



Oregon State Hospital



OSH Within the Behavioral Health Continuum



Oregon State Hospital



- OSH provides the highest level of psychiatric care in the state to adults whose safety and treatment needs cannot be met in their communities.
- OSH provides comprehensive psychiatric, medical and psychosocial treatment and skill-building to help patients successfully return to their communities.
- OSH is accredited by The Joint Commission and certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

What Oregon State Hospital Does

- Serves adults with diagnosed or suspected mental disorders
 - Substantial percentage also have substance use disorder
- Provides hospital level of care:
 - 24-hour on-site nursing and psychiatric care
 - Credentialed professional and medical staff
 - Treatment planning
 - Medical & dental clinics, pharmacy, laboratory
 - Vocational and educational services



What Oregon State Hospital Does, continued

Secure Residential Treatment Facility (SRTF)

- Skill building and community reintegration
 - 24-hour on-site nursing care
 - Expanded privileges
 - Expectation for person-directed treatment planning
- SRTF programs exist in:
 - Salem campus: Bridge units
 - Junction City campus: Forest units

Oregon State Hospital Patients

Aid and assist (.370) (Salem only)

- Circuit and municipal courts, under Oregon law (ORS 161.370), order defendant to be admitted to OSH for restoration to competency to aid & assist their attorney
- **Median length of stay: 90 days**

Guilty except for insanity (GEI)

- Court finds defendant Guilty Except for Insanity
- While at OSH, patients are under the jurisdiction of a separate state agency, the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB), for the purposes of approving discharge to community
- **Median length of stay: 3.5 years**
- **Max stay: maximum sentence for referring crime**

Oregon State Hospital Patients, continued

Civil commitment

- Patients civilly committed by a court due to dangerousness to themselves or others or inability to provide for their own basic needs due to their mental illness
- Acute care hospital refers patients to OSH if they have not significantly improved despite treatment and exhibit severe aggression which cannot be managed by the referring facility
- **Median length of stay: 8-9 months**

Extremely Dangerous Person (.701)

- Court commits a defendant with serious charges, who is unable to be restored to competency, to be treated at OSH under a specialized type of civil commitment
- While at OSH, patients are under the jurisdiction of the PSRB for the purposes of approving discharge to community

Peter Courtney Salem Campus of Oregon State Hospital

Quick Facts (2024)

- Managed capacity – 561
 - 21 HLOC units
 - 3 SRTF units
- Average census – 549.2
- Position authority – 2,215

See inside!



Junction City Campus

Quick Facts (2024)

- Managed capacity - 144
 - 3 HLOC units
 - 3 SRTF units
- Average census – 137.3
- Position authority – 512



See inside!



2024 Census

In 2024, Oregon State Hospital cared for 1,759 people who could not be served in the community.

Commitment Type	Average Daily Population			Percent of pop.	Admits	Percent of admits	Median LOS
	Salem	Junction City	Total				
Aid and assist	374.1	0.0	374.1	54.5%	1,105	92.9%	90
Civil (civil commitment, voluntary, voluntary by guardian)	27.4	3.2	30.6	4.5%	34	2.9%	232
Guilty except for insanity / PSRB	144.5	132.9	277.5	40.4%	50	4.2%	1,307
Other (corrections, hospital hold)	3.2	1.1	4.4	0.6%	1	0.1%	60
Total	549.2	137.3	686.5	100.0%	1,190	100.0%	91

How Services are Delivered



Treatment Groups and Vocational Opportunities

Treatment groups:

- Medication management
- Symptom management
- Art & Music therapy
- Healthy Relationships
- Mindfulness
- Fitness
- Peer-delivered services
- Co-occurring disorders
- Legal skills
- Cooking and menu planning

Vocational opportunities:

- Food service
- Furniture making
- Grounds keeping
- Greenhouse



Treatment Aims

Aid and Assist Commitment	Guilty Except for Insanity Commitment	Civil Commitment
Restoration to competency to stand trial.	Long-term stabilization and risk mitigation to no longer be a danger to themselves or others.	Short-term stabilization to no longer be a danger to themselves or others.

