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## Executive Summary

**Note:** As of January 2023, Mobile Crisis providers are available for a mobile response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Prior to January 2023, a mobile response was only available Monday – Friday 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM on weekends. Unless stated otherwise, the data in this report reflects calls during all 24 hours. Select charts continue to break out data by old and new hours to highlight any differences during the expanded hours.

**Call and Episode Volume:** In November 2024, 2-1-1 and Mobile Crisis received 1,496 calls including 1,036 calls (69.3%) handled by Mobile Crisis providers and 460 calls (30.7%) handled by 2-1-1 only (e.g., calls for other information or resources, calls transferred to 9-1-1). There was one crisis response follow-up call and one emergency services call that were coded as episodes but were not counted as episodes in this report. This month showed a 0.4% decrease in call volume from November 2023 (n=1,502). Call volume remains 23.8% lower than the same month in 2019 (n=1,962), prior to the start of the pandemic. Of the total calls and episodes, Mobile Crisis and 2-1-1 received 120 calls during the expanded overnight and weekend hours. This included 83 (69.2%) calls handled by Mobile Crisis providers and 37 (30.8%) calls handled by 2-1-1 only. The overnight and weekend call volume in November 2024 was slightly lower than last month (128), and higher than November 2023 (101).

Among the **1,034 episodes of care** this month, episode volume ranged from 112 episodes (Eastern) to 238 episodes (Hartford). The statewide average service reach per 1,000 children this month was 1.4, with service area rates ranging from 0.7 (Southwestern) to 1.8 (Central) relative to their specific child populations. Additionally, the number of episodes generated relative to the number of children in poverty in each service area yielded a statewide average poverty service reach rate of 2.8 per 1,000 children in poverty, with service area rates ranging from 1.0 (Southwestern) to 8.2 (Central). During the expanded overnight and weekend hours, there were 83 episodes of care with episode volume ranging from 4 episodes (Southwestern) to 25 episodes (Western). The overnight and weekend episodes in October 2024 increased 18.6%, compared to last month (70, October 2024).

