

Department Name	Mental Health
Account(s)	4310, 4230, 4322

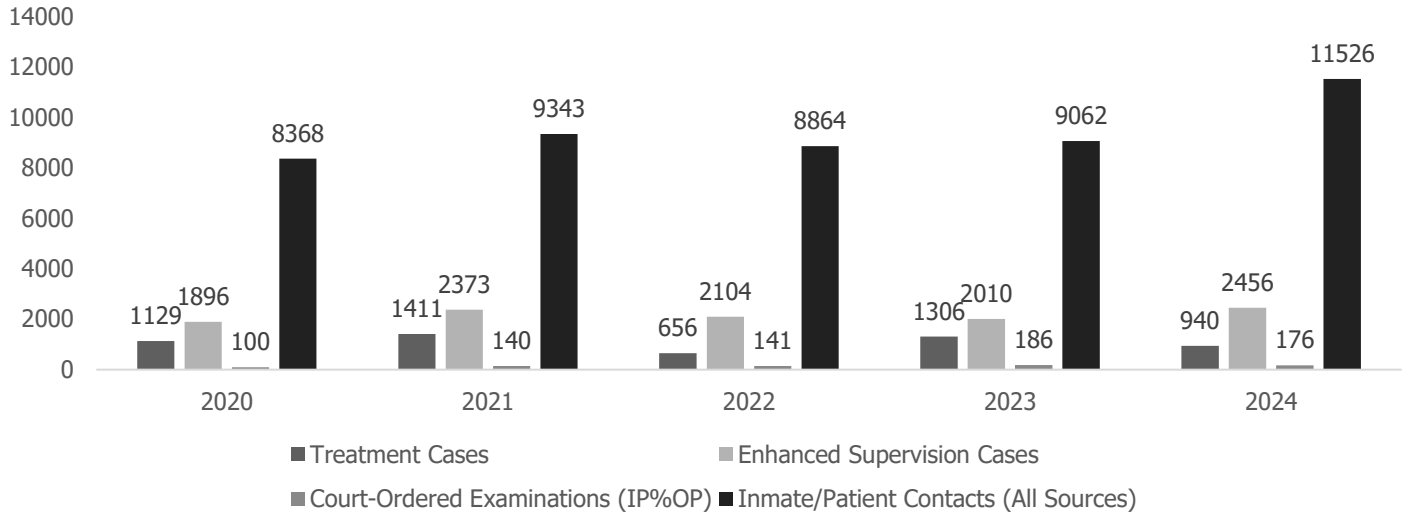
Department Function
The Department of Mental Health (DMH) ensures that adults living with behavioral health challenges receive needed treatment and support services to enhance overall health and quality of life, renew meaningful community connections, and attain lasting recovery. DMH accomplishes its mission and goals through direct provision of an array of clinical and support services; as well as through planning for and oversight over a network of community agencies/programs providing clinical and support services across the age-spectrum via State-aid funding contracts.

Current Year Highlights
In 2025, DMH continued operational emphasis on its four-fold guiding principles of <u>rapid access to care</u> , <u>minimizing unnecessary involvement with the criminal justice system and/or the hospital emergency care system</u> , <u>addressing overall wellness and social determinants of health</u> , and <u>targeting those with highest need and/or risk</u> . To that end, the following accomplishments are notable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added Associate Director for Behavioral Health Housing and Community Transitions to senior team in order to elevate the challenges faced by those unhoused and living with behavioral health challenges in Albany County. • Launched County/City jointly-sponsored Street Psychiatry Program to address unmet community need. • Coordinated multi-stakeholder Summit on Homelessness to assess local need and direct informed and targeted responses. • Expanded MOTOR program focused on overdose survivor response, community outreach and education/prevention. • Continued to support innovative community initiatives with Opiate Settlement Fund awards - 11 awards in 2023/24; 4 awards in 2024/25. Multiple awards under review in 2025 for new targeted community and County initiatives. • Added Veterans Case Manager in joint initiative with Veteran’s Bureau to elevate unmet needs of veterans and families. • Continued offering 2x annual Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trainings for local law enforcement partners. • Oversight of \$18.4 million in State Aid funding contracts encompassing 75 community behavioral health programs. • Expanded personnel/clinical supports in Mental Health/Criminal Justice Unit for Alternative Treatment Court, LEAD, and new partnership with Probation Department. • Ongoing clinical support for Albany County Threat Assessment Management (TAM) team to enhance community safety. <p>Vital Stats: 641 treated at outpatient clinic; 940 treated at jail clinic; 600 MCT field assessments–82% hospital diversions; 112 ACCORD field assessments–71% hospital diversions; 101 treated in community (ACT & Health Home); 10 non-English speaking refugees /immigrants served; 111 “returning citizens” assisted by prison Re-Entry program; 186 “Kendra’s Law” cases monitored; 708 housing opportunities prioritized and monitored; 354 considered for jail diversion services; 159 SAFE Act reports processed; 424 individuals served by MOTOR team since inception; 15 internal QA audits of DMH units; 25 external QA reviews of contract agency outcome measures.</p>

Next Year Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance data analytics; develop data dashboard; continue exploration of AI; develop AI use policy. • Develop and launch Albany County Prevention Coalition bringing together SUD/Addiction prevention stakeholders. • Continue to elevate “street-based” interventions and begin to implement strategies from 2025 Summit on Homelessness. • Expand coverage of MOTOR program’s outreach and overdose survivor response services to additional jurisdictions. • Elevate workplace enhancement strategies identified by Workplace Improvement Committee. • Continue to elevate strategies identified by Opiate Task Force; emphasis on impactful use of opiate settlement funds.

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Albany County Department of Mental Health
ACCF Mental Health Unit Case Load Statistics for 2020-2024



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Crisis Intervention Team Training Statistics for 2020-2024