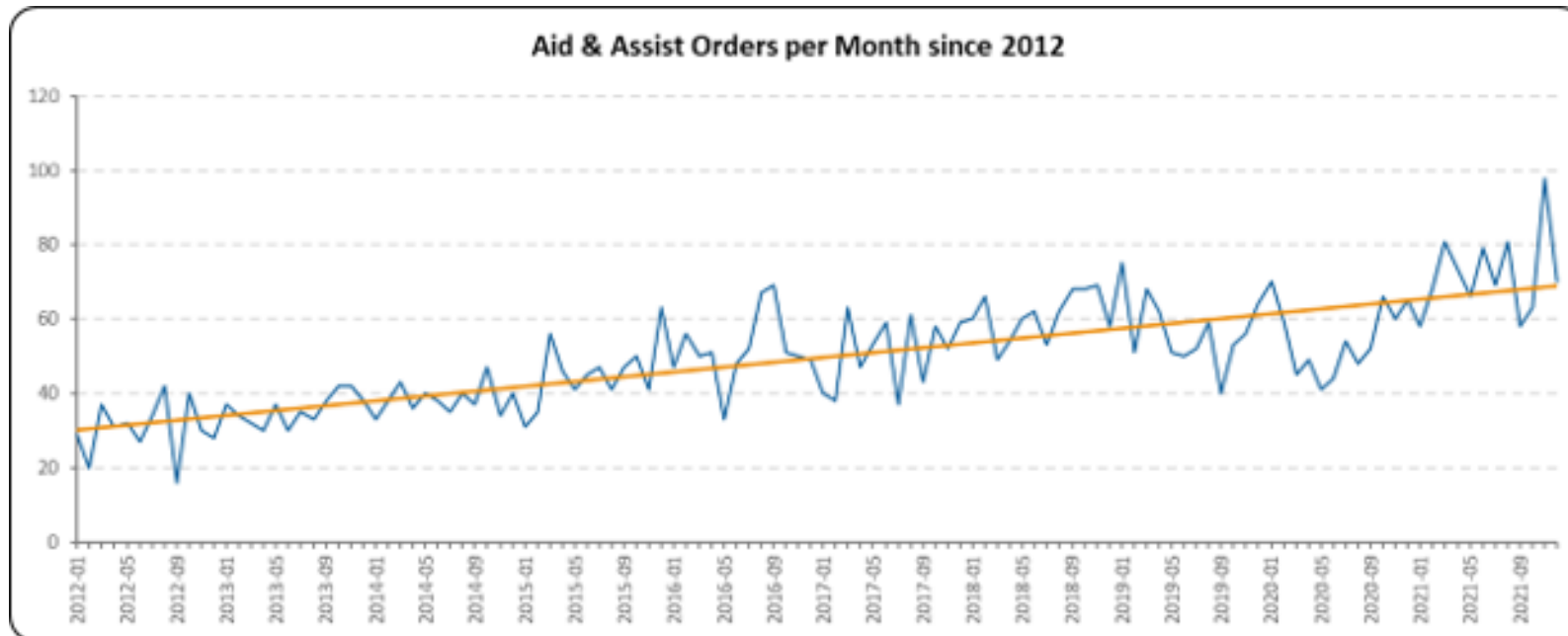
Discharge from OSH

Aid and assist commitment	Guilty Except for Insanity commitment	Civil Commitment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jail to proceed with case if restored to competency• Community placement if no longer requires Hospital Level of Care but requires further restoration services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community placement under the supervision of the PSRB, generally in a Secure Residential Treatment Facility (SRTF) or other group home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community placement, generally in a group home or with family

Mink/Bowman & Federal Court Order

Orders for Aid & Assist admissions have steadily increased over more than a decade. By the end of 2021, the average number of new orders per month had more than doubled compared to 2012 (72.0 per month vs 30.5 per month).

In 2019, Disability Rights Oregon and Metropolitan Public Defenders filed a motion against OHA and OSH in federal court to force OSH to comply with the 2002 *Mink* injunction, which requires OSH to admit Aid & Assist patients within 7 calendar days of the court order.