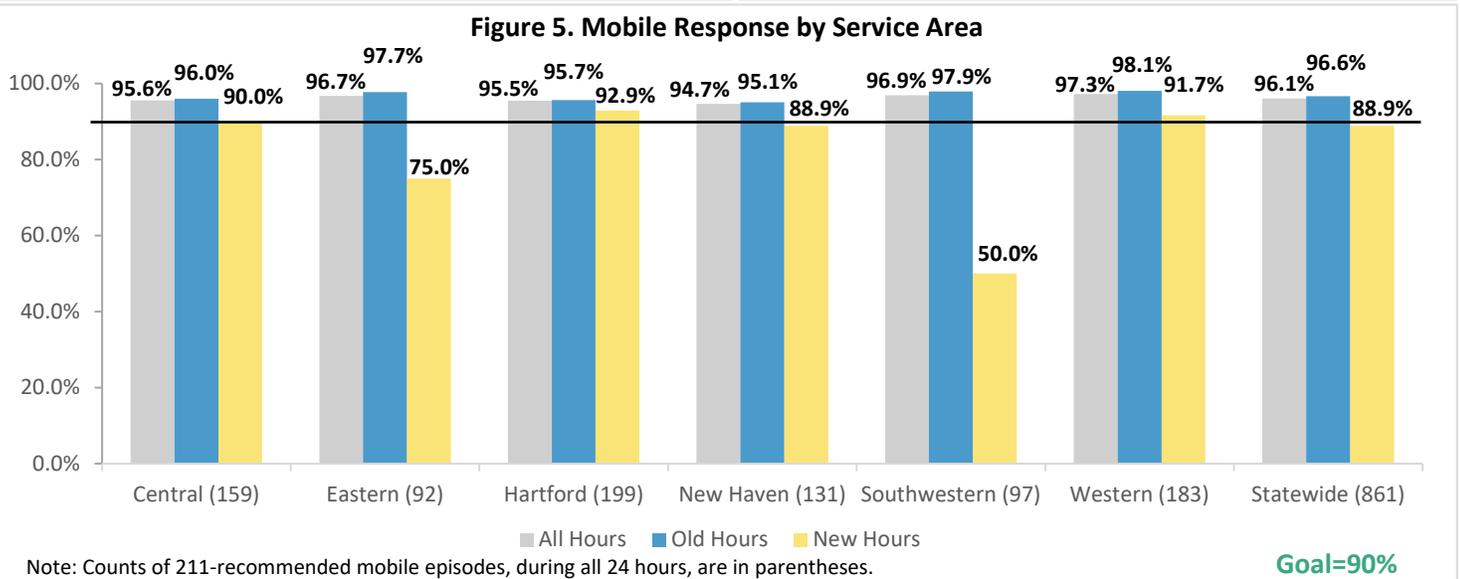
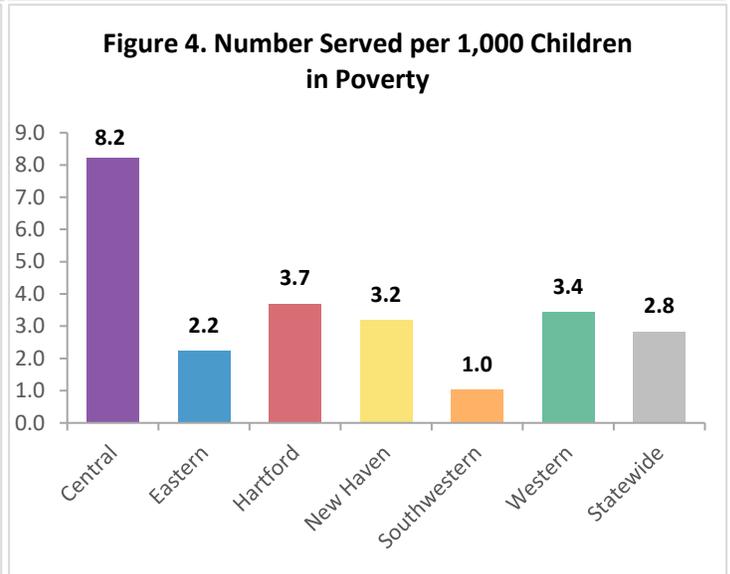
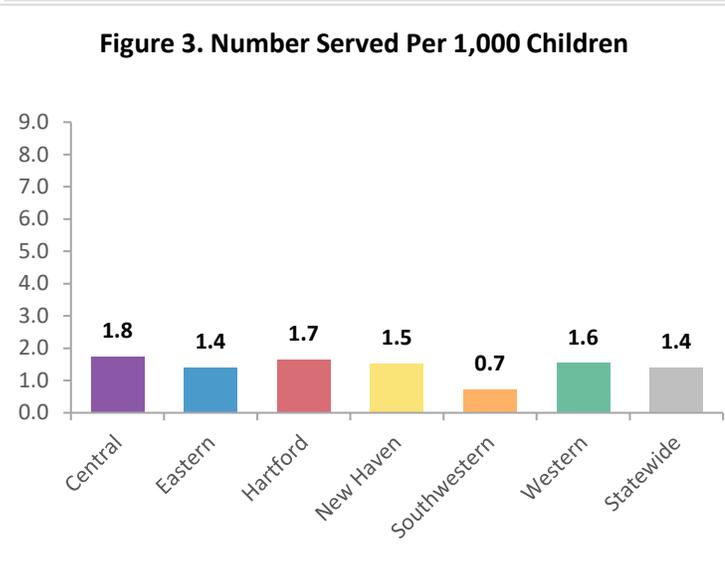
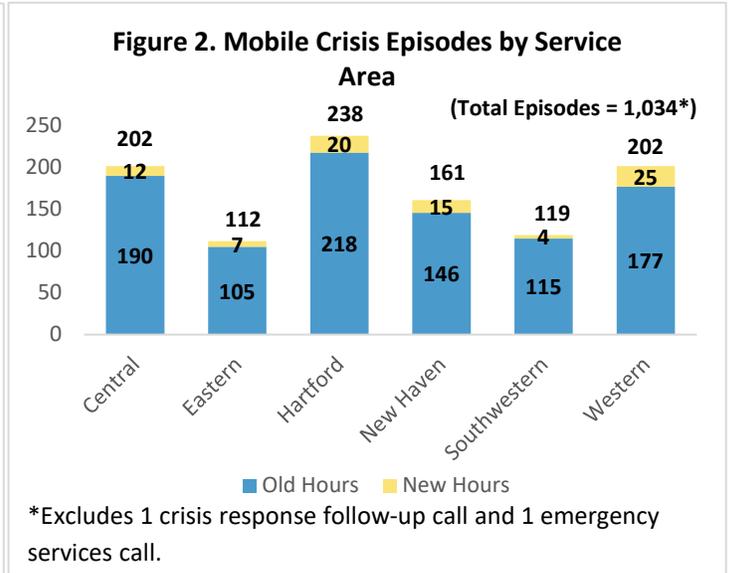
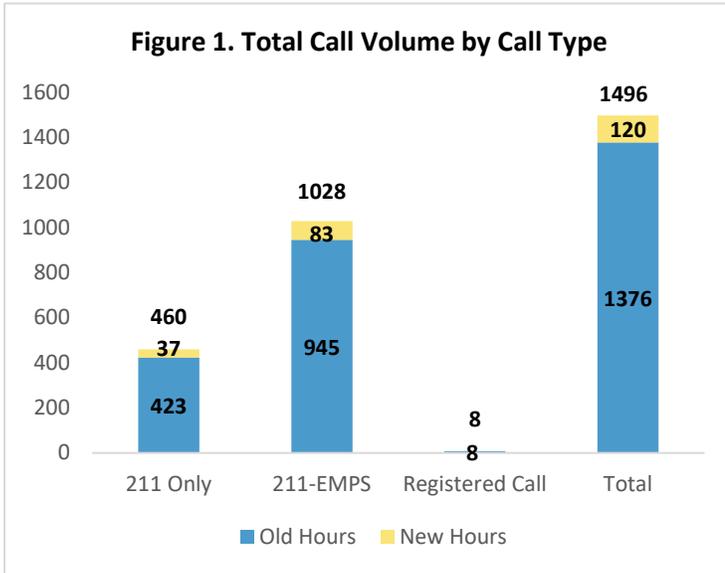
**Mobility: Statewide mobility was 96.1% this month**, which is higher than the rate in November 2023 (93.9%). All six service areas surpassed the 90% benchmark this month, with performance ranging from 94.7% (New Haven) to 97.3% (Western). Mobility for individual providers ranged from 88.1% (CHR: Middlesex) to 100% (UCFS: NE and CFGC: Norwalk). Thirteen (13) of the fourteen (14) individual providers met or exceeded the 90% mobility rate benchmark. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, both video telehealth and in-person responses are reflected within the report as “mobile” responses. Beginning in FY2022, the number of video telehealth episodes can be found in Figure 9. There was one telehealth response this month. The statewide mobility rate during the new hours was 88.9%, with three regions exceeding the 90% benchmark. Performance ranged from 50.0% (Southwestern) to 92.9% (Hartford). The mobility rate during the traditional Mobile Crisis hours was 96.6%, slightly higher than the overall rate of 96.1%. During the new hours, 50.6% of episodes requested a mobile response, 31.3% requested a deferred mobile response, and 18.1% requested a non-mobile response; in the traditional hours, 70.3% of episodes requested a mobile response, 19.3% requested a deferred mobile response, and 10.4% requested a non-mobile response. As seen in the mobility rate, the vast majority of callers requesting a mobile or deferred mobile response receive it.

