

How state report defines group home facilities

The New York State Health Planning Commission report breaks its statistics into five kinds of community facilities. It discusses the number of such facilities per 1,000 population in each of the five boroughs.

The report further divides Staten Island into the borough's three community board districts. District 1 covers the Island's North Shore; Board 2, the mid-Island, and Board 3, the South Shore. Here are the report's findings:

¶ Transitional living centers are defined as facilities designed to meet immediate and short-term needs such as a sobering-up station, a halfway house, or shelter for adults. The borough has .023

beds per 1,000, about equal to the citywide average. Board 2 has the highest density of such facilities on the Island.

¶ Residential facilities are defined as homes with 14 or fewer beds that "look just like" surrounding homes and accommodate the retarded, former patients at state psychiatric hospitals and foster or troubled youth. The Island has 1.05 beds per 1,000 population, compared to a citywide average of 0.47 beds per 1,000. Board 1, which houses the majority of the borough's group homes for the retarded and foster and troubled youth, has the highest ratio of residential facilities in the borough.

¶ Community institutions are defined

as programs with 15 or more beds, including adult residential and alcoholism facilities. The borough has 4.20 beds per 1,000 population, compared with the citywide average of 1.95 beds per 1,000. Board 1 has the highest density of such facilities on the Island.

¶ Community health care institutions include proprietary psychiatric hospitals, nursing homes, adult homes and large community-based intermediate care facilities, such as the Nina Eaton Center at South Beach Psychiatric Center. The Island has 12.31 beds per 1,000 population, compared with the citywide average of 6.18 per 1,000. Board 1

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¶ Segregated institutions include facilities such as the Staten Island Developmental Center, South Beach Psychiatric Center and Arthur Kill Correctional Center. The Island has 11.62 beds per 1,000 compared with a citywide average of 1.98. But when the resident population at the Staten Island Developmental Center drops to 250, which the state plans to achieve before a court-imposed deadline of April 1981, the Island ratio will drop to 4.06, the commission said. Board 2, which houses two of the three institutions, has the highest ratio of segregated facilities on the Island.