

Nursing Home Bed Need Projections 2026

Community	Current Licensed Beds	Total Patient Days	Average Daily Census	Projected Bed Need	Unmet Need	CAH Swing Bed Days
Anaconda	62	524	1	1	0	1571
Baker	-	-	-	-	0	*6674
Big Sandy	-	-	-	-	0	501
Big Sky	-	-	-	-	0	927
Big Timber	-	-	-	-	0	*6561
Bigfork	48	7968	22	26	0	-
Billings	708	156219	428	504	0	-
Bozeman	69	18020	49	58	0	-
Broadus	41	8545	23	27	0	-
Browning	47	365	1	1	0	-
Butte	449	92515	253	298	0	-
Chester	-	-	-	-	0	*6318
Chinook	42	13178	36	42	0	-
Choteau	-	-	-	-	0	1092
Circle	-	-	-	-	0	358
Clancy	70	22447	61	72	2	-
Columbia Falls	118	22868	63	74	0	-
Columbus	82	11270	31	36	0	-
Conrad	59	14123	39	46	0	618
Crow Agency	40	8760	24	28	0	-
Culbertson	-	-	-	-	0	*7831
Cut Bank	41	13687	37	44	3	195
Deer Lodge	60	3491	10	12	0	723
Dillon	87	21136	58	68	0	754
Ekalaka	-	-	-	-	0	579
Ennis	32	7540	21	25	0	657
Eureka	49	16733	46	54	5	-
Forsyth	20	5002	14	16	0	*6363
Fort Benton	-	-	-	-	0	1587
Glasgow	96	20161	55	65	0	470
Glendive (Partial data)	36	6539	18	21	0	1678
Great Falls	335	92041	252	296	0	-
Hamilton	101	18624	51	60	0	-
Hardin	-	-	-	-	0	*2655
Harlowton	-	-	-	-	0	926
Havre	135	26948	74	87	0	*2169
Helena	198	51255	140	165	0	-
Hot Springs	40	916	3	4	0	-

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Jordan	-	-	-	-	0	41
Kalispell	405	105600	289	340	0	-
Laurel	79	1953	5	6	0	-
Lewistown	218	44488	122	144	0	485
Libby	101	28447	78	92	0	*2394
Livingston	115	1704	5	6	0	668
Malta	-	-	-	-	0	262
Miles City	84	32451	89	105	21	*2449
Missoula	314	80019	219	258	0	-
Plains	28	9864	27	32	4	779
Plentywood	35	8928	24	28	0	883
Philipsburg	-	-	-	-	0	565
Polson	70	1583	4	5	0	771
Poplar	-	-	-	-	0	41
Red Lodge	-	-	-	-	0	1025
Ronan	75	12336	34	40	0	1502
Roundup	-	-	-	-	0	1126
Scobey	-	-	-	-	0	268
Shelby (closed Aug 2025)	-	4354	12	14	14	412
Sheridan	39	6964	19	22	0	-
Sidney	60	15257	42	49	0	*2072
Stevensville	50	13171	36	42	0	-
Superior	-	-	-	-	0	745
Terry	-	-	-	-	0	*8469
Townsend	-	-	-	-	0	-
White Sulphur Springs	-	-	-	-	0	720
Whitefish	100	31890	87	102	2	*4187
Wibaux	40	10180	28	33	0	-
Wolf Point	60	14434	40	47	0	390

*Critical Access Hospital (CAH) swing bed usage exceeding 1,825 days (5 beds x 365 days) should indicate nursing home beds are needed in the community.

These projections were determined using data from 2025 Annual Health Care Facility Report submissions.

Effective date: April 2026