**Response Time:** Statewide, this month **85.4% of mobile episodes received a face-to-face response in 45 minutes or less**, which is slightly lower than the rate in November 2023 (86.9%). Five of the six service areas were at or above the benchmark of 80% of mobile responses provided in 45 minutes or less, with performance ranging from 74.6% (Western) to 97.4% (Southwestern). Ten (10) of the fourteen (14) sites met the 80% benchmark. The statewide median mobile response time was 30.0 minutes. The rate of episodes meeting response time during the traditional hours (86.5%) is slightly higher than the overall rate of 88.6%. During the expanded hours 69.0% of mobile episodes received a response within 45 minutes during these new hours, with performance ranging from 62.5% (Central) to 100% (Southwestern).

When looking at these rates, it is important to keep in mind that the number of overnight episodes is very low, and the number receiving a Mobile response is even lower.

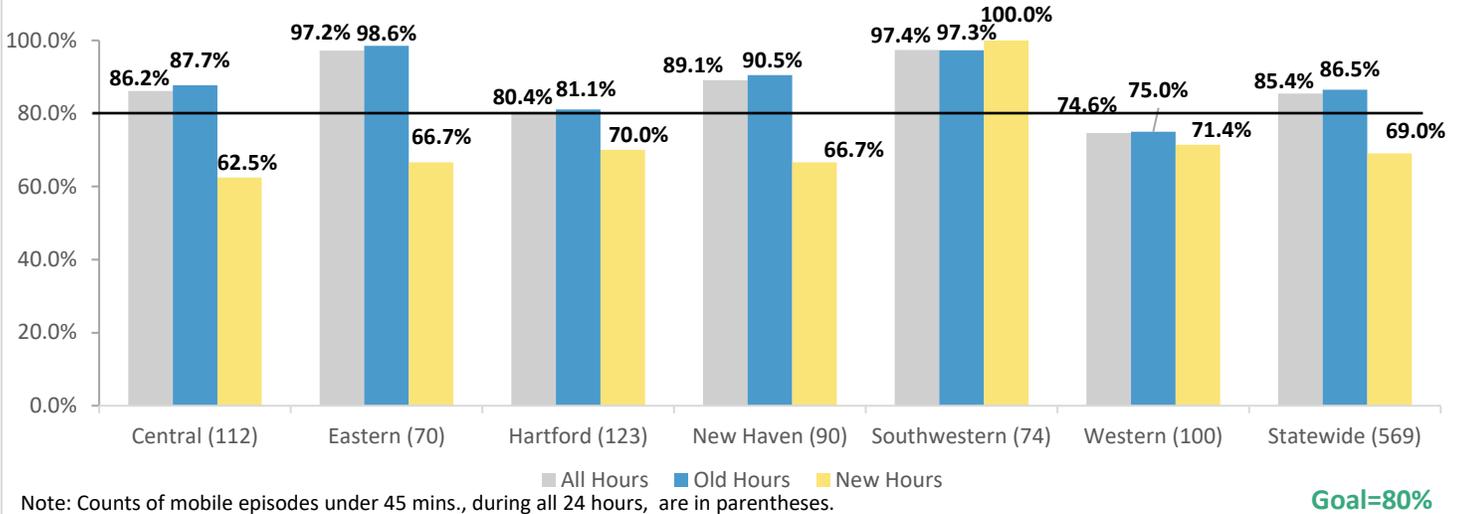
**Length of Stay (LOS):** The statewide median LOS for episodes discharged this month with a crisis response of *plus stabilization follow-up* was 17.0 days. The regional median LOS ranged from 14.0 days (Hartford) to 38.0 days (Southwestern). Note: these calculations only include episodes that began during FY2025.

## Section I: Mobile Crisis Statewide/Service Area Dashboard



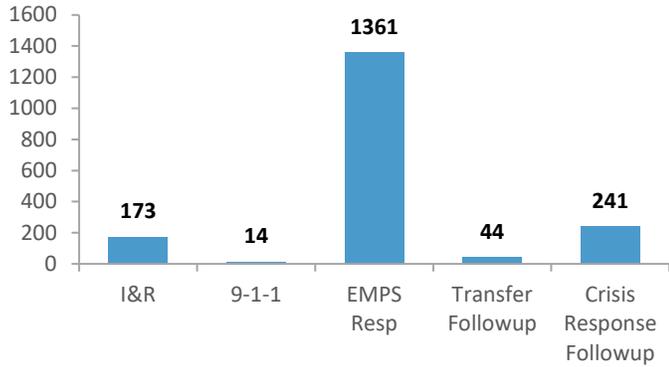
Note: Counts of 211-recommended mobile episodes, during all 24 hours, are in parentheses.

