

MAKING MENTAL HEALTH COUNT

The social and economic costs of neglecting mental health care

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OECD work on health

- OECD provides comparable data on health systems and applies economic analysis to health policies
- We advise policy makers, stakeholders and citizens on how to respond to demands for more and better health care
- OECD has looked at mental health from many angles, recognising significant burden of mental ill-health in OECD countries



Why the need to make mental health count?

- 5% of the working-age population has a severe mental health condition
- 15% have a more common mild-or-moderate disorder
- People with severe mental illness die 20 years earlier
- Mental ill-health makes conditions such as diabetes harder and more expensive to treat
- People with severe mental illness are 6-7 more likely to be unemployed; with mild-to-moderate illness, 2-3 times more likely unemployed







But, the state of mental health care in the OECD is very poor



Big treatment gaps



High costs



Big gaps in information



Making mental health count



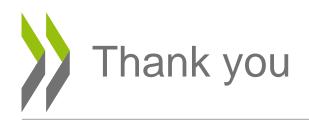
Measure mental health



Increase evidence-based services and strengthen primary care



Pursue better outcomes for severe mental illness



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