## FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL

### TABLE 2. Number of Resident Patients, Total Admissions, Net Releases, and Deaths in U.S. State and County Mental Hospitals During 1950–1980

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Hospitals</th>
<th>Resident Patients at End of Year</th>
<th>Patient Admissions&lt;sup&gt;b&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>Net Patient Releases&lt;sup&gt;c&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>Patient Additions&lt;sup&gt;d&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>Patient Discontinuations</th>
<th>Deaths&lt;sup&gt;e&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
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<tr>
<td>1950</td>
<td>322</td>
<td>512,501</td>
<td>152,286</td>
<td>99,659</td>
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<td>1955</td>
<td>275</td>
<td>558,922</td>
<td>178,003</td>
<td>126,498</td>
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<td>—</td>
<td>44,384</td>
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<td>1960</td>
<td>280</td>
<td>535,540</td>
<td>234,791</td>
<td>192,818</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
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<td>1965</td>
<td>290</td>
<td>475,202</td>
<td>316,664</td>
<td>288,397</td>
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<td>—</td>
<td>43,964</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>315</td>
<td>337,619</td>
<td>384,511</td>
<td>386,937</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>30,804</td>
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<td>1975</td>
<td>313</td>
<td>193,436</td>
<td>376,156</td>
<td>384,520</td>
<td>433,529</td>
<td>442,096</td>
<td>13,401</td>
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<td>1976</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>170,619</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>413,559</td>
<td>421,461</td>
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<td>1977</td>
<td>298</td>
<td>159,523</td>
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<td>—</td>
<td>414,703</td>
<td>415,314</td>
<td>9,716</td>
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<td>1978</td>
<td>284</td>
<td>153,544</td>
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<td>—</td>
<td>406,407</td>
<td>404,031</td>
<td>9,080</td>
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<td>1979</td>
<td>280</td>
<td>145,616</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>406,259</td>
<td>404,300</td>
<td>7,830</td>
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<sup>a</sup>This table is a condensation of a table recently published elsewhere (18).

<sup>b</sup>From 1950 to 1975 NIMH collected information on inpatient admissions (admissions and readmissions) to state and county mental hospitals. Beginning in 1976 only information on the number of additions is available.

<sup>c</sup>For all years net releases were obtained by totalling the number of resident patients at the beginning of the year and the admissions and subtracting from the total number of deaths and resident patients at the end of the year.

<sup>d</sup>From 1971 to the present NIMH has collected information on inpatient additions to state and county mental hospitals on its annual Inventory of Mental Health Facilities. Additions differ from admissions because returns from leave are included, as well as admissions and readmissions.

<sup>e</sup>The ratio of net releases to admissions is an indication of whether the patient population is increasing or decreasing. A ratio of more than 1 indicates a decreasing patient population, a ratio of less than 1 an increasing population. Subsequent to 1975, a measure of gain or loss of patient population is the ratio of discontinuations plus deaths to additions. If this ratio is less than 1, the patient population is increasing; if it is greater than 1 the patient population is decreasing.