**Figure 6. Mobile Episodes with a Response Time Under 45 Minutes**

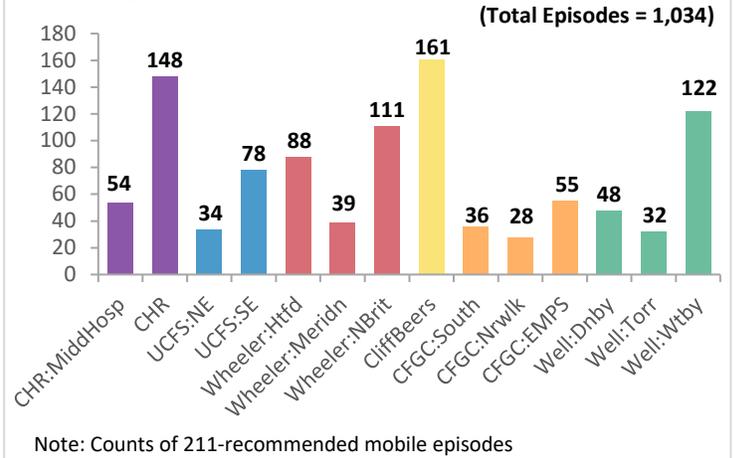


## Section II: Mobile Crisis Response

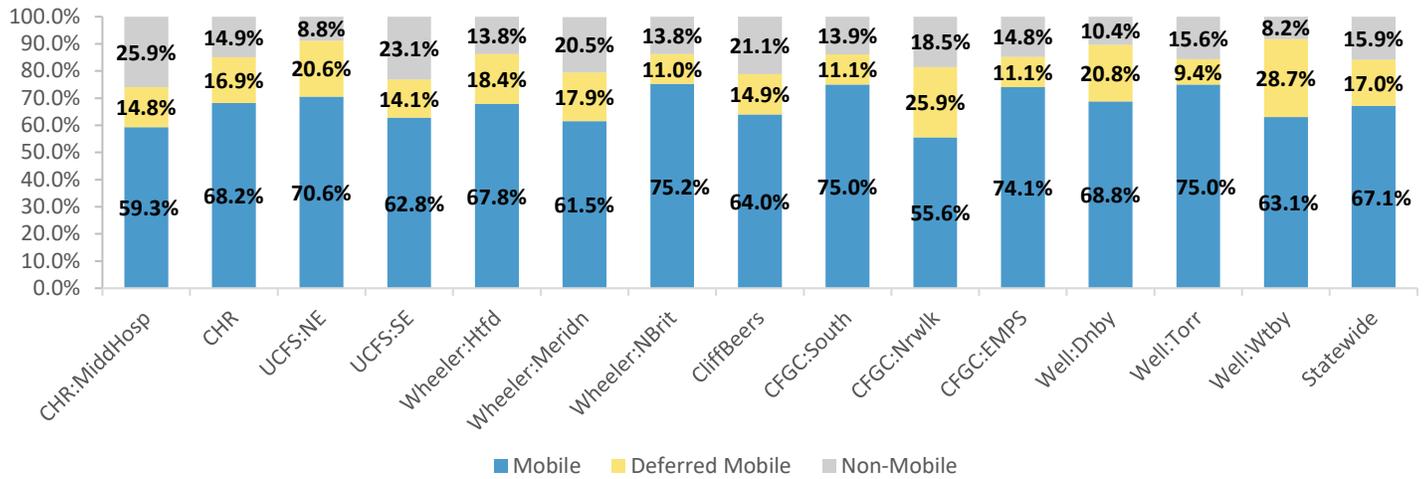
**Figure 7. Statewide 2-1-1 Call Disposition**



