Mental Illness Costs Ohio Tens of Billions Every Year

A new report shows the significant annual impact that mental illness has on Ohio's economy.



A staggering cost to the workforce and Ohio's economy.



$24 billion in lost productivity, including unemployment, underemployment, caregiving.



$6 billion to $8 billion in **direct public spending,** including medical care, the justice system and homelessness services.



$50 billion in lives **cut short** by suicide, overdose and premature death.

Underemployment costs Ohio $11 billion to $13 billion a year — more than unemployment does.



Those with mental illness are nearly **24% more likely** to be out of the labor force.



Employed workers with mental illness earn only about **77% of what other workers earn** and are 32% more likely to work part time.



Employees caring for an adult family member with mental illness have **25% lower household incomes.**

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The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers

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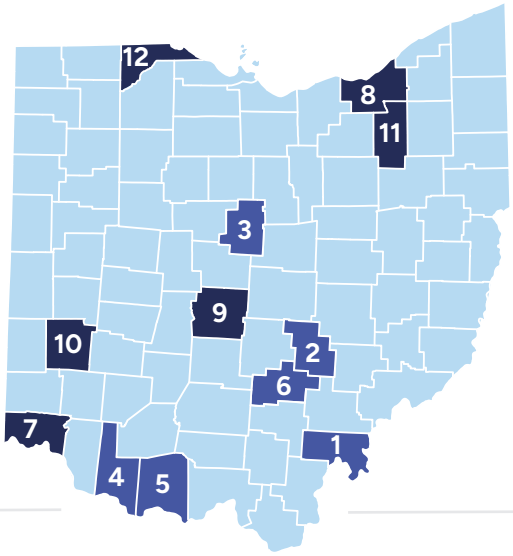
Report commissioned by The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Service Providers in collaboration with the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation and Wright State University.

The Rural Divide

Rural counties carry the largest burden, losing two to three times the share of GDP compared to Ohio's major metros.

RURAL/APPALACHIA

1. Meigs: **6.14%**
2. Perry: **6.04%**
3. Morrow: **5.6%**
4. Brown: **5.58%**
5. Adams: **4.86%**
6. Hocking: **4.41%**



MAJOR METROS

7. Hamilton: **1.97%**
8. Cuyahoga: **2.07%**
9. Franklin: **2.49%**
10. Montgomery: **2.59%**
11. Summit: **2.72%**
12. Lucas: **2.83%**



Mental Illness Touches Nearly Every Ohio Family, Workplace and Community

- Roughly 1 in 4 Ohioans experiences some form of mental illness.
- About 1,800 Ohioans die by suicide each year.
- The study excludes children and teens, adults over 65, institutionalized populations and the broader burden of substance use disorders, meaning the true burden of mental illness is even higher.
- The study also can't calculate the pain and suffering that mental illness causes individuals or their loved ones.

RECOMMENDATIONS

For the future of Ohio and the people we serve, we must:



Expand prevention and early intervention.



Prioritize behavioral health in public spending.



Invest in workplace mental health programs.

View the full report here.

If you or someone you know is struggling, call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.