OSH Restoration Limits

Maximum duration of OSH restoration based on most serious charge

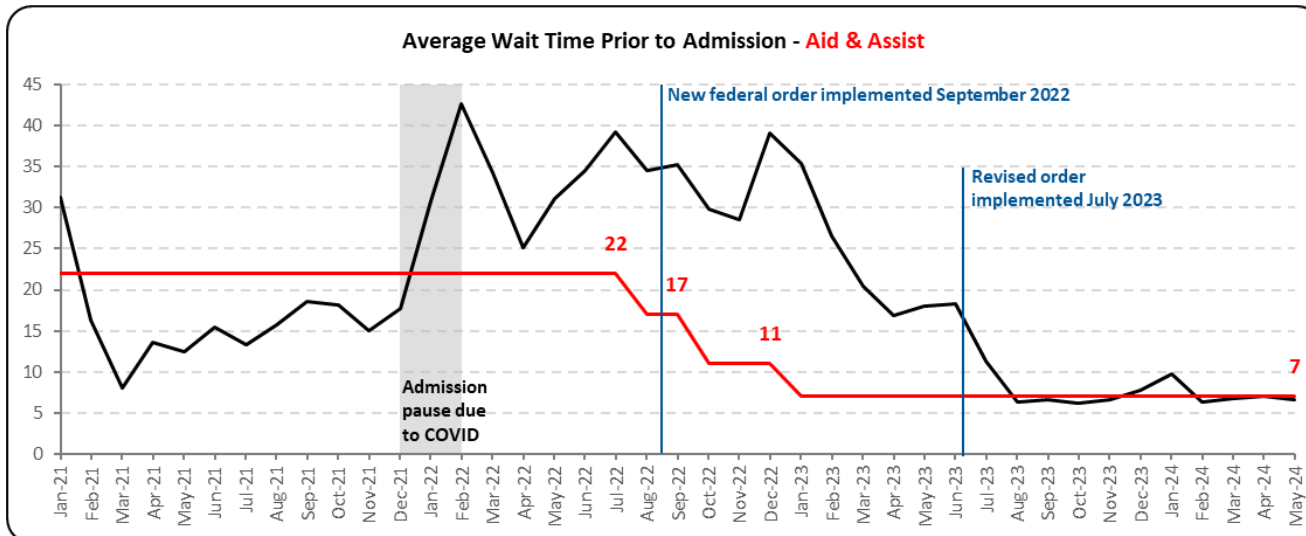
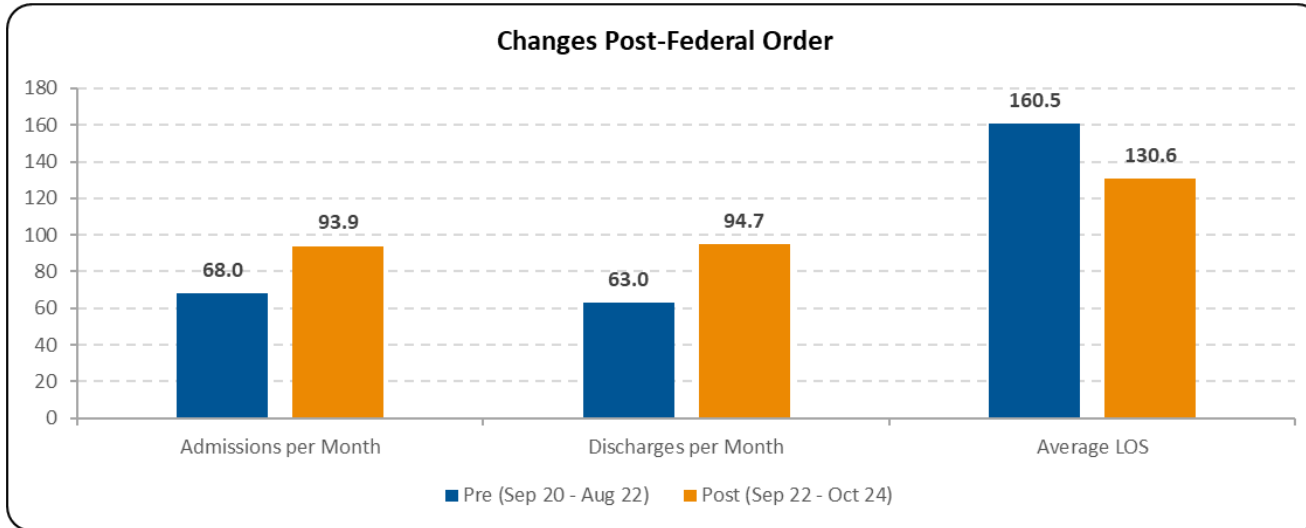
- **Misdemeanor: 90 days**
- **Non-violent felony: 180 days**
- **Violent felony: 1 year**