**Figure 8. Mobile Crisis Episodes by Provider**



**Figure 9. Actual Initial Mobile Crisis Response\* by Provider**



**Figure 10. 2-1-1 Recommended Response by Service Area - by Service Hours**

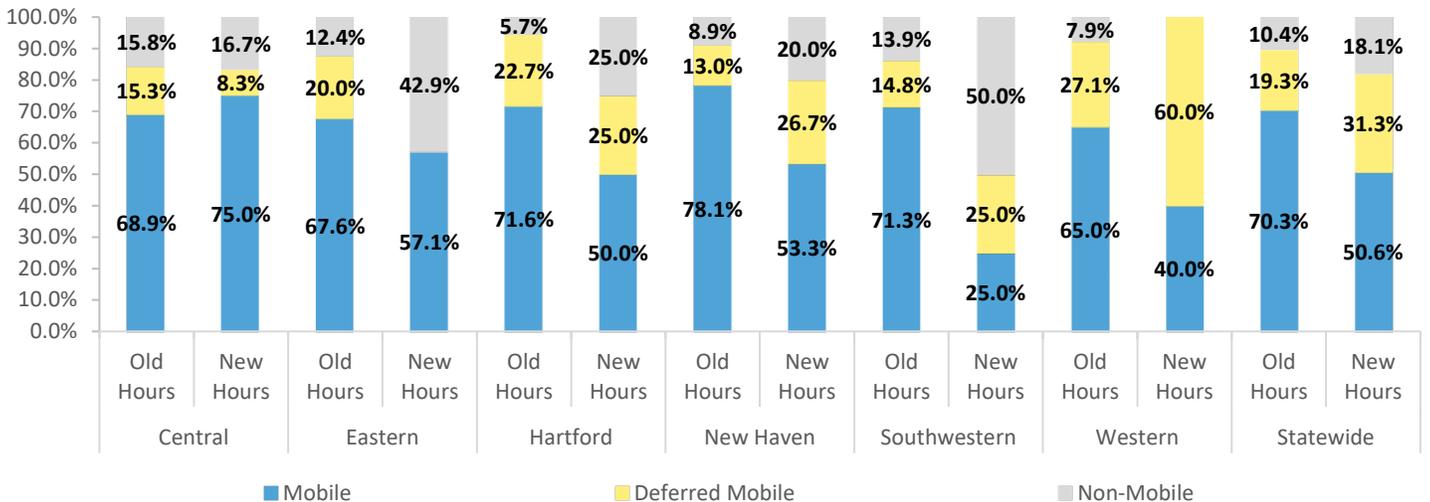
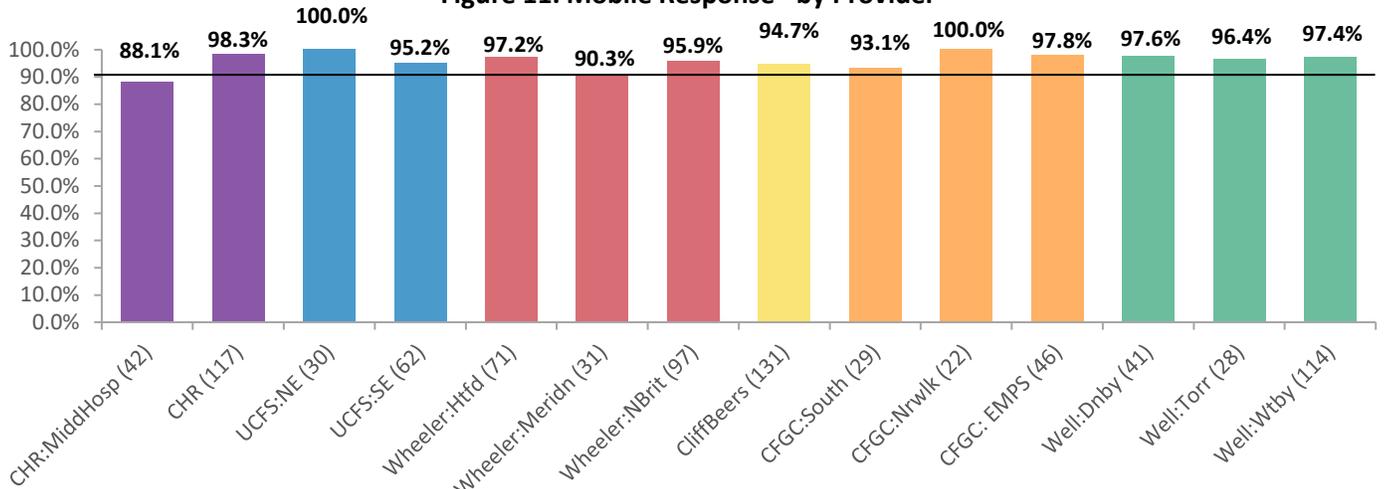


