

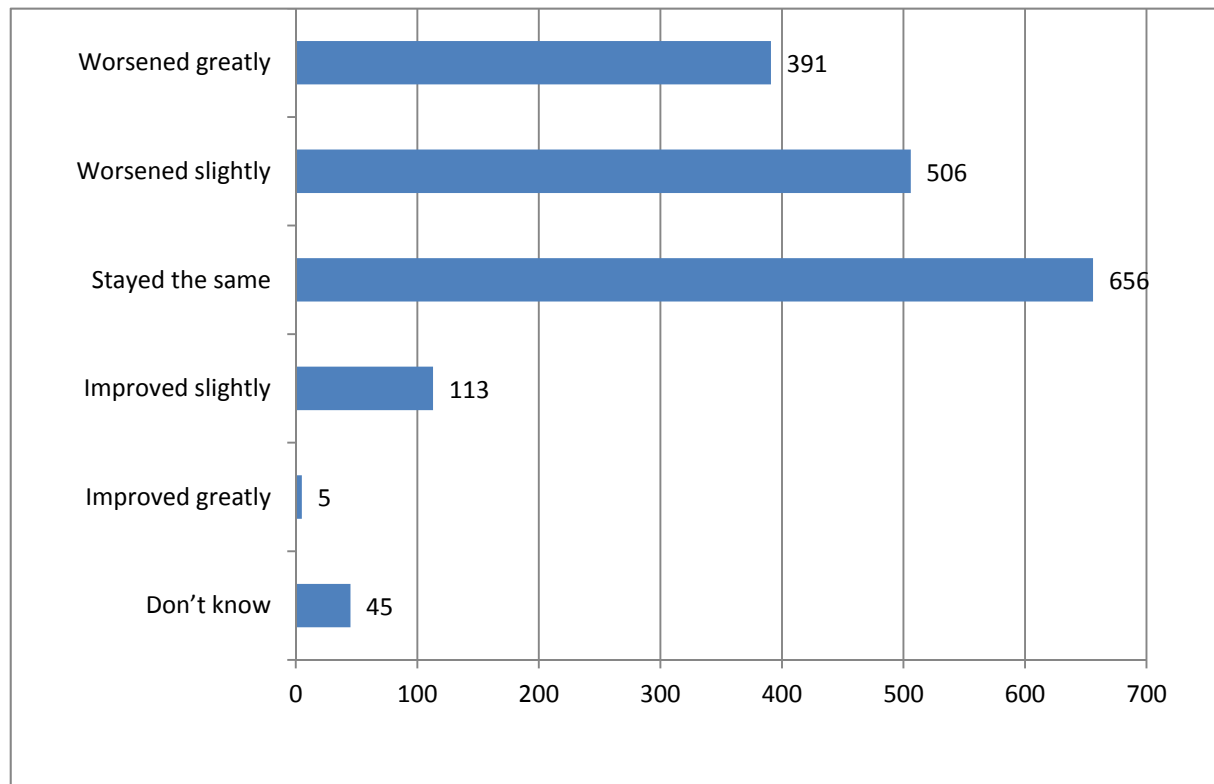
**American College of Emergency Physicians
Physician Poll on Psychiatric Emergencies
October, 2016**



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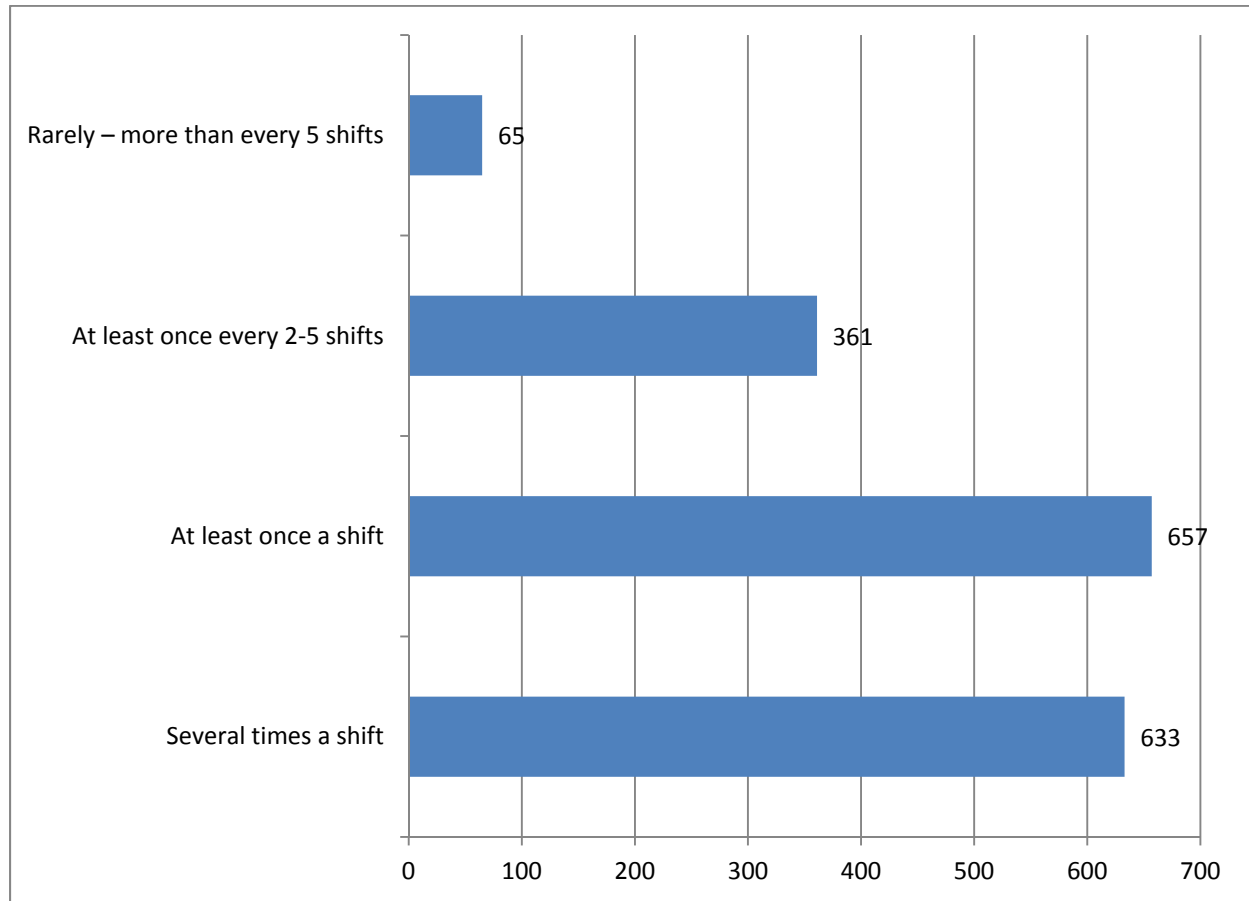
The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) conducted an online poll of 26,812 emergency physicians between September 28 and October 6, 2016. The survey had a total of 1,716 responses (6.4%) with a margin of error $\pm 2.3\%$