Oregon's neutral expert, Dr. Debra Pinals, recommended restoration limits to the federal court as a strategy to help OSH come into compliance with the Mink injunction.

Recommended restoration limits attempted to balance expected duration of treatment to achieve clinical stabilization and restoration with state's interest in prosecution.

Federal judge Michael Mosman signed an order in September 2022 imposing these limits.

Impact of Restoration Limits

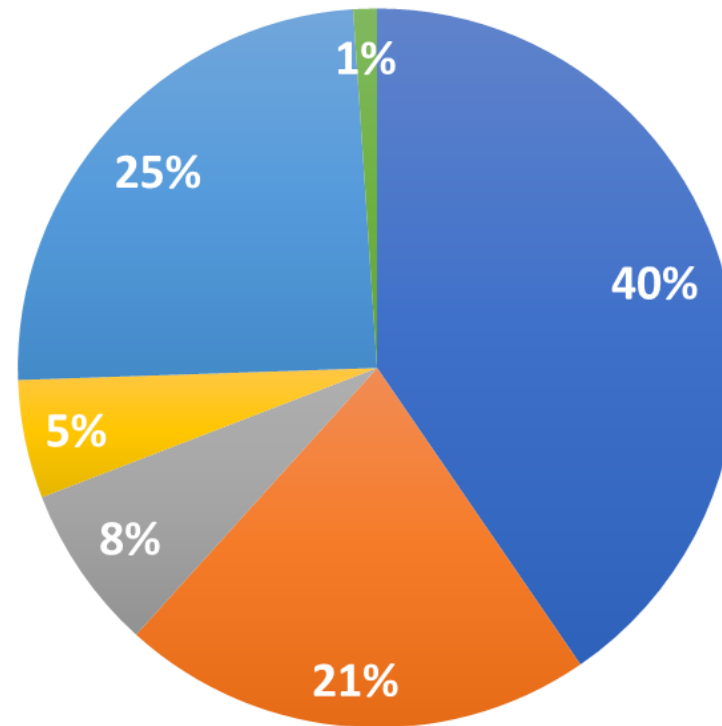


The federal order took effect immediately. Beginning September 2022, OSH saw an approximately 30% increase in the number of patients admitted and discharged each month.

This brought the average length of stay for patients under an Aid & Assist court order down from 160.5 days to 130.6 days.

