Mental health impact of COVID-19 - Latest update 20 July 2021

Data downloads

Summary of Mental health services in Australia section (433KB PDF)

Mental health services in Australia describes the activity and characteristics of Australia’s health care and social care services accessed by people with a mental illness.

This web report provides the most recent data available on the national response of the health and welfare system to the mental health care needs of Australians. Data are progressively published as it becomes available throughout the year. As well as the information presented on the web pages, readers can find detailed data for current and previous years in the Microsoft® Excel workbooks downloadable from each section.

Please note the information in this report is constrained by the availability of comparable national data, which may result in some data overlaps and gaps in service information.

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> new Consumer outcomes data
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More sections of Mental health services in Australia

Medicare services
11.2% of the Australian population received Medicare-subsidised mental health-specific services in 2019–20
△ from 6.2% in 2009–10
> more Medicare data

Prescriptions
4.4 million people received mental health-related prescriptions in 2019-20
(PBS/RPBS subsidised and under co-payment prescriptions)
> more Prescriptions data

Emergency department
Emergency department service rates 2019–20
> more Emergency data

Expenditure
$10.6 billion mental health-related expenditure 2018–19
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Facilities
1,694 specialised mental health facilities provided care in 2018–19
> more Facilities data

Restrictive Practices
Number of restrictive practice events 2019–20
> more Restrictive data

Key Performance Indicators for Australian public mental health services
1.9% of the Australian population received clinical mental health care in 2018–19
> more Indicators data

Key Performance Indicators
Consumer outcomes of care 2018–19
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