

Mental Health ATLAS 2017 Member State Profile

Australia

Total population (UN official estimate) ^a	23,799,556	Burden of mental disorders (WHO official estimates)	
WHO Region:	WPR	Disability-adjusted life years (per 100,000 population) ^c	2,972.99
Income group: ^b	High income	Suicide mortality rate (per 100,000 population) ^d	13.2
Total mental health expenditure per person (reported currency)	340.8 AUS		
Availability / status of mental health reporting	A specific report focusing mental health activities in both the public and private sector has been published by the Health Department or any other responsible government unit in the last two years		

MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM GOVERNANCE

Mental health policy / plan		Mental health legislation	
Stand-alone policy or plan for mental health: (Year of policy / plan):	Yes 2009	Stand-alone law for mental health: (Year of law):	Yes Various
The mental health policy / plan contains specified indicators or targets against which its implementation can be monitored	Yes	The existence of a dedicated authority or independent body to assess compliance of mental health legislation with international human rights	Exist and provides irregular inspections of facilities and partial enforcement of mental health legislation
Policy / plan is in line with human rights covenants (self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line)	5	Law is in line with human rights covenants (self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line)	5
Plan or strategy for child and/or adolescent mental health (Year of policy / plan):	Yes 2015		

Multisectoral Collaboration

There is ongoing collaboration in the area of mental health with Service users and family or caregiver advocacy groups	No
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RESOURCES FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health financing		Mental health workforce (rate per 100'000 population)	
The care and treatment of persons with major mental disorders (psychosis, bipolar disorder, depression) included in national health insurance or reimbursement schemes in your country	Yes	Psychiatrists	13.53
How the majority of persons with mental disorders pay for mental health services	Persons pay at least 20% towards the cost of mental health services / psychotropic medicines	Child psychiatrists	None or not reported
The government's total expenditure on mental health as % of total government health expenditure	7.81%	Other specialist doctors	None or not reported
Human resources for mental health		Mental health nurses	90.58
Total number of mental health professionals (gov. and non-gov.)	51,124	Psychologists	103.04
Total mental health workers per 100,000 population	214.81	Social workers	None or not reported
Total number of child psychiatrist (gov. and non-gov.)	None or not reported	Occupational therapists	7.65
		Speech therapists	None or not reported
		Other paid mental health workers	0.02

In case a mental health workforce appears as 0.0, it has either not been reported by the Member State or is zero.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AVAILABILITY AND UPTAKE

Outpatient care (total facilities)		Outpatient care (per 100,000 population)	
Mental health outpatient facilities attached to a hospital	None or not reported	Number of visits made by service users in the last year in mental health outpatient facilities attached to a hospital	None or not reported
"Community-based / non-hospital" mental health outpatient facility	None or not reported	Number of visits made by service users in the last year in "Community-based / non-hospital" mental health outpatient facility	None or not reported
Other outpatient facility (e.g. Mental health day care or treatment facility)	None or not reported	Number of visits made by service users in the last year in other outpatient facility (e.g. Mental health day care or treatment facility)	None or not reported
Outpatient facility specifically for children and adolescents (including services for developmental disorders)	None or not reported	Number of visits made by service users in the last year in outpatient facility specifically for children and adolescents (including services for developmental disorders)	None or not reported
Other outpatient services for children and adolescents (e.g. day care)	263	Number of visits made by service users in the last year in other outpatient services specifically for children and adolescents (e.g. day care)	5,415.20
Inpatient care (total facilities)		Inpatient care (per 100,000 population)	
Mental hospitals	17	Mental hospital beds / annual admissions	7.21 / 37.36
Psychiatric units in general hospitals	143	General hospital psychiatric unit beds / annual admissions	21.76 / 429.49
Forensic inpatient units	5	Forensic inpatient unit beds / annual admissions	0.54 / 2.68
Residential care facilities	179	Residential care beds / annual admissions	10.38 / 42.97
Inpatient facility specifically for children and adolescents	30	Child and adolescent specific inpatient beds / annual admissions	1.19 / 24.97
Mental hospitals		Mental hospitals (length of stay)	
Total number of inpatients	None or not reported	Inpatients staying less than 1 year	None or not reported
Admissions that are involuntary	4643	Inpatients staying 1-5 years	None or not reported
Follow-up of people with mental disorder discharged from hospital in the last year	51%-75% of discharged inpatients received a follow-up outpatient visit within one month	Inpatients staying more than 5 years	None or not reported
Treated prevalence (total cases)		Treated prevalence (per 100,000 population)	
Treated cases of severe mental disorder	None or not reported	Treated cases of severe mental disorder	None or not reported

MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTION

Existence of at least two functioning programmes	Yes	Existence of a suicide prevention strategy [i.e. as a stand-alone document or as an integrated element of the national policy/plan adopted by government]	Yes
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Programme examples	Category of programme	Scope of programme	Programme Management
Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Operational and Flexibe PHN Note- Community based suicide prevent activity is included in this funding.	Other (e.g. refugees)	National	Jointly managed
Programme Assistance for Survivors of Torture and Trauma	Other (e.g. refugees)	National	Jointly managed

^a UN World Population Prospects, 2015; <http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/>

^b World Bank Income Groups, 2016 (<http://databank.worldbank.org>)

^c WHO Global Health Estimates; http://www.who.int/healthinfo/global_burden_disease/en/

^d WHO, 2018: World Health Statistics data visualisation dashboard; <http://apps.who.int/gho/data/>

Note: Suicide mortality rates - computed using standard categories, definitions and methods - are reported to facilitate comparisons over time and between countries, and may not be the same as official national estimates.