Q1: In my opinion, within the past year, the mental health system in my community has:	Total
Don't know	45
Improved greatly	5
Improved slightly	113
Stayed the same	656
Worsened greatly	391
Worsened slightly	506
Grand Total	1716



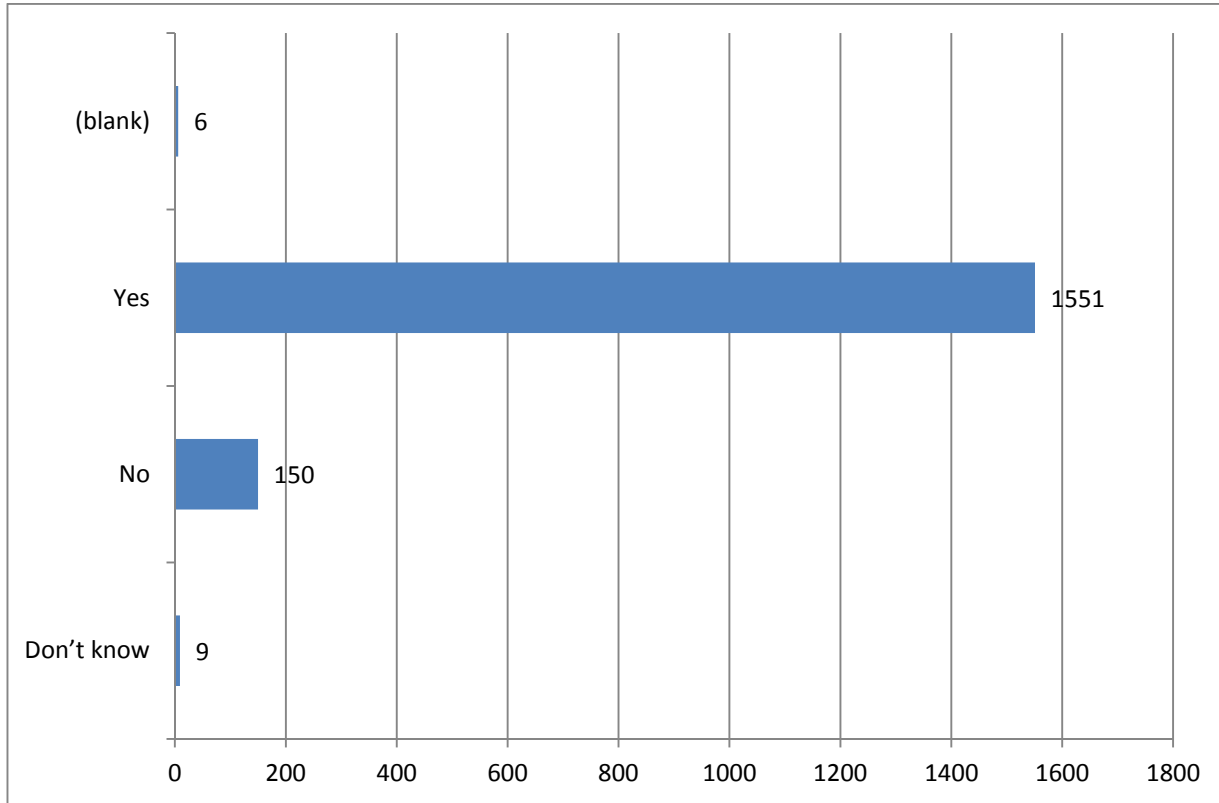
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Q2: How often do you see patients who you believe require admission for mental illness?	Total
At least once a shift	657
