

# Mental Health ATLAS 2017 Member State Profile

## El Salvador

Total population (UN official estimate) <sup>a</sup>	6,312,478	Burden of mental disorders (WHO official estimates)	
WHO Region:	AMR	Disability-adjusted life years (per 100,000 population) <sup>c</sup>	3,256.26
Income group: <sup>b</sup>	Lower middle-income	Suicide mortality rate (per 100,000 population) <sup>d</sup>	13.7
Total mental health expenditure per person (reported currency)	Not reported		
Availability / status of mental health reporting	Mental health data (either in the public system, private system or both) have been compiled for general health statistics in the last two years, but not in a specific mental health report		

### MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM GOVERNANCE

<b>Mental health policy / plan</b>		<b>Mental health legislation</b>	
Stand-alone policy or plan for mental health: (Year of policy / plan):	Yes 2012	Stand-alone law for mental health: (Year of law):	No None or not reported
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	Exists but it is not functioning
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)	None or not reported
Plan or strategy for child and/or adolescent mental health (Year of policy / plan):	Yes 2015		
<b>Multisectoral Collaboration</b>			
There is ongoing collaboration in the area of mental health with Service users and family or caregiver advocacy groups			No

### RESOURCES FOR MENTAL HEALTH

<b>Mental health financing</b>		<b>Mental health workforce (rate per 100'000 population)</b>	
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	0.89
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	0.03
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
<b>Human resources for mental health</b>		Mental health nurses	None or not reported
Total number of mental health professionals (gov. and non-gov.)	225	Psychologists	2.08
Total mental health workers per 100,000 population	3.56	Social workers	0.30
Total number of child psychiatrist (gov. and non-gov.)	2	Occupational therapists	0.27
		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

<b>Outpatient care (total facilities)</b>		<b>Outpatient care (per 100,000 population)</b>	
Mental health outpatient facilities attached to a hospital	16	Number of visits made by service users in the last year in mental health outpatient facilities attached to a hospital	1,007.4
"Community-based / non-hospital" mental health outpatient facility	29	Number of visits made by service users in the last year in "Community-based / non-hospital" mental health outpatient facility	486.4
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)	1	Number of visits made by service users in the last year in outpatient facility specifically for children and adolescents (including services for developmental disorders)	17.11
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
<b>Inpatient care (total facilities)</b>		<b>Inpatient care (per 100,000 population)</b>	
Mental hospitals	2	Mental hospital beds / annual admissions	5.69 / 28.45
Psychiatric units in general hospitals	16	General hospital psychiatric unit beds / annual admissions	0.25 / 49.46
Forensic inpatient units	None or not reported	Forensic inpatient unit beds / annual admissions	None or not reported / None or not reported
Residential care facilities	None or not reported	Residential care beds / annual admissions	None or not reported / None or not reported
Inpatient facility specifically for children and adolescents	1	Child and adolescent specific inpatient beds / annual admissions	0.00 / 0.13
<b>Mental hospitals</b>		<b>Mental hospitals (length of stay)</b>	
Total number of inpatients	298	Inpatients staying less than 1 year	38%
Admissions that are involuntary	None or not reported	Inpatients staying 1-5 years	14%
Follow-up of people with mental disorder discharged from hospital in the last year	25% or less of discharged inpatients received a follow-up outpatient visit within one month	Inpatients staying more than 5 years	48%
<b>Treated prevalence (total cases)</b>		<b>Treated prevalence (per 100,000 population)</b>	
Treated cases of severe mental disorder	25,914	Treated cases of severe mental disorder	410.52

### 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]	No
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Programme examples	Category of programme	Scope of programme	Programme Management
Not reported	Not reported	Scope not reported	Programme Management not reported
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<sup>a</sup> UN World Population Prospects, 2015; <http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/>

<sup>b</sup> WHO Global Health Estimates; [http://www.who.int/healthinfo/global\\_burden\\_disease/en/](http://www.who.int/healthinfo/global_burden_disease/en/)

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

<sup>d</sup> 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.*