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667

Number of specialty behavioral health hospitals in the U.S. in 2024

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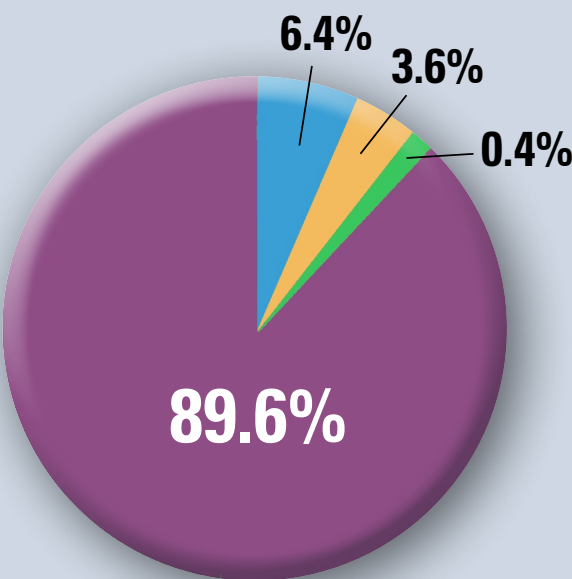
Behavioral health conditions include both mental illness and substance use disorders. Specialty behavioral health hospitals, as well as community hospitals with behavioral health services, provide unique treatment programs to meet the health needs of patients with behavioral health conditions.

11%

of all U.S. hospitals were specialty behavioral health hospitals

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Increase in number of behavioral health hospitals since 2020

