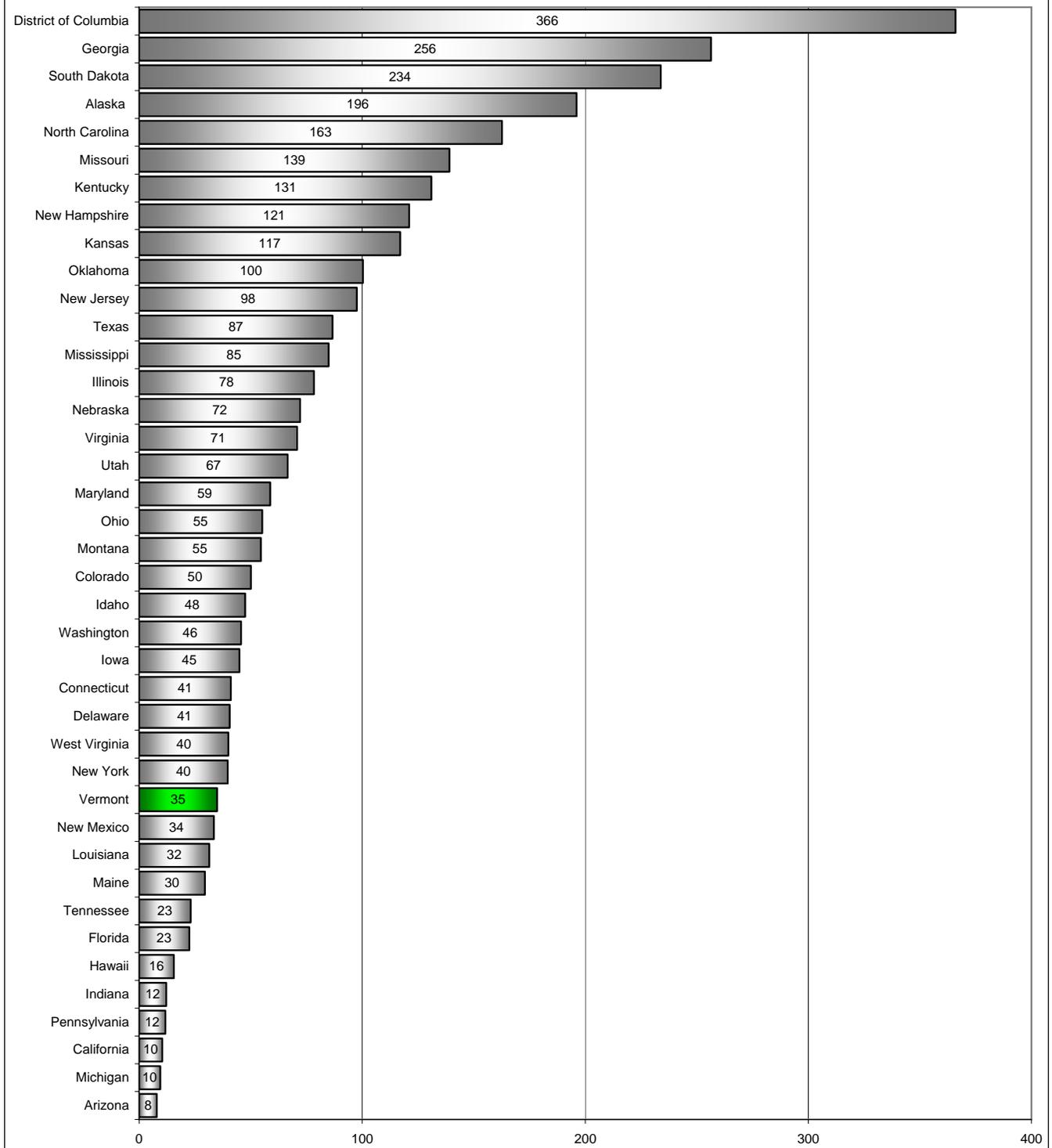
We look forward to questions and suggestions to pip@vdh.state.vt.us or 802.863.7249.

**State Hospital Resident Patients Per 100,000 Population: End of FY2003
(35 States Reporting)**



Data from Atay et. al. Additions and Resident Patients at End of Year, State and County Mental Hospitals, by Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Diagnosis by State, United States, 2003.

State Hospital Admissions per 100,000 Population: FY2003 (40 States Reporting)



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