

As mentioned previously, there are 203 beds available in BC specifically for children and youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges (181 funded through the Ministry of Health and 22 funded by MCFD). It is important to note that there are a variety of bed types that make up this total. Included in these beds are those that are: dedicated for mental health treatment only, dedicated to substance use treatment only, or flexible treatment beds for children and youth experiencing mental health problems, substance use problems or concurrent mental health and substance use problems.

It is also important to keep in mind that utilization of some of these beds is different at any given point in time. For example, a community bed may be used to provide services to a patient seeking mental health treatment in September and then used for a patient seeking substance use treatment in October. The breakdown of the 203 beds is as follows:

- 78 acute and tertiary beds.
- 103 community-based youth mental health and substance use beds. Included in this total are 20 residential substance treatment beds. The remaining 83 beds are of various types and include withdrawal management, supportive recovery and transitional/stabilization.
- There are also 22 beds funded by MCFD and provided through Full-Time Attendance Programs (FTAPs) for youth offenders with addictions issues. Further information about these beds is available through MCFD.
- Many bed-based services, such as residential treatment, are available to all children and youth in the province regardless of their physical location and home health region.

As provided, the breakdown of these beds by health authority is as follows:

| Bed Type | IHA | FHA | VCHA | VIHA | NHA | PHSA | BC Total |
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| Acute and tertiary child and youth mental health and substance use bed total | 8 | 10 | | 14 | 6 | 40 | 78 |
| Community youth mental health and substance use beds total | 3 | 10 | 50 | 32 | 8 | | 103 |
| MCFD- funded substance use beds | 5 | 17 | | | | | 22 |
| | | | | | | TOTAL | 203 |