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MINNESOTA STATE INSTITUTIONS  
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There were 14,408 patients in residence January 31, 1965 in the institutions under the Department of Public Welfare. With the return of many patients who were temporarily absent on Christmas vacations at the end of December, this represents an increase of 1,385 during the month (see Table I), but is slightly lower than the total in residence at the end of November, 1964.

The mental hospital population totalled 6,990 on January 31, with 6,701 mentally ill and 289 inebriate patients. The two nursing homes had a total of 710 patients and there were 6,080 patients in residence in the institutions for the mentally deficient at the end of January. Populations of the other institutions included 288 in the School for the Deaf, 88 in Braille and Sight-Saving School, 119 in Gillette Hospital, 76 in Glen Lake State Sanatorium and 57 in the Children's Residential Treatment Center.

Ten years ago the mental hospital population reached its highest point with a total of 11,605 patients in residence. Since then the number of resident patients has shown an almost continuous decrease, the greatest drop occurring during 1961-62 with the opening of the two state nursing homes. In contrast, the population of the institutions for the mentally deficient and epileptic has increased whenever additional space has been made available up to about three years ago when the number in these institutions began to show a slight decrease. In January, 1955, there were 240 patients in mental hospitals for every 100 in institutions for the mentally deficient and epileptic. By January, 1965 this ratio had changed to 115 mental hospital patients for every 100 mentally deficient in residence, following a 40 percent decrease in mental hospital population and a 26 percent increase in the population of the institutions for the mentally deficient during the ten year period.

The two types of institutions are much less comparable in terms of total patients under care: during the first seven months of fiscal year 1954-55 a total of 11,383 patients received care from the mental hospitals as compared with 6,427 mentally deficient and epileptic patients. Currently about 550 patients per month (over 370 mentally ill and almost 180 inebriates) are entering the mental hospitals each month while patients are entering the institutions for the mentally deficient at the rate of only about 40 per month. The increasingly high release rate in the mental hospitals has continued the population decrease although about 120 more patients per month (about 60 mentally ill and 60 inebriates) are entering now than ten years ago. In the institutions for the mentally deficient, however, admissions are for the most part limited to availability of new space although there has been some increase in the past few years in placements of these patients outside the institutions.

