



Germany

GENERAL INFORMATION

Germany is a country with an approximate area of 357 thousand square kilometers (UNO, 2008). The population is 82,056,775 and the sex ratio (men per hundred women) is 96 (UNO, 2009). The proportion of the population under the age of 18 years is 17% and the proportion above age 60 is 20% (UNO, 2009). The life expectancy at birth is 77 years for males and 82 years for females (UNO, 2005-2010). The healthy life expectancy at birth is 71 years for males and 82 years for females (UNPD, 2010). The country is in the High income group (based on 2010 World Bank criteria). The total expenditure on health as a percentage of gross domestic product is 11.37% and the per capita government expenditure on health (PPP int. \$) is \$2664.0 (WHO, 2006). The suicide rate for males is 17.9 per 100,000 population and for females is 6.0 per 100,000 population. In Germany, neuropsychiatric disorders are estimated to contribute to 30.9% of the global burden of disease (WHO, 2008).

GOVERNANCE

An officially approved mental health policy exists and was approved or most recently revised in 2009. Mental health is not specifically mentioned in the general health policy.

A mental health plan exists and was approved or most recently revised in 2009. The mental health plan components include:

- Timelines for the implementation of the mental health plan.
- Funding allocation for the implementation of half or more of the items in the mental health plan.

Dedicated mental health legislation exists and it was initiated or most recently revised in 2010. Legal provisions concerning mental health are also covered in other laws (e.g., welfare, disability, general health legislation etc.).

Note: There are no separate documents on mental health at the national level. However, various policies, plans, and legislations are available at the state and community levels.

FINANCING

Mental health expenditures by the government health department/ministry are 11% of the total health budget. Mental hospital expenditures are not available.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

Primary Care

Prescription regulations authorize primary health care doctors to prescribe and/or to continue prescription of psychotherapeutic medicines. In contrast, the department of health does not authorize primary health care nurses to prescribe and/or to continue prescription of psychotherapeutic medicines. Likewise, official policy does not permit primary health care nurses to independently diagnose and treat mental disorders within the primary care system.

The majority of primary health care doctors and nurses have not received official in-service training on mental health within the last five years. Officially approved manuals on the management and treatment of mental disorders are not available in the majority of primary health care clinics. Official referral procedures for referring persons from primary care to secondary/tertiary care exist, as do referral procedures from tertiary/secondary care to primary care.

Mental Health Services

Availability of mental health facilities

	Total number of facilities/beds	Rate per 100,000 population	Number of facilities/beds reserved for children and adolescents only	Rate per 100,000 population
Mental health outpatient facilities	24881	30.32	3151	3.84
Day treatment facilities	502	0.61	131	0.16
Psychiatric beds in general hospitals	33705	41.08	UN	UN
Community residential facilities	NA	NA	NA	NA
Beds/places in community residential facilities	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mental hospitals	270	0.33	53	0.06
Beds in mental hospitals	39072	47.62	UN	UN

Access to care

	Rates per 100,000 population)	Females (%)	Under age 18 (%)
Persons treated in mental health outpatient facilities	559.74	UN	23%
Persons treated in mental health day treatment facilities	UN	UN	UN
Admissions to psychiatric beds in general hospitals	UN	UN	UN
Persons staying in community residential facilities at the end of the year	NA	NA	NA
Admissions to mental hospitals	641.53	UN	UN

Long term care in mental hospitals (% of persons staying):

Less than 1 year	100%
More than 1 and less than 5 years	0%
More than 5 years	0%

Data collected in 2011

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Workforce and training

	Health professionals working in the mental health sector Rate per 100,000	Training of health professions in educational institutions Rate per 100,000
Psychiatrists	15.23	UN
Medical doctors, not specialized in psychiatry	UN	12.01
Nurses	56.06	81.7
Psychologists	UN	5.27
Social workers	UN	14.73
Occupational therapists	UN	UN
Other health workers	UN	NA

Informal human resources (Family and User Associations)

	User	Family
Present in the country?	Yes	Yes
Number of members	UN	UN
Participation in the formulation/implementation of policy/plan/legislation?	Frequently	Frequently

MEDICINES

Expenditures for medicines for mental and behavioral disorders at country level

Type of Medicines	Expenditures at country level per year and per 100,000 population (in USD)
All the psychotherapeutic medicines ¹	UN
Medicines used for bipolar disorders ²	101,104
Medicines for psychotic disorders ³	UN
Medicines used for general anxiety ⁴	UN
Medicines used for mood disorders ⁵	UN

¹ N03AG01, N05A, N05B, N05C, N06A

² N03AG01, N05A, N05B, N05C, N06A

³ N05A (excluding N05AN)

⁴ N05B & N05C

⁵ N06A

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INFORMATION SYSTEMS

	Data on number of people/ activities are collected and reported	Data on age and gender are collected and reported	Data on patient's diagnosis are collected and reported
Persons with mental disorders treated in primary health care	No	No	No
Interventions (psychopharmacological and psychosocial) delivered in primary health care for people with mental disorders	Yes	No	No
Persons treated in mental health outpatient facilities	Yes	No	No
Contacts in mental health outpatient facilities	Yes	UN	UN
Persons treated in mental health day treatment facilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
Admissions in general hospitals with psychiatric beds	Yes	Yes	Yes
Admissions in mental hospitals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Days spent in mental hospitals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Admissions in community residential facilities	NA	NA	NA

Note: a specific report focusing mental health activities in the has been published by the Health Department or any other responsible government unit in the last three years

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