

## Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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RE: State Hospital Forensic Utilization: FY1982-2009

This week's PIP report provides the Vermont State Hospital's (VSH) average daily census during FY1982-2009 for patients with forensic admissions and for patients with non-forensic admissions. This analysis was conducted in response to a request from Mental Health Commissioner Michael Hartman.

Data for this analysis are from the Vermont State Hospital Treatment Episode Database. Forensic admissions include admissions for court-ordered observations and commitments following competency and hospitalization hearings. Non-forensic admissions include all other types of admissions to the VSH.<sup>1</sup>

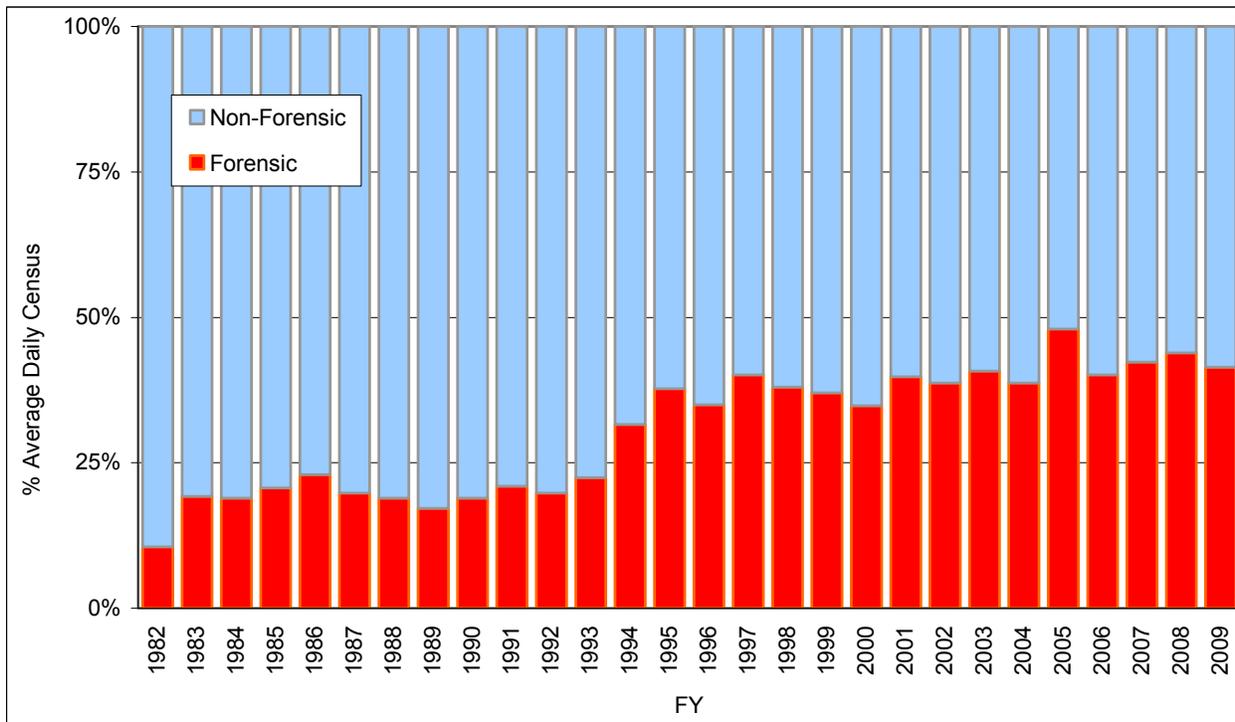
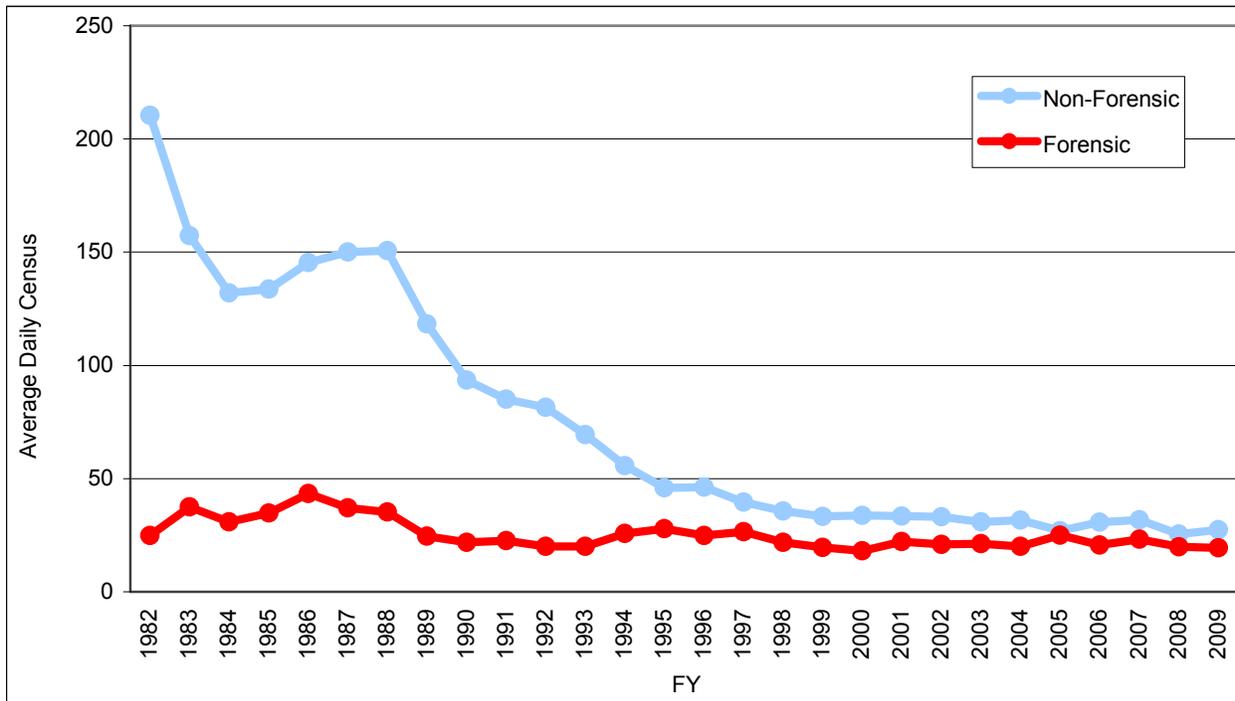
During FY1982-2009, the average daily census of the Vermont State Hospital decreased from 235 in FY1982 to 47 patients in FY2008. During this period, the proportion of forensic patients increased from 11% to 41%, while the number of forensic patients decreased from 25 to 19 per day. During this same period, non-forensic patients decreased from 89% to 59% of all patients, while the number of non-forensic patients decreased from 210 to 27 patients per day.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> A detailed list of legal statuses used at the Vermont State Hospital can be found in the notes section of the Vermont Department of Mental Health's Annual Statistical Report for FY2008: <http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/report/annualstatistical>.

