

The New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute

The New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute (“NMBHI”) is NM’s only psychiatric hospital, serving individuals from all 33 counties. The hospital opened in 1889 and occupies a 300 acre, 52 building campus in Las Vegas, NM and is the largest employer in the area with 575 state FTE and over 30 contracted staff.

NMBHI specializes in providing care for people whose symptoms could not be stabilized in a lower level of care. The hospital has five clinical divisions that offer comprehensive treatment from a multidisciplinary team, including a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, nursing, recreation therapy, and behavioral health therapists.

Each division is licensed independently:

Division	License	Description of Services	Census/Individuals Served
Adult Psychiatric Division	Psychiatric Hospital	Serves individuals that are on a civil court commitment to receive treatment for severe and persistent mental illness.	Average Daily Census FY23 = 54, Unique patients served = 185. Census is trending up with a census of 65 patients on August 8, 2023.
Forensic Division	Special Hospital Facility	Serves individuals that are on a court order for restoration to competency, or what is referred to as a “1.5” for people who are not able to be restored.	Average Daily Census FY23 = 57, Unique patients served = 211.
Community Based Services	Outpatient Behavioral Health	Provides community support, medication management, therapy, and day treatment to individuals who receive outpatient behavioral healthcare in the Las Vegas area.	FY23 Unique patients served = 10,949
Center for Adolescent Relationship Exploration (CARE)	Residential Treatment Center	Provides residential services to adolescent males ages 13-17 who exhibited some type of sexual harmful behavior. Referrals may come from anyone, most typically referrals are made through CYFD or juvenile probation officers.	FY23 average daily census = 4 Census on 8/8/23 is 5.
Meadows Long Term Care Division	Skilled Nursing Facility (“Nursing Home”)	Provides skilled and long-term care services to residents. Meadows is not licensed as a behavioral health facility but does receive support from a psychiatrist and a psychologist.	Average Daily Census FY23 = 79. Census is trending up with a census of 81 on August 8, 2023.

NMBHI is the lowest reimbursed state hospital out of 20 hospitals in the Western U.S. at \$458/day per bed (see graph to the right). If brought to the median it would equate to an additional \$26.9 million in revenue annually. Even with the lowest reimbursement rate NMBHI, ranks higher against the same hospitals than the median in patient satisfaction, staff injuries, and patient to staff aggression.

