

# Summary of Mental health services in Australia

NEW RELEASE:  
**MENTAL HEALTH AND  
COVID-19**

COVID-19 and its impact on mental health  
service activity.

[EXPLORE >](#)

## 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.

### Updated data — sections revised 20 July 2021

#### Consumer outcomes

Consumer outcomes from completed ambulatory care 2018–19



> new [Consumer outcomes](#) data

#### Homelessness services



**88,338** clients with  
mental health issues used  
Specialist Homelessness  
Services in 2019–20

> more [Homelessness](#) data

#### Workforce

##### 2019 workforce

**3,615** psychiatrists  
**24,111** mental health  
nurses  
**28,412** psychologists

> more [Workforce](#) data

## 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

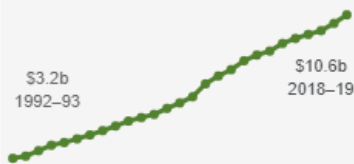
Emergency department service rates 2019–20



> more [Emergency](#) data

### Expenditure

**\$10.6 billion** mental health-related expenditure 2018–19



> more [Expenditure](#) data

### Facilities

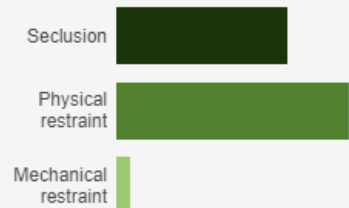
**1,694** specialised mental health facilities provided care in 2018–19



> more [Facilities](#) data

### Restrictive Practices

Number of restrictive practice events 2019–20



> more [Restrictive](#) data

### Key Performance Indicators

**Key Performance Indicators**

for Australian public mental health services

> more [Indicators](#) data

### Key Performance Indicators

**1.9%** of the Australian population received clinical mental health care in 2018–19

### Key Performance Indicators

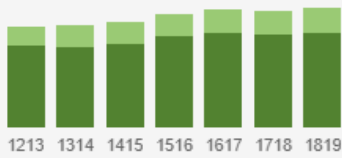
Consumer outcomes of care 2018–19



### Overnight hospital care

Hospital overnight care  
2012–13 to 2018–19

Public Private



> more [Overnight](#) data

### Same day hospital care

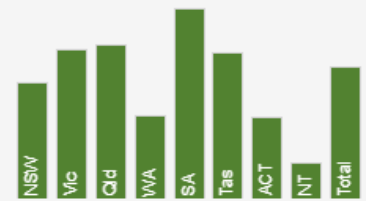
**Same day hospital care**

59,888 hospitalisations  
in public hospitals

> more [Same day](#) data

### Disability support services

Disability support  
services 2018–19



> more [Disability](#) data

### Community care

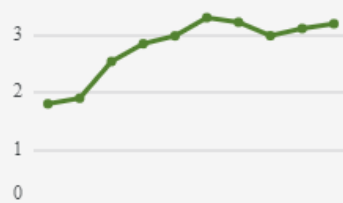
**453,000 people**

received state/territory  
community mental health  
care in 2018–19

> more [Community](#) data

### Residential care

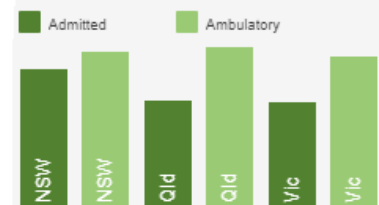
Residential care episodes  
2009–10 to 2018–19



> more [Residential](#) data

### Consumer perspectives

Consumers with a positive  
experience of service  
2018–19



> more [Consumer perspective](#) data

## Mental health services in Australia website — Report contents

- [Summary of Mental health services in Australia](#)
- [Community mental health care services](#)
- [Consumer outcomes in mental health care](#)
- [Consumer perspectives of mental health care](#)
- [COVID-19 impact on mental health](#)
- [Expenditure on mental health-related services](#)
- [Hospital emergency services](#)
- [Medicare-subsidised services](#)
- [Mental health indicators](#)
- [Overnight admitted mental health-related care](#)
- [Prescriptions](#)
- [Psychiatric disability support services](#)
- [Residential mental health care services](#)
- [Restrictive practices](#)
- [Same day admitted mental health-related care](#)
- [Specialised facilities](#)
- [Specialist homelessness services](#)
- [Workforce](#)

### **National mental health committees**

- [Mental Health Information Strategy Standing Committee](#)
- [National Mental Health Performance Subcommittee](#)
- [National Mental Health Data Set Subcommittee](#)
- [National mental health committee publications](#)

### **Your Experience of Service Survey**

- [Your Experience of Service survey instrument](#)

### **Technical notes and archived reports**

- [Classifications and Technical notes](#)
- [Archived reports and data](#)