## Vermont State Hospital (VSH) Average Daily Census By Forensic Status at Admission: FY1982-2009



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## Vermont State Hospital (VSH) Average Daily Census By Forensic Status at Admission: FY1982-2009

| FY   | Average Daily Census | Non-forensic<br>Average Daily Census |     | Forensic<br>Average Daily Census |     |
|------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|
|      | #                    | #                                    | %   | #                                | %   |
| 1982 | 235                  | 210                                  | 89% | 25                               | 11% |
| 1983 | 195                  | 157                                  | 81% | 37                               | 19% |
| 1984 | 163                  | 132                                  | 81% | 31                               | 19% |
| 1985 | 168                  | 134                                  | 79% | 35                               | 21% |
| 1986 | 189                  | 145                                  | 77% | 43                               | 23% |
| 1987 | 187                  | 150                                  | 80% | 37                               | 20% |
| 1988 | 186                  | 151                                  | 81% | 35                               | 19% |
| 1989 | 143                  | 118                                  | 83% | 25                               | 17% |
| 1990 | 115                  | 93                                   | 81% | 22                               | 19% |
| 1991 | 108                  | 85                                   | 79% | 23                               | 21% |
| 1992 | 101                  | 81                                   | 80% | 20                               | 20% |
| 1993 | 89                   | 69                                   | 78% | 20                               | 22% |
| 1994 | 81                   | 56                                   | 68% | 26                               | 32% |
| 1995 | 74                   | 46                                   | 62% | 28                               | 38% |
| 1996 | 71                   | 46                                   | 65% | 25                               | 35% |
| 1997 | 66                   | 40                                   | 60% | 27                               | 40% |
| 1998 | 57                   | 36                                   | 62% | 22                               | 38% |
| 1999 | 53                   | 33                                   | 63% | 20                               | 37% |
| 2000 | 52                   | 34                                   | 65% | 18                               | 35% |
| 2001 | 56                   | 33                                   | 60% | 22                               | 40% |
| 2002 | 54                   | 33                                   | 61% | 21                               | 39% |
| 2003 | 52                   | 31                                   | 59% | 21                               | 41% |
| 2004 | 52                   | 32                                   | 61% | 20                               | 39% |
| 2005 | 52                   | 27                                   | 52% | 25                               | 48% |
| 2006 | 51                   | 31                                   | 60% | 21                               | 40% |
| 2007 | 55                   | 32                                   | 58% | 23                               | 42% |
| 2008 | 45                   | 25                                   | 56% | 20                               | 44% |
| 2009 | 47                   | 27                                   | 59% | 19                               | 41% |

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