

Report: Survey of Mental Health Needs in Missouri Jails

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TREATMENT IN JAILS

Mental Health Needs in Jails

44% of people in local jails have been told that they **have a mental disorder** by a mental health professional.

DMH Duties and Responsibilities

- Court-ordered Mental health assessments
- Treatment center placement
- Administering medication for jail residents on the IST list



After Assessment

- If person can regain competency, DMH must transfer them to a **long-term care facility or a competency-restoration program.**
- OR
- If there is no chance of competency restoration or the person is not improving, then the person must be released or given a hearing.

DMH FACILITY TRANSFER PROCESS

1 COURT ORDER



2 ASSESSMENT



3 DMH FINDS BED



4 ADMITTANCE



Missouri Bed Numbers:

- There were **890 forensic beds** available in Missouri in 2023.
- Missouri currently has **14.4 beds per 100,000** people creating a major gap for people with mental health needs.

Expert's Recommendation:

- A minimum of **50 beds per 100,000 people** to adequately serve the needs of people with severe mental illness.

THE SURVEY

SURVEY DESIGN

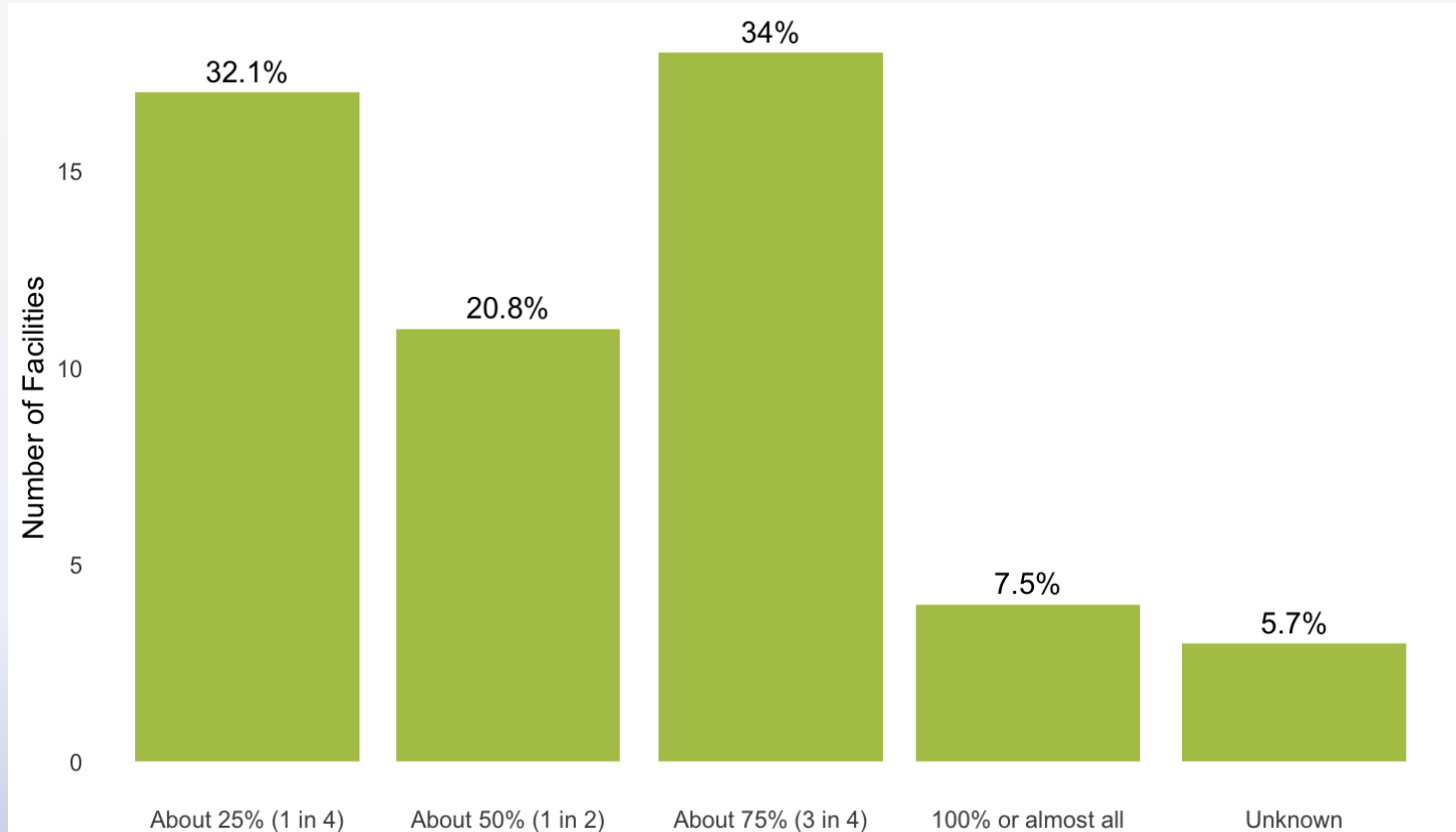
We asked jails across the state to tell us about their mental health needs of people in their jails and challenges they face holding individuals determined incompetent to stand trial.