At least once every 2-5 shifts	361
Rarely – more than every 5 shifts	65
Several times a shift	633
Grand Total	1716



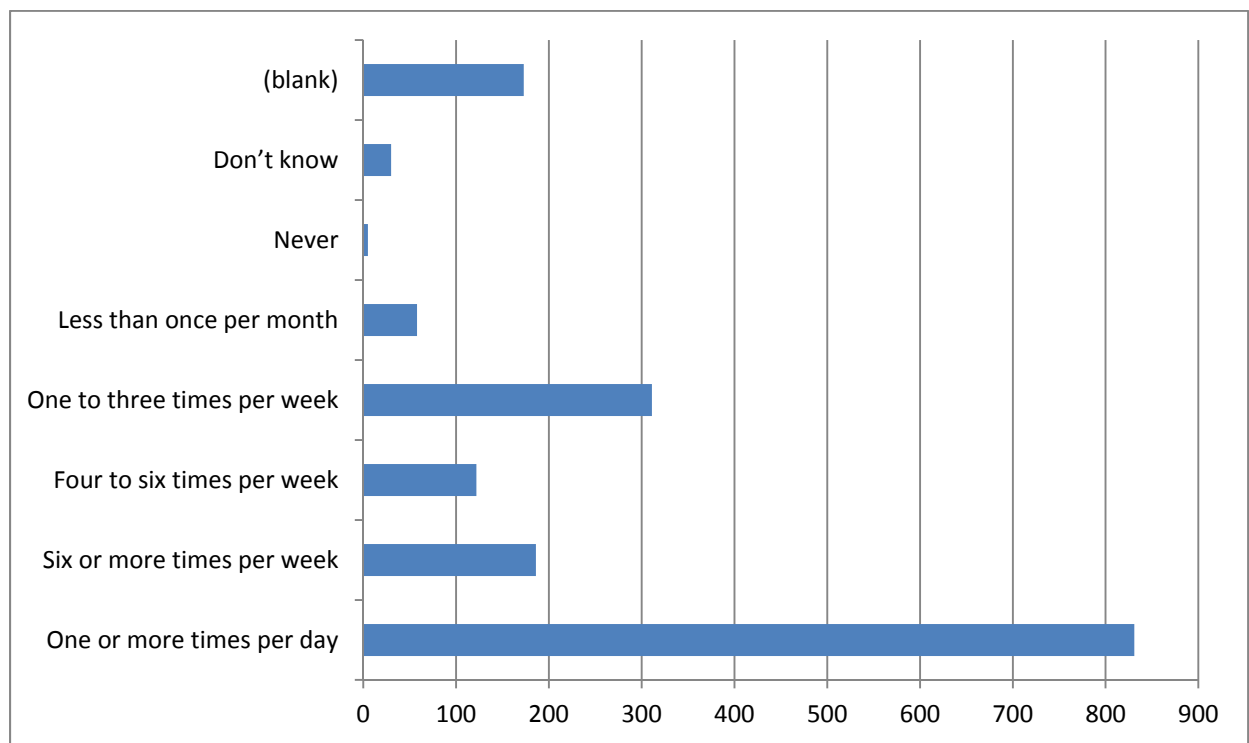
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Q3: Do psychiatric patients board in your emergency department (held until psychiatric bed becomes available)?	Total
Don't know	9
No	150
Yes	1551
(blank)	6
Grand Total	1716



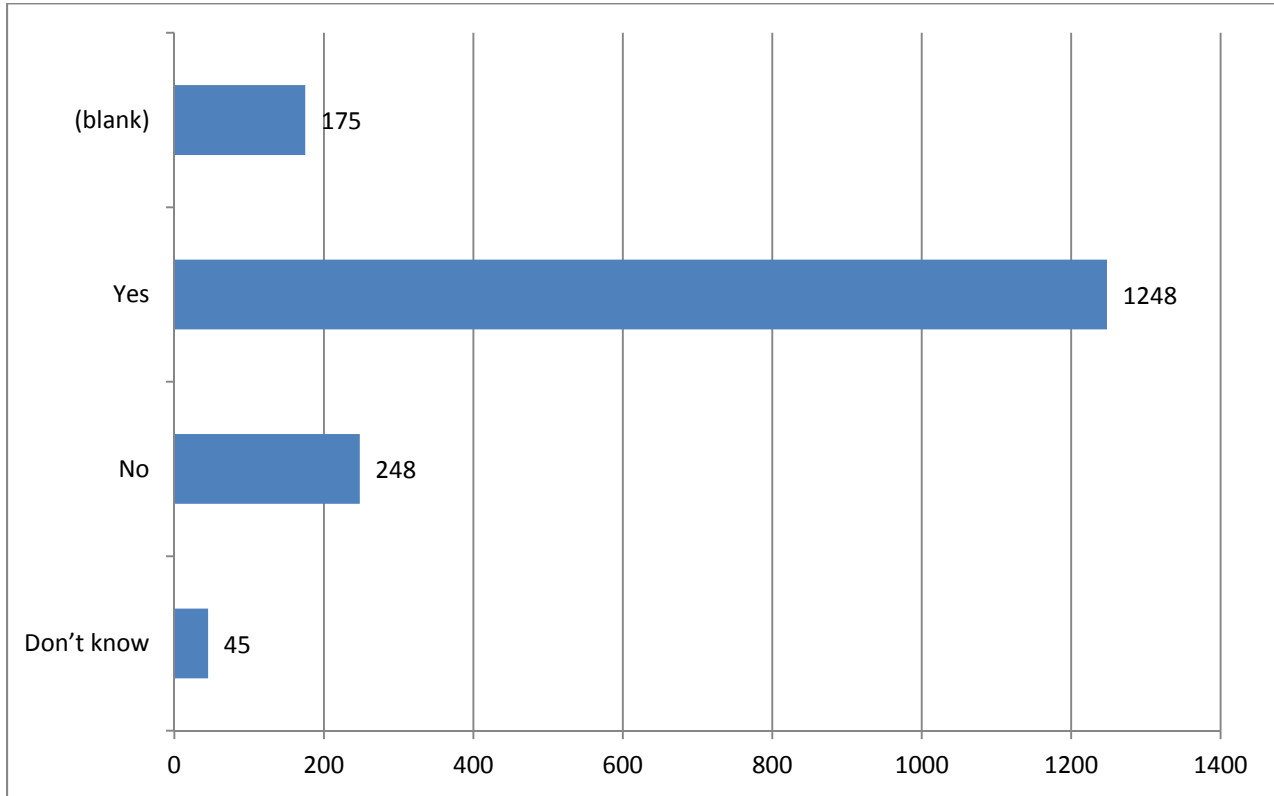