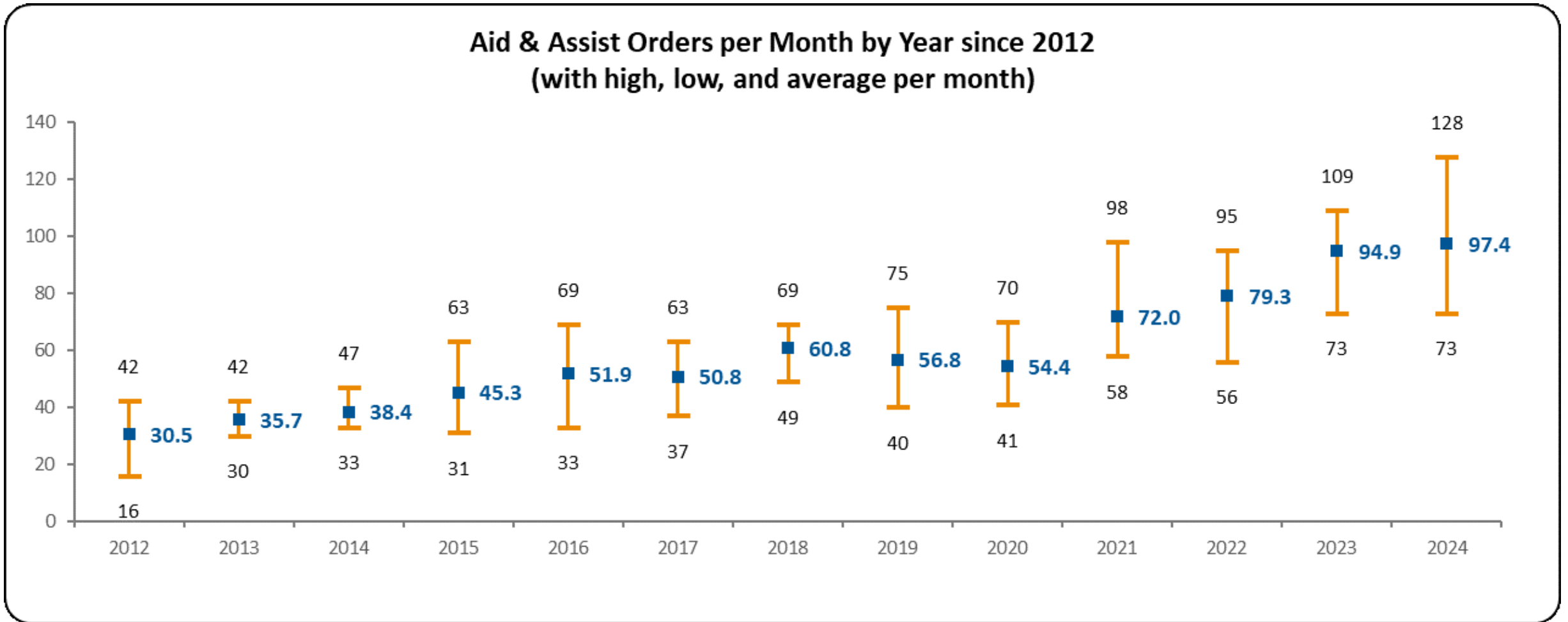
A&A Discharge Impact since September 2022

