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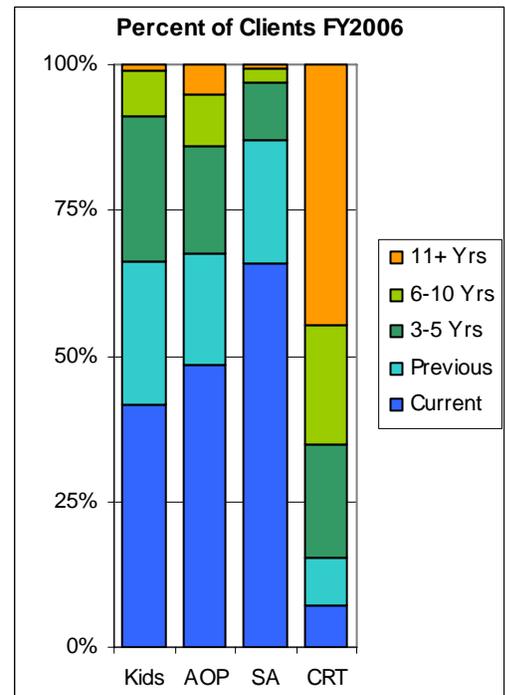
RE: Length of Stay of CRT Clients: FY1996 – FY2006

This is the fourth in our series of PIP reports that provide information on the duration of service for people served by treatment programs at community mental health agencies in Vermont for each year during FY1996 – FY2006.^{1,2,3} This week's installment presents information on the length of time since the date of admission of clients served by Vermont's Community Rehabilitation and Treatment (CRT) Programs for adults with serious mental illness during the same time period. As in the previous reports in this series, this report is based on analysis of Monthly Service Report (MSR) data submitted to DMH by designated community service providers. Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont has been excluded from this analysis due to data quality issue with regard to client admission date.

As illustrated in the graph to the right, the length of stay profile of CRT clients is very different from the profiles for Children's Services, Adult Mental Health Outpatient, and Substance Abuse programs that were provided in recent weeks.

As you will see, the FY2006 CRT caseload was dominated by long term clients with two thirds (66%) of all individuals served during the year having been admitted more than 5 years earlier. This representation of long term clients was substantially higher than during FY1996 when less than half (48%) of all CRT clients served had been admitted more than 5 years earlier. The number of people entering CRT during the period under examination decreased from 546 in 1996 to less than 200 in 2006.

We look forward to your comments regarding the interpretation of length of stay data and your suggestions for further analyses that address the relationship between length of stay and other client, treatment, or outcome measures. We will also be interested in learning of any other administrative factors or data quality issues regarding dates of admission to treatment that might have an impact on the data reported in this series. As always, we welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions to pip@vdh.state.vt.us or call 802.863.7249.

