

Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Timeline (1876 - 2026)

Opening Day

1876

Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, formerly known as "State Asylum for the Insane at Morristown, NJ", opened its doors on August 17 with 600 beds and 292 patients admitted.



1887

First Renovation

Exercise rooms were converted to dormitories to accommodate the hospital's population of 800 patients.



Hospital Overpopulation

1914

The hospital has undergone numerous renovations in attempt to keep up with the influx of patients. Current capacity was 1,600 housed 2,412 people.

1921

Statewide Overcrowding

The State Board of Mental Hygiene found that all state hospitals were overcrowded, and provided state funded repairs and construction to facilities.

Renaming the Facility

1924

The hospital was renamed Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital.



1927

Funded Construction Completed

Construction for onsite power plants, barns, greenhouses, a fire station, auxiliary buildings, and the Curry Complex were completed.

Building Fires

Three serious fires in the main building: one destroyed the attic and another burned the 5th and 6th floors of the Central Administrative building.

1929 &
1930



Influx of World War II Veterans

Patient population reached 7,000, many of whom were veterans and victims of World War II.

Late
1940s



Reduction in Hospital Census

Movements toward de-institutionalization reduced Greystone's census.

1970s-
1980s



Relocation

Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital moved to a brand new, state-of-the-art psychiatric treatment center. This location can serve about 500 patients, and is fully accredited by all relevant agencies.

2008

1939

Growing Population

Hospital census was approx. 5,600. During this period, the hundreds of patients and staff contributed to meet the hospital community's needs.



1950s

First Antipsychotic Medication

Thorazine (Chlorpromazine) was invented, completely changing psychiatric care. Institutions, including Greystone, discharged many patients due to this discovery.

1982

Modern Expansion

Greystone expanded its facilities, opening 20 independent living cottages, each providing up to eight individuals a home-like environment to reside.

2026

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