Figure 11. Mobile Response\* by Provider

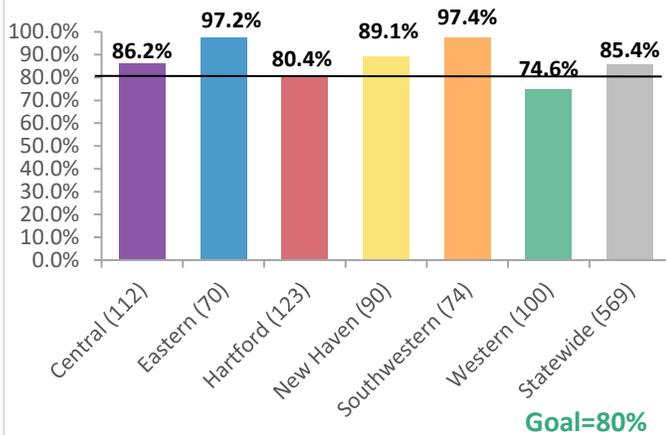


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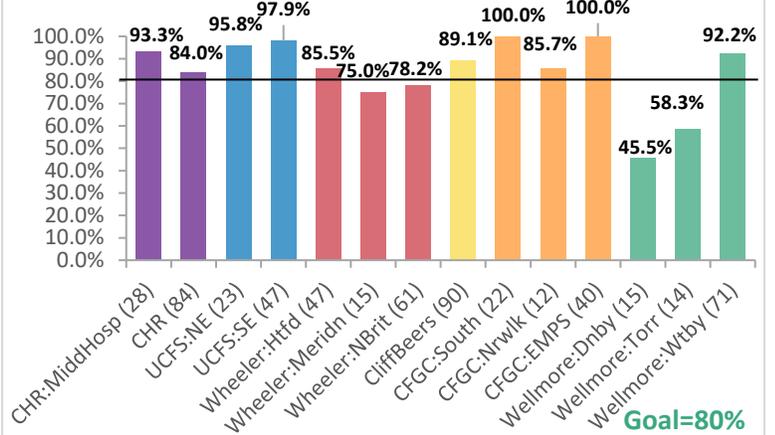
### Section III: Response Time

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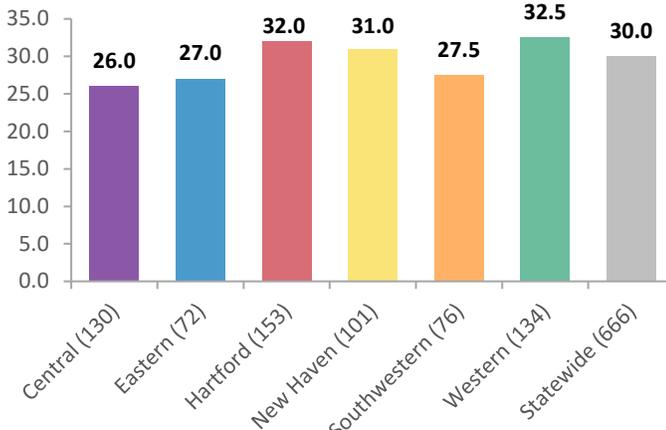
Note: Counts of mobile episodes under 45 mins. are in parentheses. **Goal=80%**

**Figure 13. Mobile Episodes with a Response Time Under 45 Minutes by Provider**



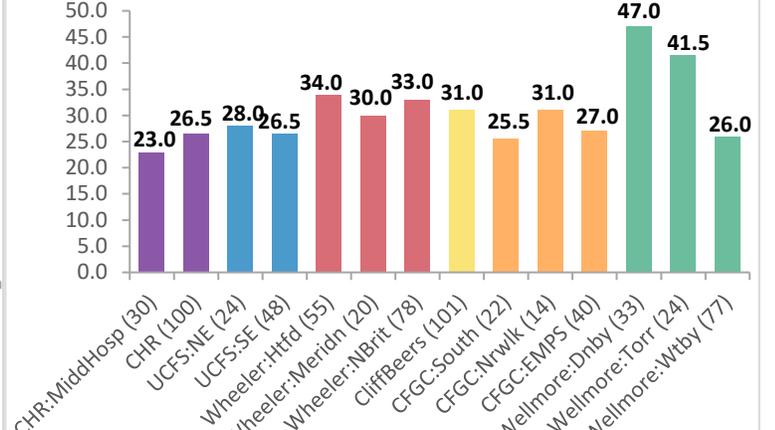
Note: Counts of mobile episodes under 45 mins. are in parentheses. **Goal=80%**

**Figure 14. Median Mobile Response Time in Minutes**



Note: Count of mobile response episodes are in parentheses.