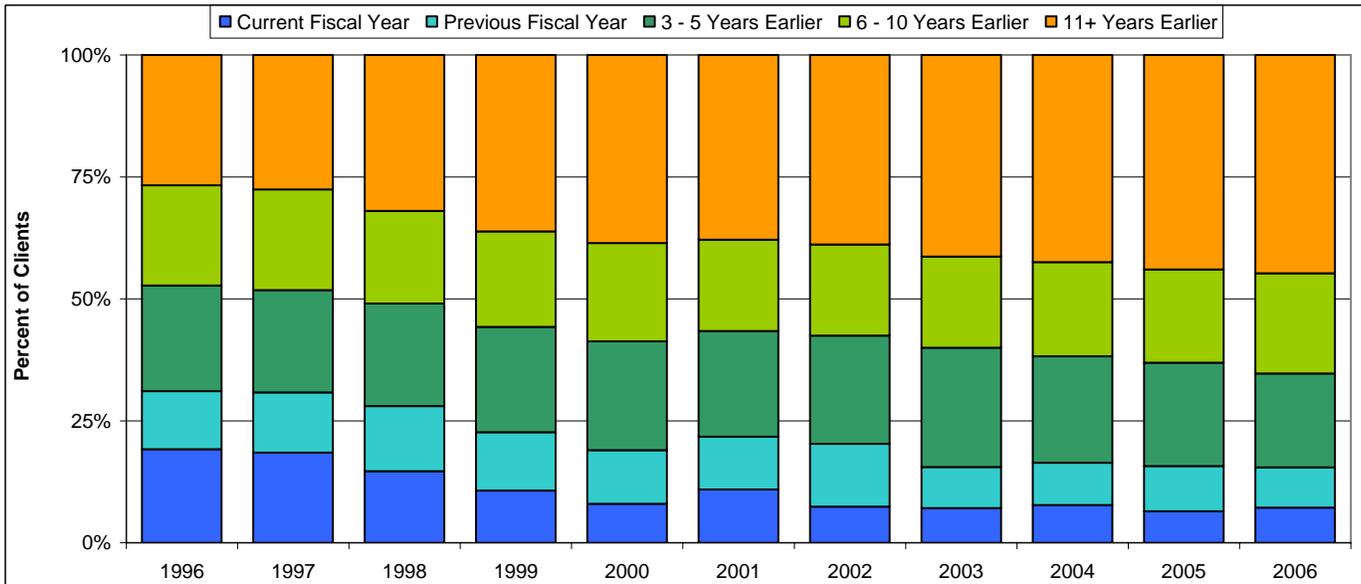
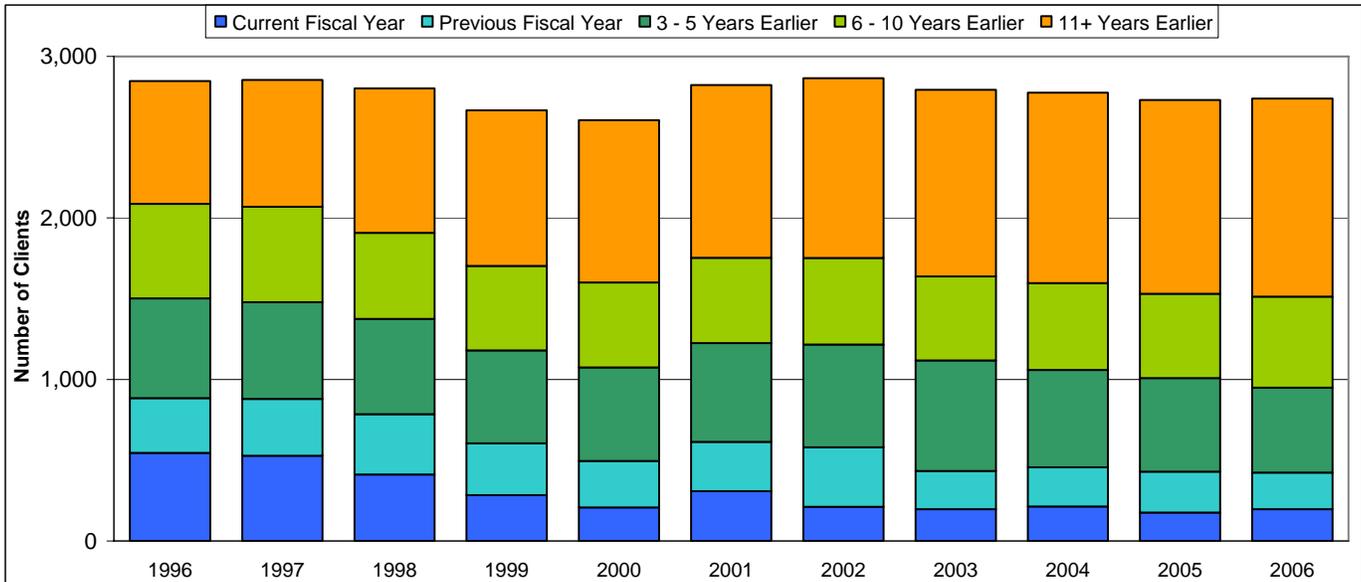


¹ <http://healthvermont.gov/mh/docs/pips/2006/pip100606.pdf>

² <http://healthvermont.gov/mh/docs/pips/2006/pip102006.pdf>

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Community Rehabilitation and Treatment Programs Length of Time in Services for Clients Served FY1996 - FY2006