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Q4: How frequently are psychiatric patients boarded in your emergency department?	Total
One or more times per day	831
Six or more times per week	186
Four to six times per week	122
One to three times per week	311
Less than once per month	58
Never	5
Don't know	30
(blank)	173
Grand Total	1716



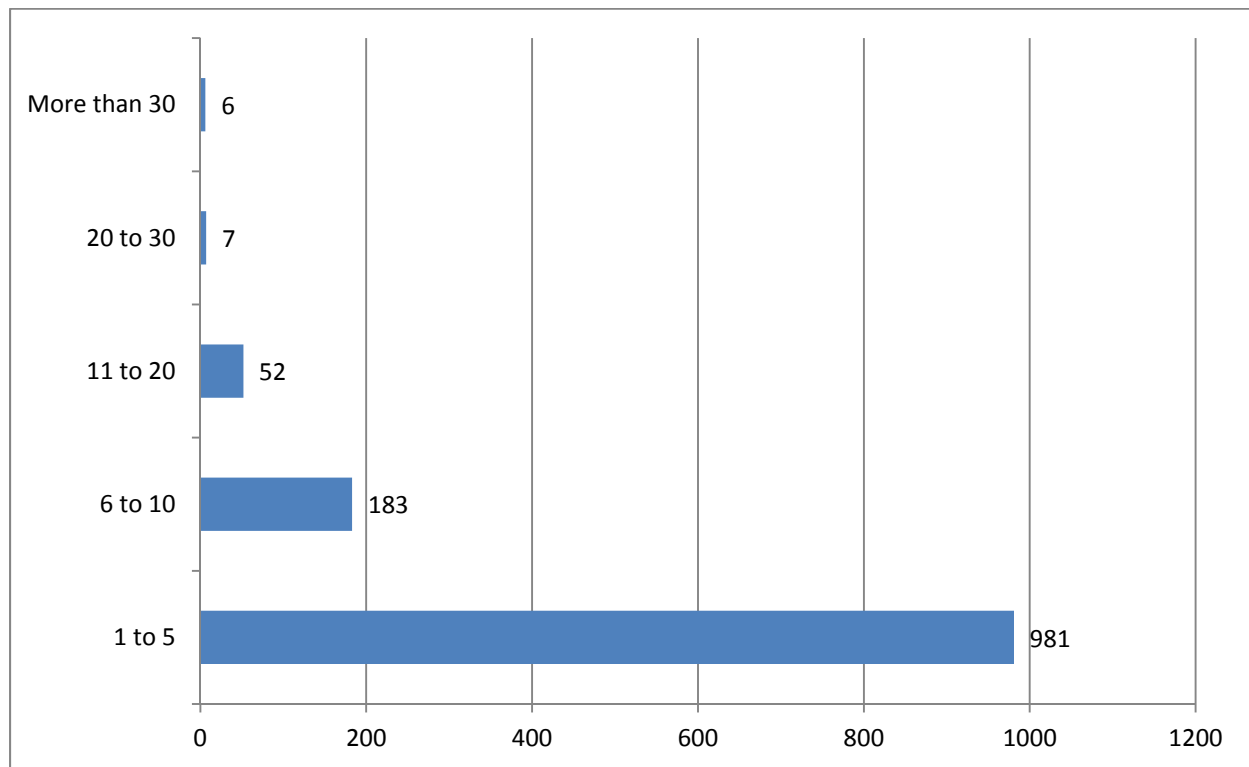
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Q5: On your last shift in the