Mental health



This site describes the activity and characteristics of Australia's health and social care services accessed by people with a mental illness. It includes mental health-related services provided by various levels of government, how much was spent, who provided the funds, where mental health services were delivered and data on the mental health workforce.

Safety, quality and monitoring measures are also reported via the mental health-related indicators and through service activity monitoring. This provides valuable insights into how services are provided and responding to changing populations needs and events such as natural disasters, COVID-19 pandemic and policy changes.

1 in 5 adults and 1 in 7 young people experienced a mental health disorder in the previous 12 months.

4.7 million people (18% of Australians) filled a mental health-related prescription in 2021–22.

Almost \$12.2 billion was spent on mental health services in 2021–22, around 7% of the total government expenditure.



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