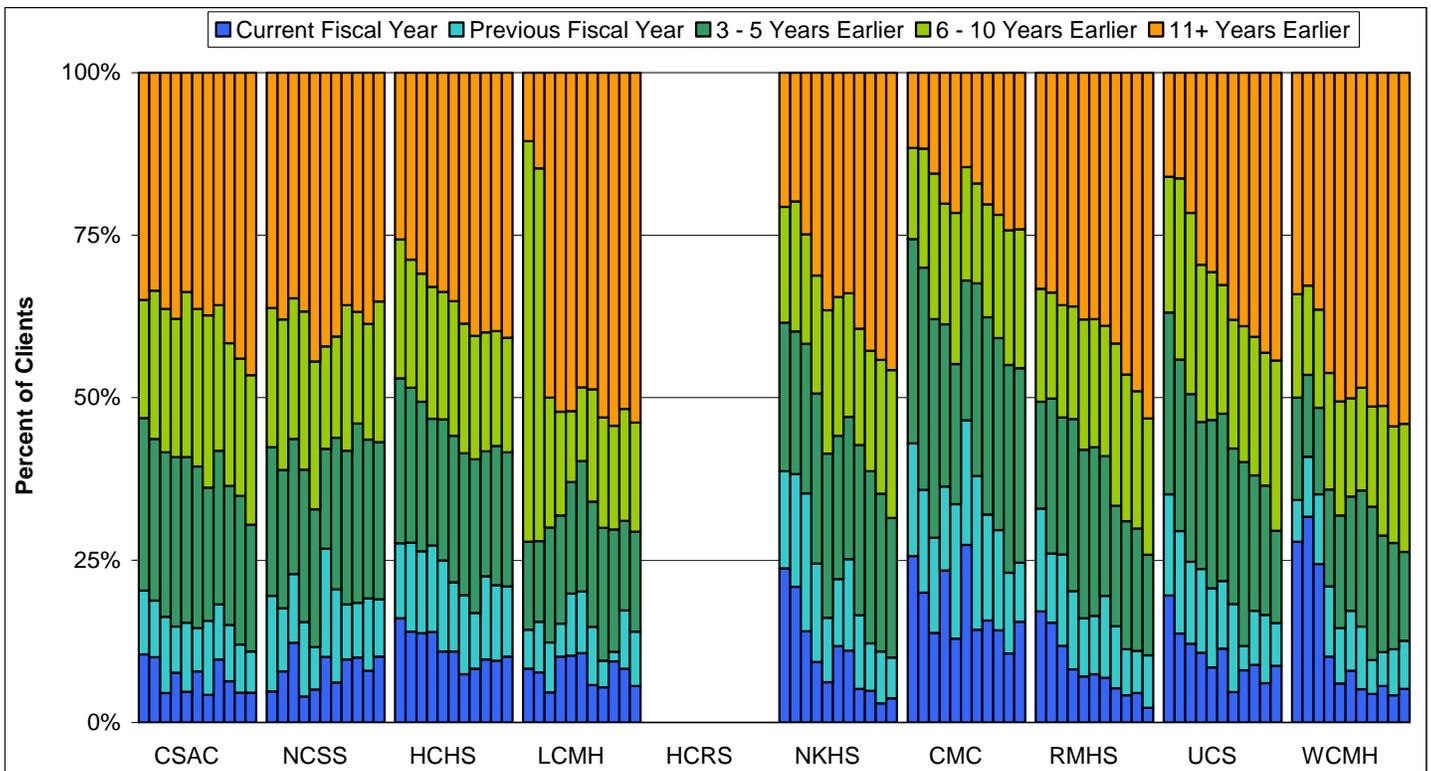
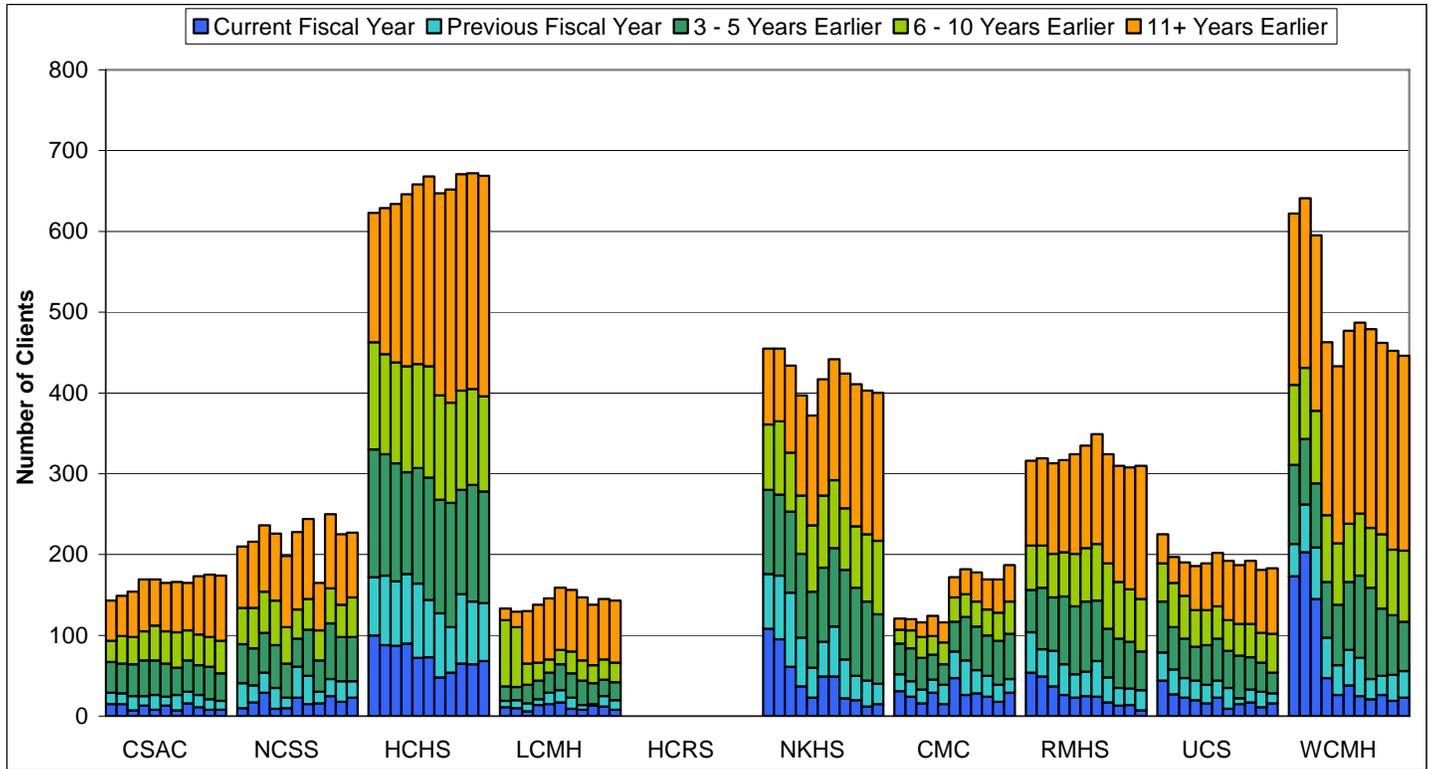


Admitted to Treatment

	Current Fiscal Year		Previous Fiscal Year		3 - 5 Years Earlier		6 - 10 Years Earlier		11+ Years Earlier		Total Reported
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2006	197	7%	227	8%	526	19%	563	21%	1,226	45%	2,739
2005	176	6%	253	9%	579	21%	522	19%	1,200	44%	2,730
2004	214	8%	242	9%	604	22%	537	19%	1,179	42%	2,776
2003	198	7%	236	8%	683	24%	522	19%	1,155	41%	2,794
2002	212	7%	369	13%	636	22%	535	19%	1,113	39%	2,865
2001	308	11%	306	11%	611	22%	529	19%	1,069	38%	2,823
2000	208	8%	287	11%	580	22%	526	20%	1,004	39%	2,605
1999	285	11%	319	12%	576	22%	522	20%	964	36%	2,666
1998	411	15%	374	13%	590	21%	532	19%	895	32%	2,802
1997	528	18%	352	12%	599	21%	590	21%	786	28%	2,855
1996	546	19%	339	12%	617	22%	585	21%	761	27%	2,848

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