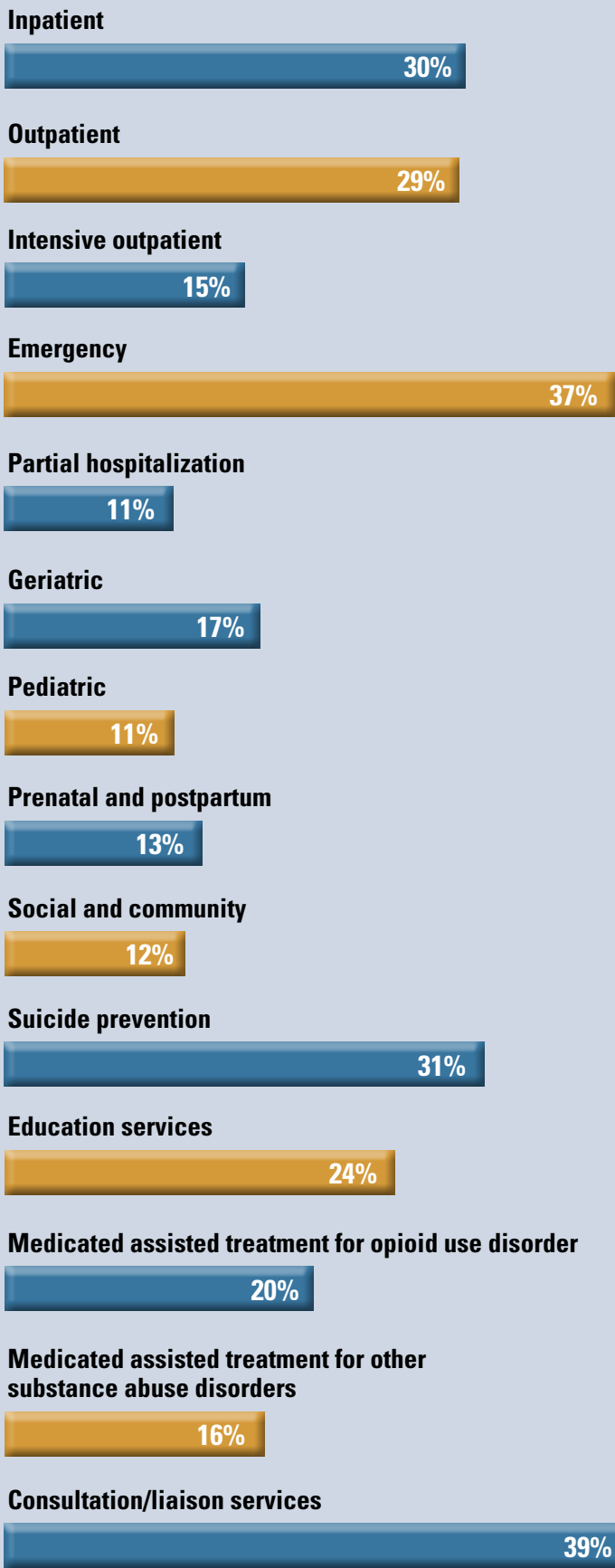


U.S. specialty behavioral health hospitals*, 2024

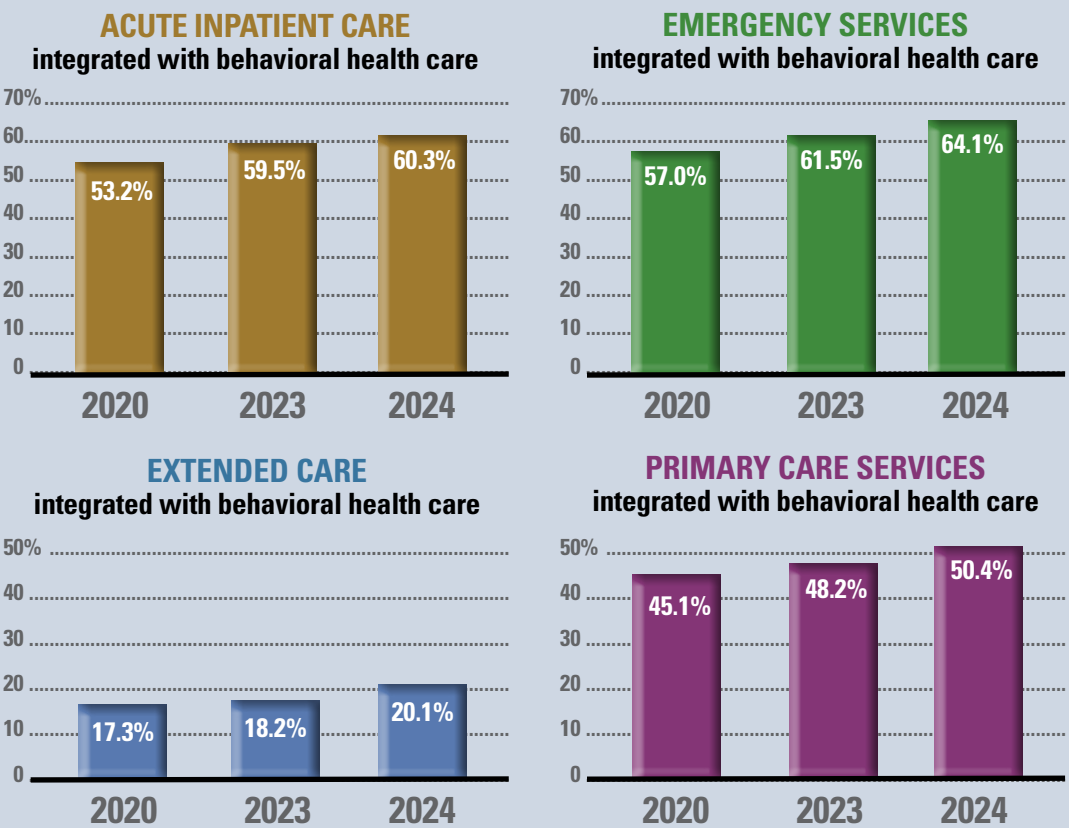
- Psychiatric (*N*=597)
- Children's psychiatric (*N*=43)
- Substance use disorder (*N*=24)
- Intellectual disabilities (*N*=3)

*Based on primary service

Community hospitals provide a variety of psychiatric health services, 2024



Behavioral health integration with other health services is growing



The provision of integrated physical and behavioral health care services in a range of settings has been increasing, and hospitals often provide a variety of behavioral health treatment programs beyond the inpatient setting. Note: Data unavailable for 2021-22.