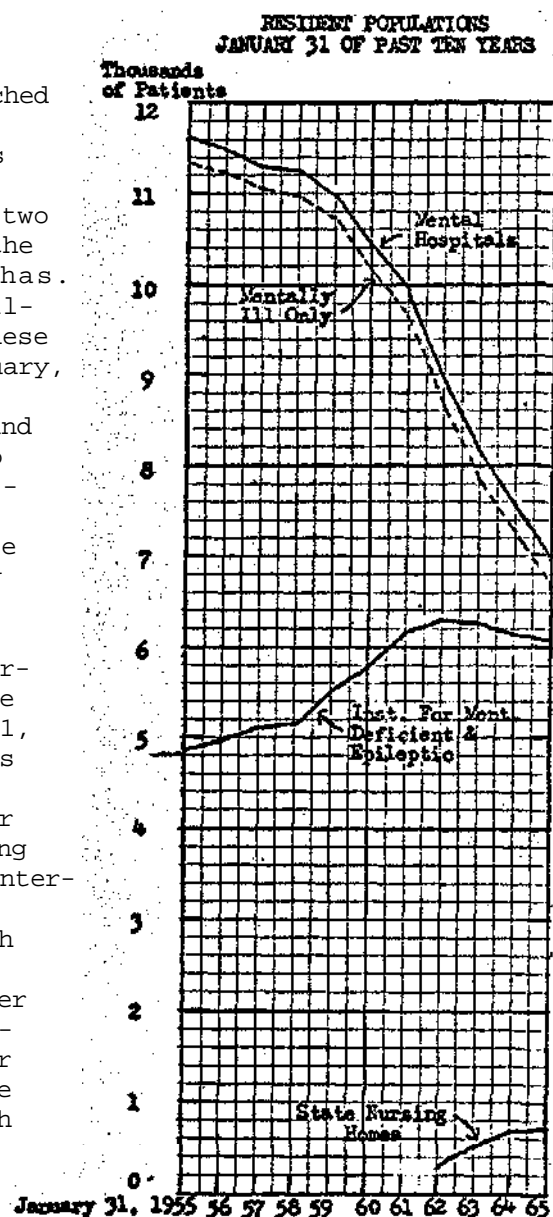


TABLE I: RESIDENT POPULATION - MINNESOTA STATE INSTITUTIONS - JANUARY, 1965

	Average Daily Resident Population January, 1965		Population Changes During January, 1965		Number of Resident Patients January 31, 1965		Change In Resident Population From: December 31, 1964		January 31, 1965	
	Total	Male	Ent. (1)	Rel. (2)	Died (3)	Total	Male	1964	1965	1966 (4)
Total, all institutions	14,292	7,479	6,813	708	593	57	14,408	7,547	6,861	-2,337
Total, Mental Hospitals (4)	6,968	3,705	3,263	545	508	38	6,990	3,720	3,270	-3,418
Total, Mentally Ill (4)	6,688	3,445	3,243	354	336	38	6,701	3,454	3,247	-3,490
Anoka	863	452	411	67	63	6	860	448	412	-213
(Tb. Unit)	(41)	(32)	(9)	(1)	(5)	(1)	(39)	(30)	(9)	(-141)
Pergus Falls	1,307	701	606	61	62	4	1,321	708	613	-533
Hastings	669	332	337	42	31	3	674	332	342	-265
Moose Lake (Mentally Ill)	832	434	398	38	32	7	836	430	406	0
Rochester	888	396	492	71	90	8	875	398	477	-190
St. Peter	1,402	647	755	28	31	7	1,400	646	754	-179
Minnesota Security Hospital	186	186	-	8	5	-	189	189	-	-52
Willmar (Mentally Ill)	541	297	244	54	44	3	546	303	243	-491
Total, Inebriate Section (4)	280	260	20	191	172	-	289	266	23	-72
Moose Lake	59	59	-	53	47	-	60	60	-	+33
Willmar	221	201	20	139	125	-	229	206	23	+39
Total Mentally Def. & Epileptic (5)	6,009	3,221	2,788	39	31	10	6,080	3,261	2,819	+900
Brainerd	1,184	628	556	8	9	2	1,198	637	561	+265
Cambridge	1,749	942	807	13	17	4	1,765	951	814	-198
Faribault	2,706	1,505	1,201	21	4	4	2,738	1,520	1,218	-434
Lake Owasso (Amer to Cambridge)	126	-	126	-	1	-	125	-	125	+17
Owatonna	218	146	72	5	4	-	229	153	76	-136
Shakopee	26	-	26	-	1	-	25	-	25	-3
Braille & Sight Saving School (29 days)	88	47	41	-	-	-	88	47	41	-5
School for the Deaf (28 days)	288	156	132	-	1	-	288	156	132	+26
Gillette State Hospital	94	45	49	97	36	-	119	55	64	+13
Finn. Residential Treatment Center (7)	56	32	24	2	-	-	57	33	24	+27
Glen Lake State Sanatorium (8)	76	44	32	14	9	2	76	47	29	+2
Th-Gwah-Ching Nursing Home	421	142	279	8	6	5	420	142	278	-3
Oak Terrace Nursing Home	292	87	205	3	2	2	290	86	204	+31

1. Includes all admissions plus, for mental hospitals, returns from P.D., for mentally deficient returns from trial placement, and for individual mental hospitals and institutions for mentally deficient, permanent transfers in.

2. Includes all direct discharges and discharges from EV, UA, or TAI, plus for mental hospitals, provisional discharges, and for mentally deficient, trial placements; and for individual mental hospitals and institutions for mentally deficient, permanent transfers out.

3. Includes deaths in institution only.

4. Figures for all periods prior to January, 1962, include Minnesota State Sanatorium tuberculosis and mentally ill patients.

5. Changes in total include St. Cloud A.D.D., which closed June 30, 1963.

6. Does not include 218 patients temporarily absent, 115 male and 103 female.

7. Changes from 1960 are from that of Children's Center, which closed February, 1961. Changes from 1963 are from Children's Treatment Center, which closed June 5, 1963.

8. Changes from 1960 are changes from State Sanatorium tuberculosis population.

TABLE III: INSTITUTIONS FOR MENTALLY DEFICIENT AND EPILEPTIC - POPULATION MOVEMENTS - JANUARY, 1965

	Total	Male	Female	Brainerd	Cam- bridge	Lake Owasso*	Fari- bault	Owa- tonna	Shak- opee
Average daily population, January, 1965:									
On books	6,309	3,387	2,922	1,232	1,833	128	2,850	240	26
In residence	6,009	3,221	2,788	1,184	1,749	126	2,706	218	26
Total population, January 31, 1965:									
On books	6,298	3,376	2,922	1,231	1,827	127	2,849	239	25
In residence	6,080	3,261	2,819	1,198	1,765	125	2,738	229	25
On trial placement	198	104	94	30	54	1	104	9	-
On extended visit	20	11	9	3	8	1	7	1	-
On unauthorized absence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major population changes during January:									
First admissions to state system	31	14	17	2	11	-	14	4	-
Readmissions	7	2	5	3	-	-	4	-	-
Returns from trial placement	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Transfers in***	54	29	25	10	18	1	20	5	-
Transfers out***	65	41	24	12	19	4	21	7	2
Disch. from inst., EV, and UA	6	3	3	1	3	-	-	2	-
Trial placements	25	13	12	6	13	1	4	1	-
Deaths in institution	10	6	4	2	4	-	4	-	-
Other significant changes during January:									
Extended visits	26	17	9	8	10	-	7	1	-
Unauth. absences from institution	3	2	1	-	1	-	-	2	-
Disch. from trial placement	27	16	11	1	7	-	13	6	-
Deaths on leave	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reported 7-1-64 to 1-31-65 (fiscal year to date):									
First admissions to state system	222	137	85	50	78	-	66	26	2
Readm. plus ret. from trial placement	48	19	29	13	16	-	14	5	-
Releases**	236	125	111	28	68	1	95	44	-
Deaths in institution	49	29	20	18	11	-	20	-	-
Change from same period one year ago in:									
First admissions to state system	+119	+71	+48	+15	+64	0	+24	+15	+1
Readm. plus ret. from trial placement	+4	+3	+1	+7	+6	0	-9	0	0
Releases**	+45	+33	+12	0	+27	+1	+29	-12	0
Deaths in residence	-5	-2	-3	+4	-1	0	-8	0	0
Change 1-31-65 from 6-30-64 in population:									
On books	-4	-3	-1	+147	-82	-2	-37	-25	-5
In residence plus temporary leaves	-20	-8	-12	+156	-76	-3	-74	-18	-5
On trial placement	+16	+5	+11	-9	-6	+1	+37	-7	0

\* Annex to Cambridge.

\*\* Releases include discharges and trial placements either direct or from extended visit or unauthorized absence.

\*\*\* Includes 46 temporary medical transfers in and 60 temporary medical transfers out.