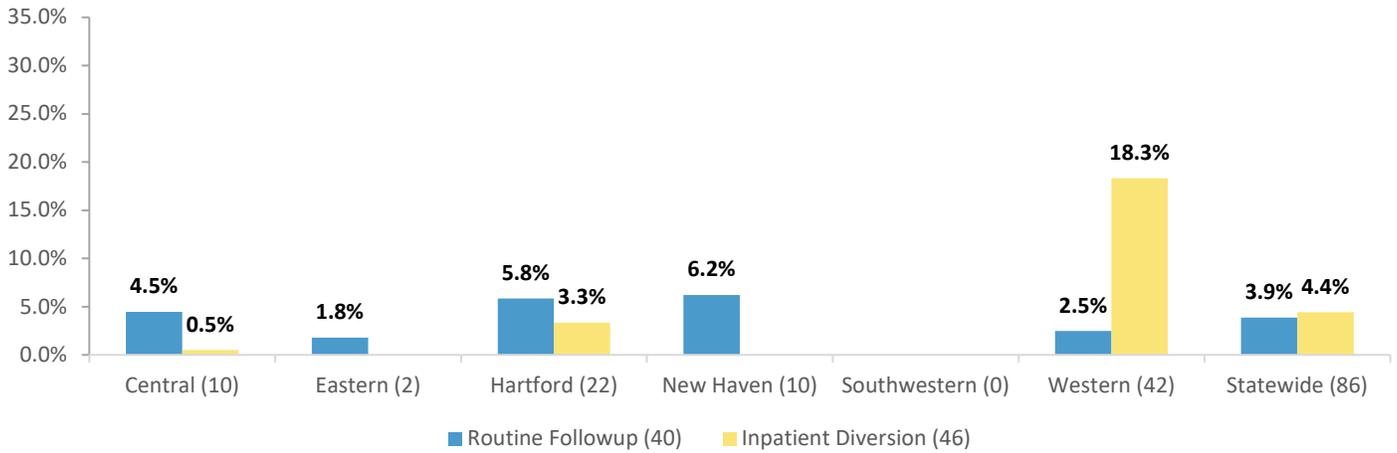
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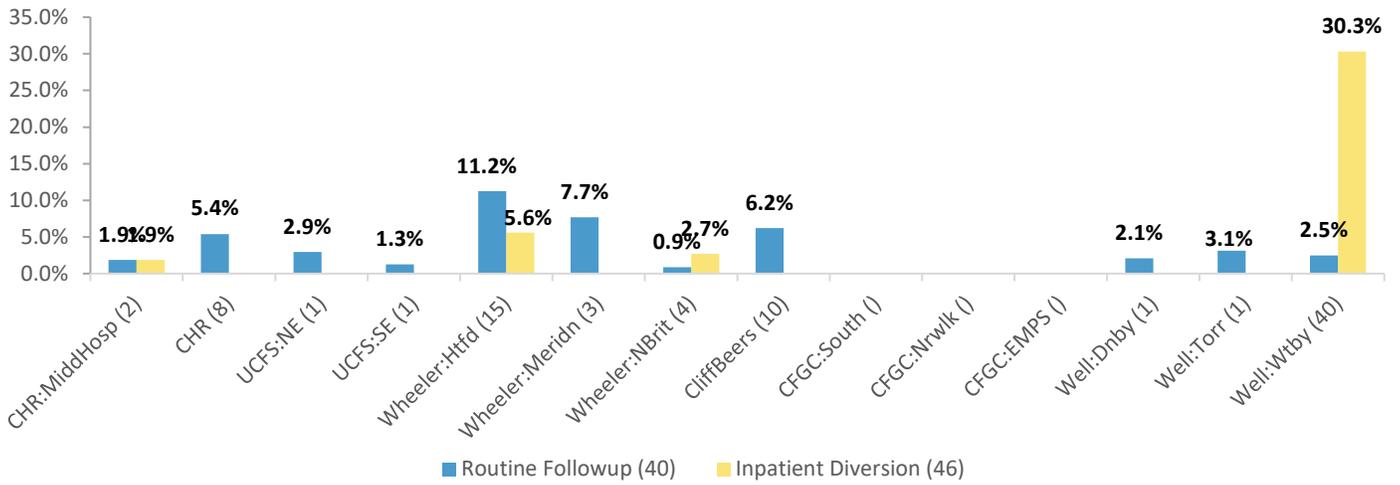
Note: Count of mobile response episodes are in parentheses.

## Section IV: Emergency Department Referrals

**Figure 16. Emergency Department Referrals (% of Total Mobile Crisis Episodes)**



**Figure 17. Emergency Department Referrals by Provider (% of Total Mobile Crisis Episodes)**



## Section V: Length of Stay (LOS)

**Table 1. LOS for Discharged Episodes\* with a Crisis Response Plus Stabilization Follow-up**

	<b>Discharged Episodes with a Crisis Response of Plus Stabilization Follow-up</b>			
	<b>Number of Episodes</b>	<b>Mean LOS (in days)</b>	<b>Median LOS (in days)</b>	<b>Percent Exceeding 45 Days</b>
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>1.8% (n = 8)</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>1.3% (n = 2)</b>
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>7.7% (n = 1)</b>
<b>Hartford</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>0.0% (n = 0)</b>
<b>New Haven</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>6.7% (n = 1)</b>
<b>Southwestern</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>7.1% (n = 1)</b>
<b>Western</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>2.9% (n = 3)</b>

\*Only episodes that had both a start and a discharge date within FY2025 are included in this chart