Monthly Average - 94

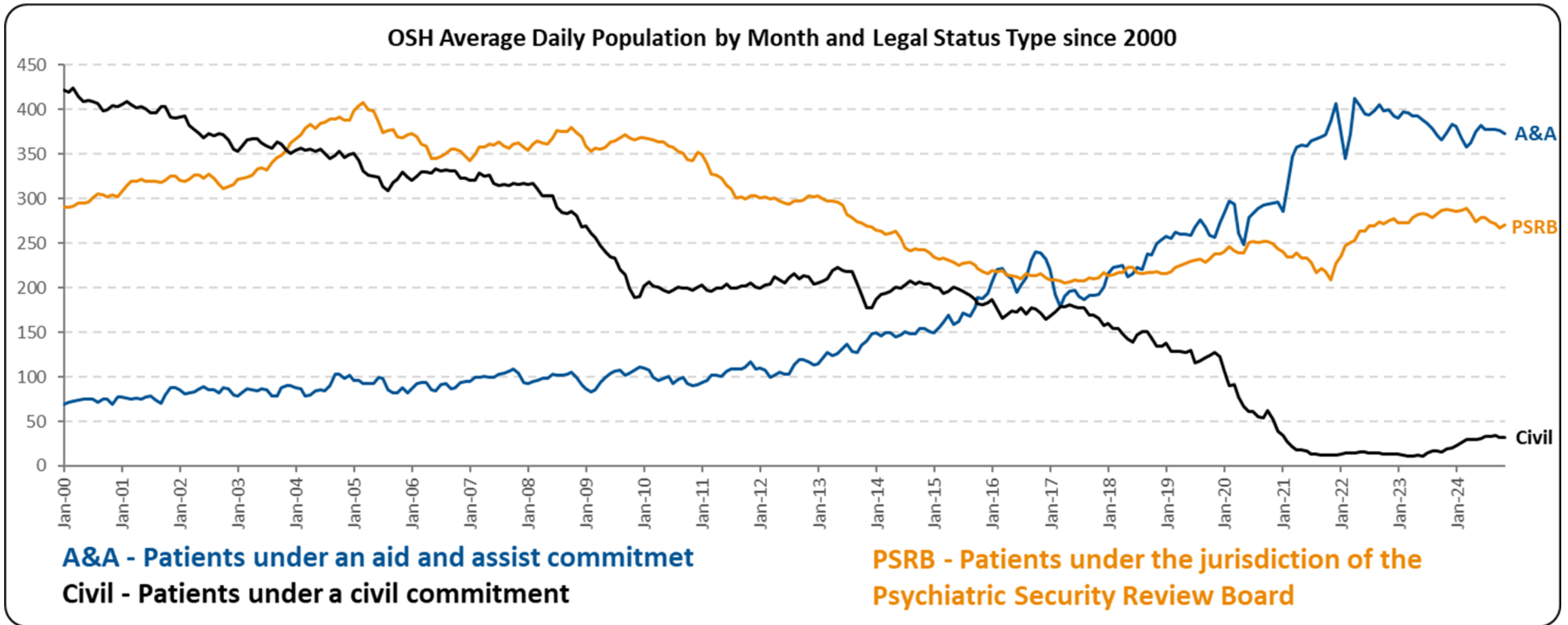


■ Found Able ■ Community Restoration ■ Never Able ■ Charges Dropped ■ Restoration Limit ■ Other

