

Mental Health ATLAS 2017 Member State Profile

Belgium

Total population (UN official estimate): ^a	11,287,940	Burden of mental disorders (WHO official estimates)	
WHO Region:	EUR	Disability-adjusted life years (per 100,000 population) ^c	3,310.07
Income group: ^b	High income	Suicide mortality rate (per 100,000 population) ^d	20.7
Total mental health expenditure per person (reported currency)	Not reported		
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 2010	Stand-alone law for mental health: (Year of law):	Yes 2014
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)	4	Law is in line with human rights covenants (self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line)	4
Plan or strategy for child and/or adolescent mental health (Year of policy / plan):	Yes 2014		

Multisectoral Collaboration	
There is ongoing collaboration in the area of mental health with Service users and family or caregiver advocacy groups	Yes

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	20.06
How the majority of persons with mental disorders pay for mental health services	Persons pay nothing at the point of service use (fully insured)	Child psychiatrists	None or not reported
The government's total expenditure on mental health as % of total government health expenditure	None or not reported	Other specialist doctors	None or not reported
		Mental health nurses	125.69
Human resources for mental health		Psychologists	10.46
Total number of mental health professionals (gov. and non-gov.)	19,601	Social workers	17.43
Total mental health workers per 100,000 population	173.65	Occupational therapists	None or not reported
Total number of child psychiatrist (gov. and non-gov.)	None or not reported	Speech therapists	None or not reported
		Other paid mental health workers	None or not reported

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)	None or not reported	Number of visits made by service users in the last year in other outpatient services specifically for children and adolescents (e.g. day care)	None or not reported
Inpatient care (total facilities)		Inpatient care (per 100,000 population)	
Mental hospitals	53	Mental hospital beds / annual admissions	98.88 / 348.62
Psychiatric units in general hospitals	63	General hospital psychiatric unit beds / annual admissions	22.71 / 367.98
Forensic inpatient units	2	Forensic inpatient unit beds / annual admissions	2.34 / None or not reported
Residential care facilities	128	Residential care beds / annual admissions	65.36 / 21.72
Inpatient facility specifically for children and adolescents	6	Child and adolescent specific inpatient beds / annual admissions	1.42 / 7.24
Mental hospitals		Mental hospitals (length of stay)	
Total number of inpatients	15,701	Inpatients staying less than 1 year	64%
Admissions that are involuntary	7670	Inpatients staying 1-5 years	22.8%
Follow-up of people with mental disorder discharged from hospital in the last year	None or not reported	Inpatients staying more than 5 years	13.1%
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	No (or not reported)	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
Health Goal Suicide Prevention	Mental health awareness/prevention/anti-stigma	Community	NGO
Not reported	Not reported	Scope not reported	Programme Management not reported

^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.