THE RESULTS

Jails do not often have the physical infrastructure or adequate budget for healthcare to hold individuals with severe mental illness. The situation is more dire than national statistics have indicated.

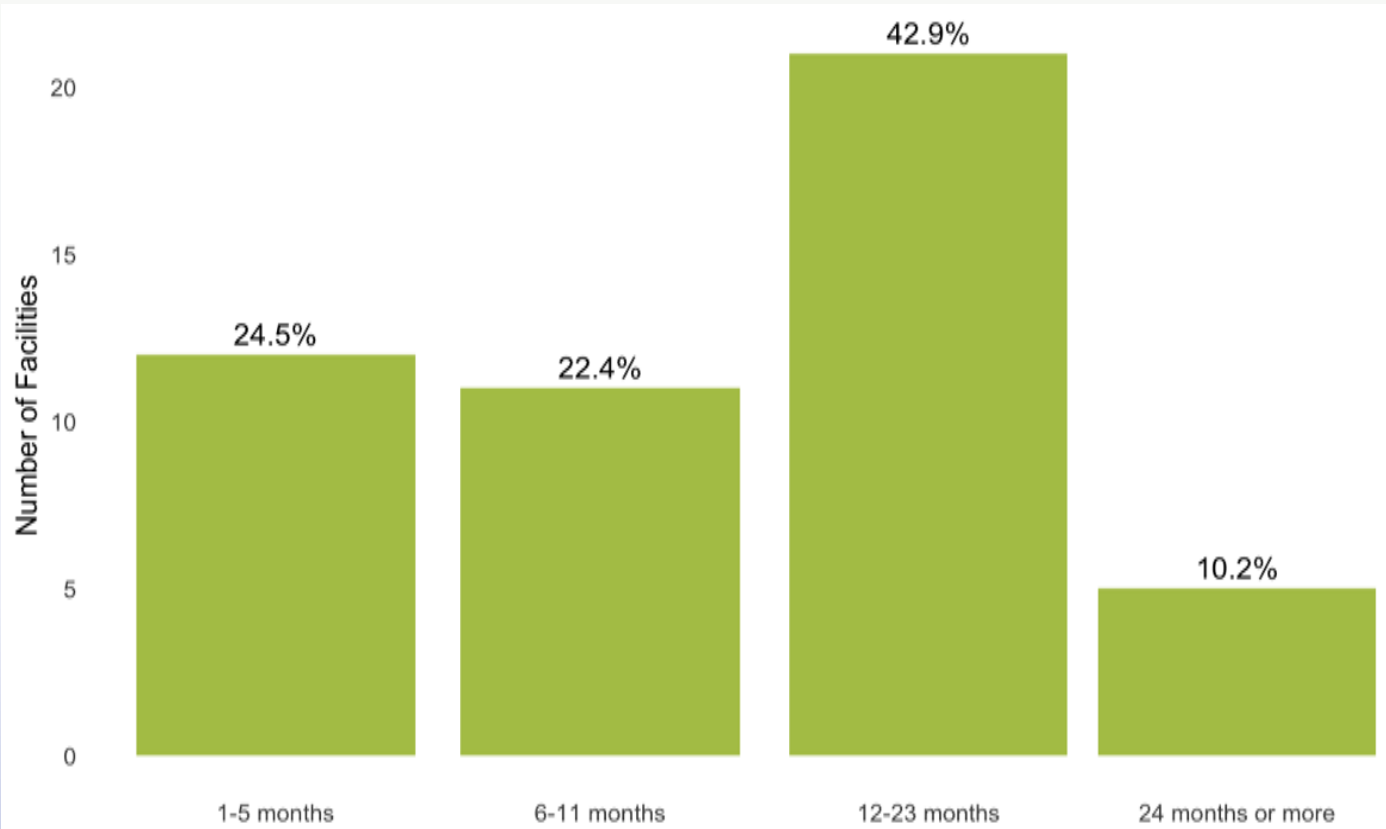
SURVEY RESULTS

Individuals in Missouri County Jails with Mental Health Issues



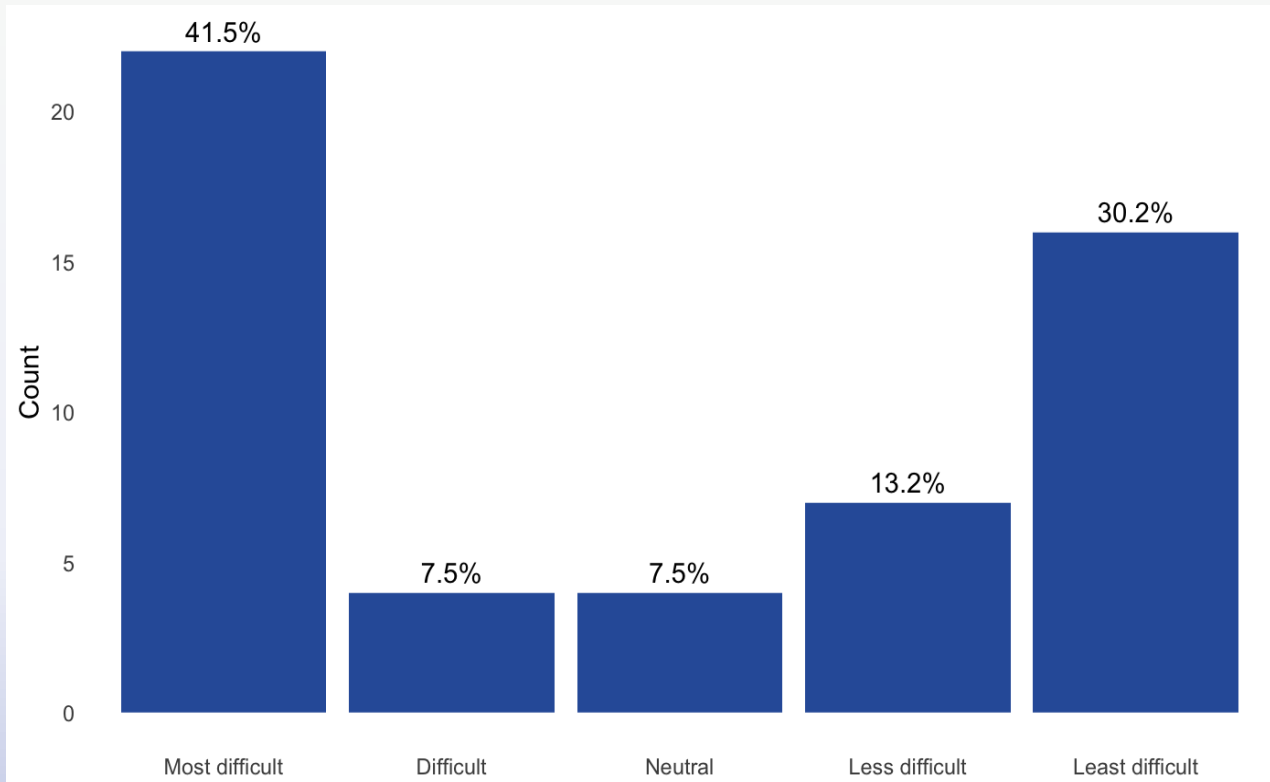
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Reported Wait Time for Transfer to Mental Health Facilities



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How difficult is “lack of space/beds for your jail due to mental health holds”?



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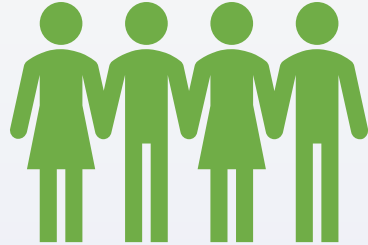
Central Themes

- 1. Jail Resident Welfare and Daily Living**
- 2. Institutional Infrastructure and Staffing Prioritization**
- 3. Healthcare and Mental Health Investment**

SURVEY CONCLUSION



Mental Health
Holds are Up



Limited Staff and
Mental Health Training



Inconsistent Care
for Jail Residents



Safety Concerns for
Everyone at Jail

Policy Recommendations

Next Steps for Us and Next Steps for You

For Us

- Release a report with policy suggestions
- Keep stakeholders informed
- Advocacy opportunities

For You

- Call your legislator
- Sign a letter with your support
- Share your story

Policy Recommendations

Other Ideas

- Fully Using In-jail Competency Restoration Programs
- Expanding Forensic Mobile Teams
- Additional DMH Bed Funding
- Increasing the Per-diem IST Rate and Jail Navigators
- Medicaid Utilization
 - Enrollment Pre-release
 - 1115 Waiver

What other solutions do you have in mind?

Thank You! Any questions?

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