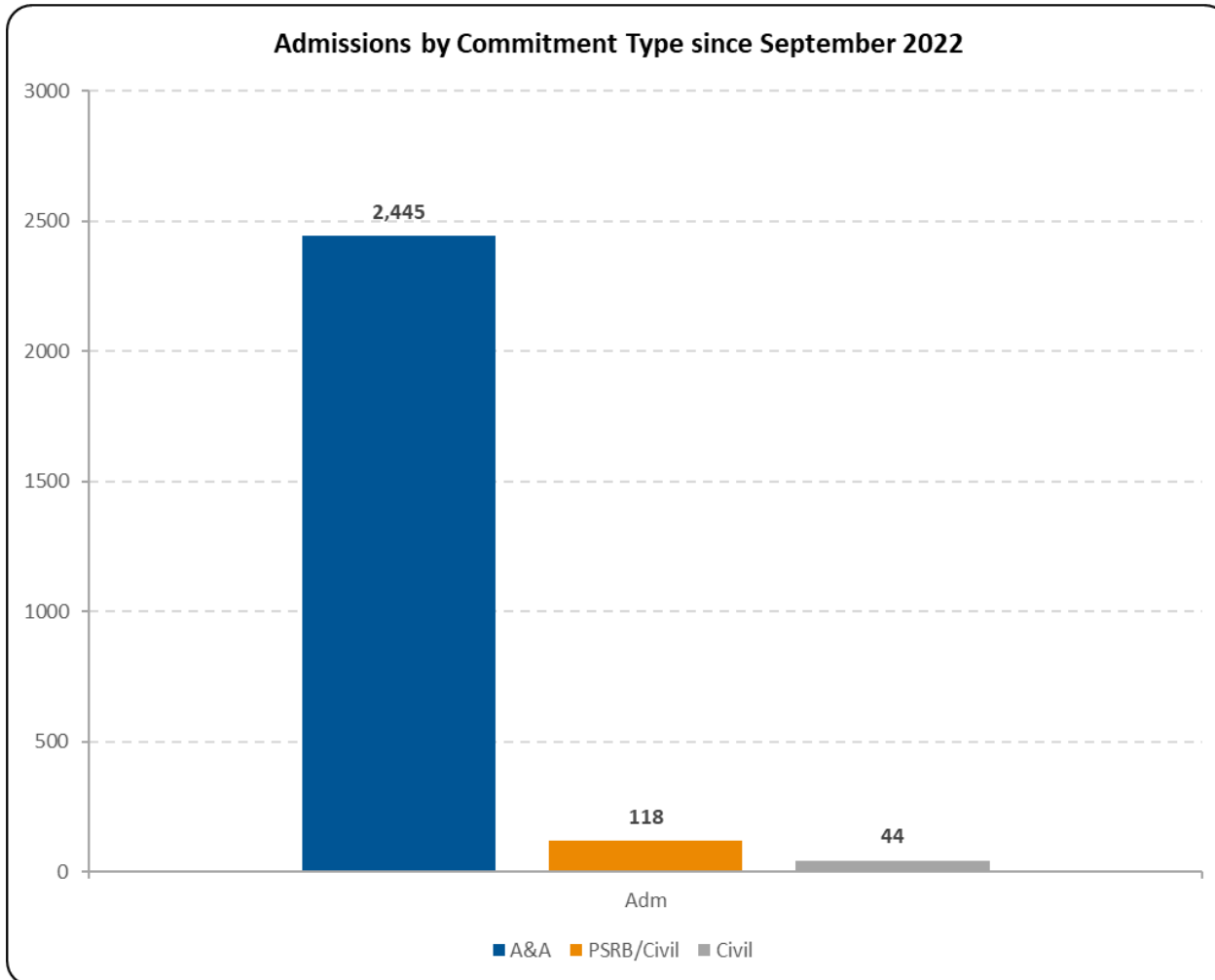
Aid and Assist Orders Continue to Climb



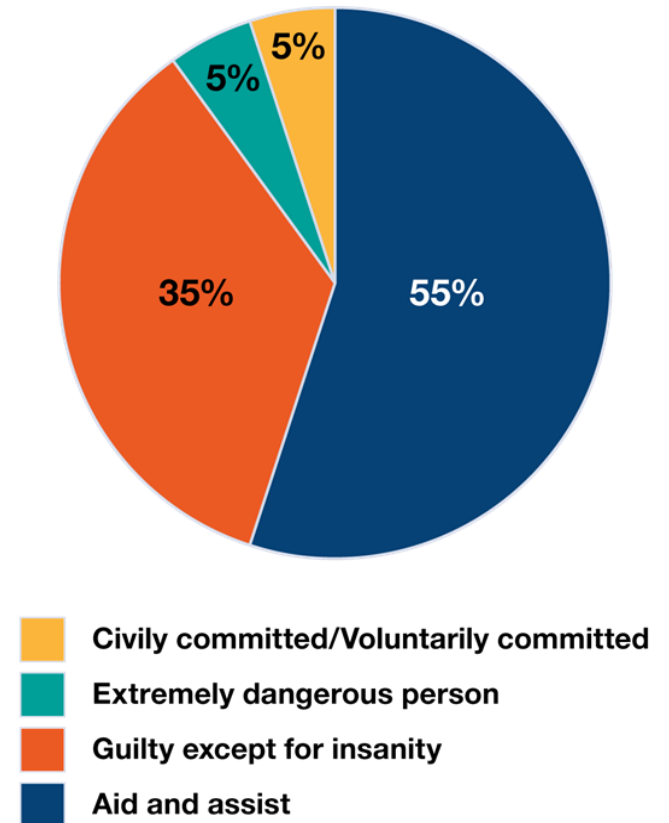
Average Daily Population



OSH as a Forensic Hospital



Oregon Hospital Patient Population



Major Oregon State Hospital Changes

Challenges

- All OSH units now open and operating at 98% capacity
- Higher patient acuity on the Salem campus
- Patients are more ill – psychiatrically and medically
- Many new staff in all departments

Solutions

- Enhancements to limit contraband inside the facility
- New approaches to assessment and treatment delivery
- Expanded substance use disorder treatment options
- New approaches to unit staffing and management of the unit milieu
- Additional staff training

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