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# SB 24 Aid and Assist Fixes

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# Oregon State Hospital

## Vision

- We are a psychiatric hospital that inspires hope, promotes safety and supports recovery for all.

## Mission

- Our mission is to provide therapeutic, evidence-based, patient-centered treatment focusing on recovery and community reintegration, all in a safe environment.



# 2018 Census

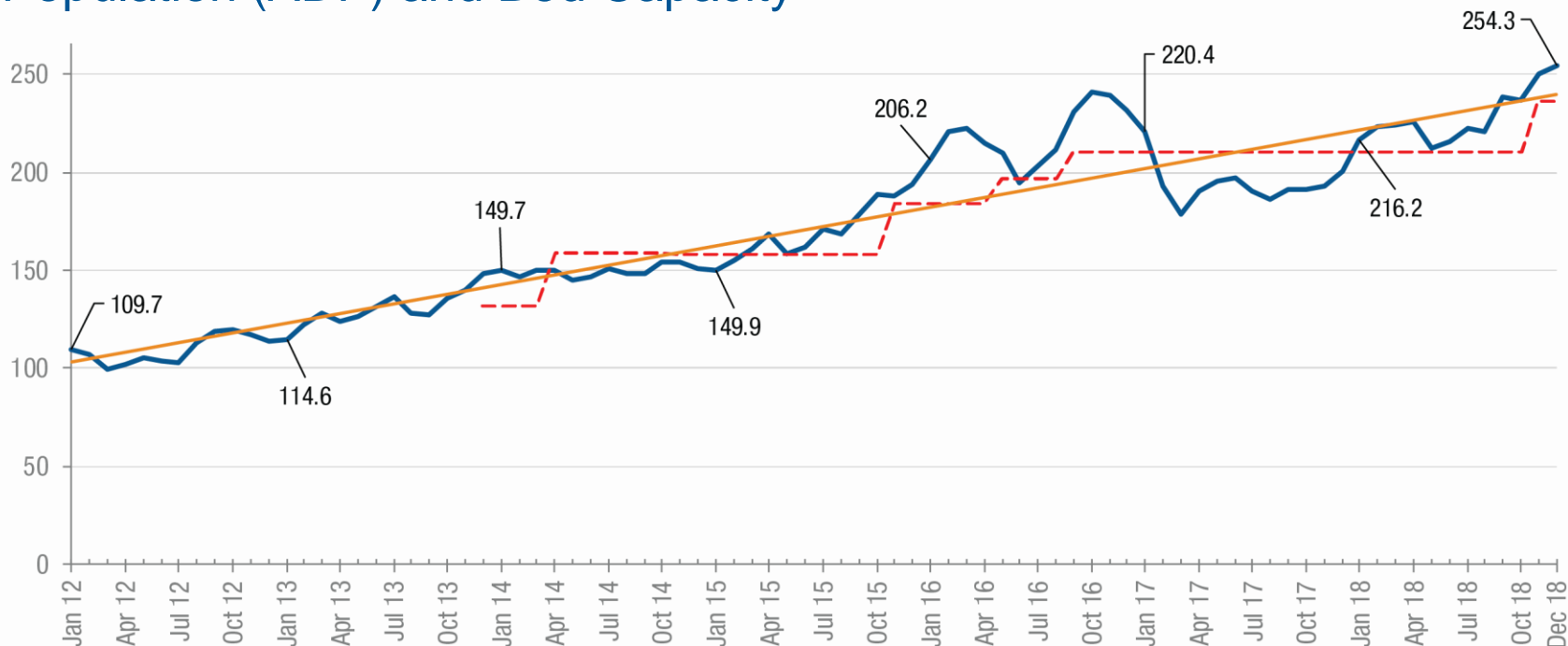
In 2018, Oregon State Hospital provided treatment for 1,565 people committed by the courts or the Psychiatric Security Review Board.

2018 Patient Statistics							
Commitment Type	Average daily population			Percent of pop.	Total Admits	% of Admits	Median length of stay
	Salem	Junction City	Total				
Civil (civil commitment, voluntary, voluntary by guardian)	124.3	29.6	153.9	25.9%	332	29.6%	117.5
Guilty except for insanity	160.9	49.6	210.5	35.5%	65	5.8%	895
Aid and assist (ORS 161.370)	227.8	0.5	228.3	38.5%	720	64.2%	77
Other (corrections, hospital hold)	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.1%	5	0.4%	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>513.2</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>593.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1122</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>89</b>

# Challenge: Increasing Aid & Assist Census

## 2012–18 Census (trends) — Aid and Assist

OSH Aid and Assist (ORS 161.370) patient Average Daily Population (ADP) and Bed Capacity



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— ADP — Bed Capacity — ADP Trend



# Strategies for managing Aid & Assist orders

- Assessment and treatment strategies for efficient and effective treatment while maintaining the median length of stay
- Two additional certified evaluators in Forensic Evaluation
- Increased capacity from 132 beds in 2013 to 236 in October 2018
- Provide ongoing training and consultation with District Attorneys, defense attorneys, judges, jail commanders, and other community partners regarding options and laws applicable to defendants with mental illness
- OHA and OSH have been working with community partners to address the state-wide need for alternative services in the community behavioral health system

# SB 24 Aid and Assist Fixes

- Requires community mental health program communication and consultation.
- Requires community treatment for municipal and misdemeanor defendants unless a certified evaluator or the CMHP determines that the defendant needs a hospital level of care due to their dangerousness and the acuity of their symptoms, or if the court makes specific findings.
- Clarifies language related to 1-day evaluations, and allows the court to order observation of the defendant for up to 21 days.

Thank You