

## DEPOPULATION OF STATE MENTAL HOSPITALS

Year	Number of inpatients in public mental hospitals <sup>1</sup>	Percent change (from previous 5 year period)
1950	510,000	
1955	558,329 <sup>2</sup>	+ 9 %
1960	535,000	- 4 %
1965	505,000	- 5 %
1970	365,000	- 27 %
1975	215,000	- 41 %
1980	150,000	- 30 %
1985	105,000	- 30 %
1990	100,000	- 5 %
1995	75,000	- 25 %
2003	< 50,000	- 35 %

Year	Number of inpatients in public mental hospitals	Absolute numeric difference
1950	510,000	
1955	558,329	+ 48,329
1960	535,000	- 23,329
1965	505,000	- 30,000
1970	365,000	- 140,000
1975	215,000	- 150,000
1980	150,000	- 65,000
1985	105,000	- 45,000
1990	100,000	- 5,000
1995	75,000	- 25,000
2003	< 50,000	- 25,000

GRAPH<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Numbers are approximated from Figure 1.2, in E. Fuller Torrey, *Out of the Shadows: Confronting America's Mental Illness Crisis* (New York: Wiley & Sons, 1998), 9.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., 8.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., 9.