emergency department, were there any patients waiting for a psychiatric bed?	Total
Don't know	45
No	248
Yes	1248
(blank)	175
Grand Total	1716



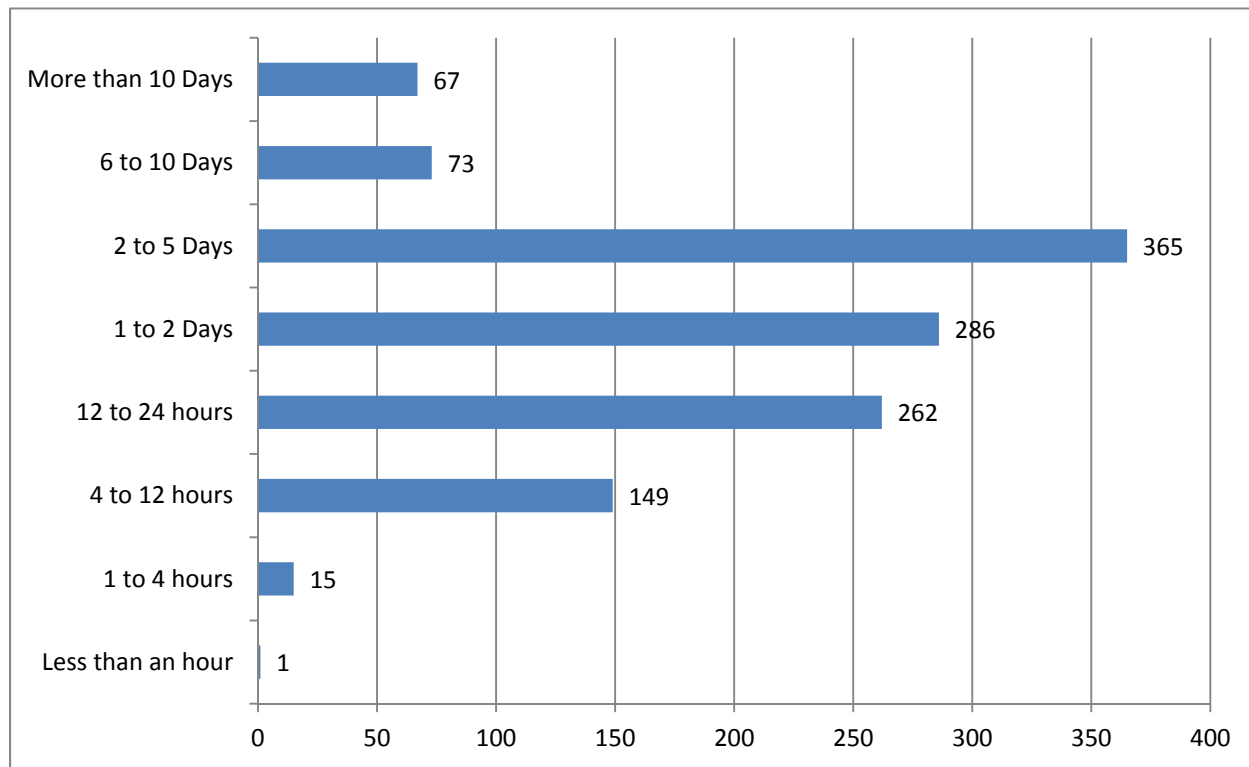
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Q6: Approximately how many patients were waiting for a psychiatric bed?	Total
1 to 5	981
6 to 10	183
11 to 20	52
20 to 30	7
More than 30	6
Don't know	13
(blank)	474
Grand Total	1716



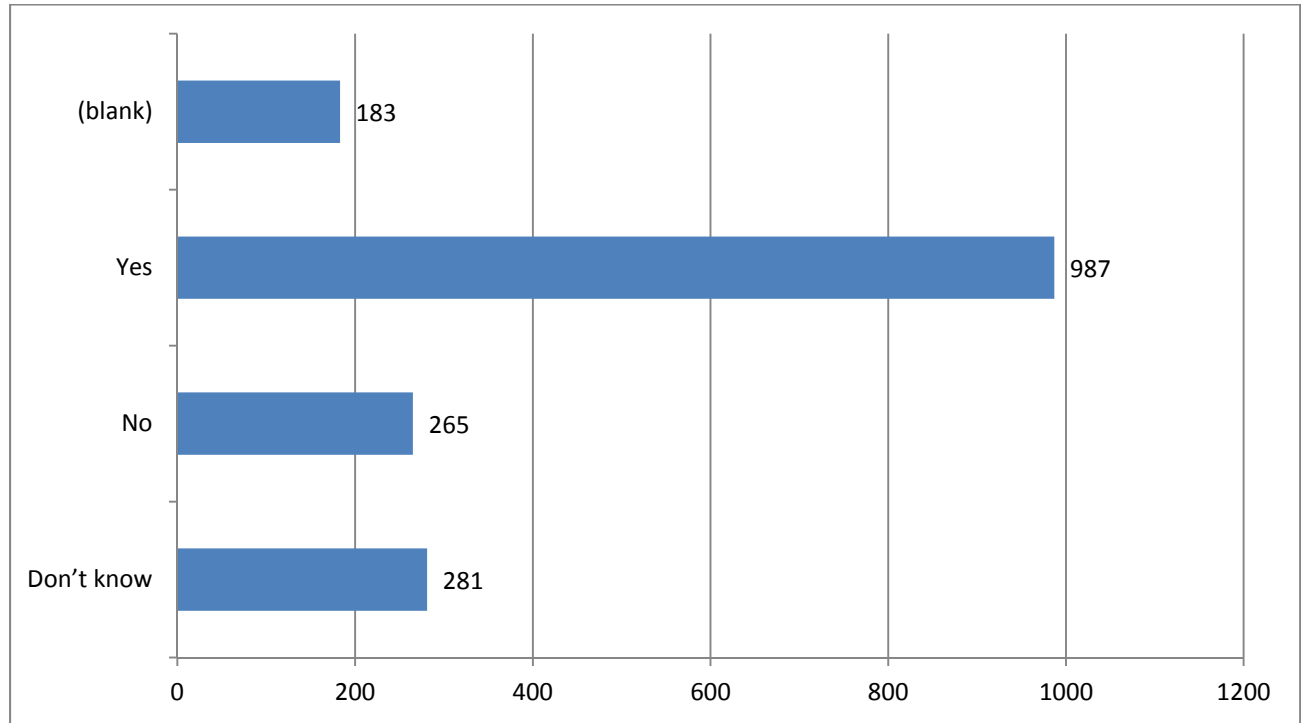
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Q7: Approximately how long was the longest patient waiting in the emergency department for an inpatient bed?	Total
Less than an hour	1
1 to 4 hours	15
4 to 12 hours	149
12 to 24 hours	262
1 to 2 Days	286
2 to 5 Days	365
6 to 10 Days	73
More than 10 Days	67
Don't know	24
(blank)	474
Grand Total	1716



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Q8: Are you seeing increased wait/boarding times for pediatric patients with psychiatric complaints?	Total
Don't know	281
No	265
Yes	987
(blank)	183
Grand Total	1716



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Q9: Who is on call to respond to your emergency department for psychiatric consults?	Total
No one is on call	201
On call psychiatric specialist but non physician (social worker, nurse, etc)	812
On call psychiatrist	291
On call resident	185
Other	195
(blank)	32
Grand Total	1716

