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FACTS & STATISTICS

Impact on Adults

- **1 in 5** U.S. adults experience mental illness each year
- **1 in 25** U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year
- **1 in 6** U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year
- **50%** of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24
- Suicide is the **2nd leading** cause of death among people aged 10-34
- **19.1%** of U.S. adults experienced mental illness in 2018 (47.6 million people). This represents 1 in 5 adults.
- **4.6%** of U.S. adults experienced serious mental illness in 2018 (11.4 million people). This represents 1 in 25 adults.
- **16.5%** of U.S. youth aged 6-17 experienced a mental health disorder in 2016 (7.7 million people)
- **3.7%** of U.S. adults experienced a co-occurring substance use disorder and mental illness in 2018 (9.2 million people)

Annual prevalence among U.S. adults, by condition:

- Major Depressive Episode: 7.2% (17.7 million people)
- Schizophrenia: <1% (estimated 1.5 million people)
- Bipolar Disorder: 2.8% (estimated 7 million people)
- Anxiety Disorders: 19.1% (estimated 48 million people)
- Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: 3.6% (estimated 9 million people)
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder: 1.2% (estimated 3 million people)
- Borderline Personality Disorder: 1.4% (estimated 3.5 million people)

Impact on Youth

- 1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year
- 17% of U.S. youth aged 6-17 experienced a mental health disorder each year

- Suicide is the **2nd** leading cause of death among people aged 10-34 in the U.S.
- Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth are **4x** more likely to attempt suicide than straight youth

Impact on Our Families

- At least **8.4 million** people in the U.S. provide care to an adult with a mental or emotional health issue
- Caregivers of adults with mental or emotional health issues spend an average of **32 hours** per week providing unpaid care

Impact on Our Diverse Communities

43.3% of U.S. adults with mental illness received treatment in 2018. Annual prevalence of mental illness among U.S. adults, by demographic group:

- Non-Hispanic Asian: **14.7%**
- Non-Hispanic white: **20.4%**

- Non-Hispanic black or African-American: 16.2%
- Non-Hispanic mixed/multiracial: 26.8%
- Hispanic or Latino: 16.9%
- Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual: 37.4%
- Transgender adults are nearly 12x more likely to attempt suicide than the general population
- Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth are 4x more likely to attempt suicide than straight youth

Additional Impacts of Mental Illness

- People with depression have a 40% higher risk of developing cardiovascular and metabolic diseases than the general population. People with serious mental illness are nearly twice as likely to develop these conditions.
- 19.3% of U.S. adults with mental illness also experienced a substance use disorder in 2018 (9.2 million individuals)

- The rate of unemployment is higher among U.S. adults who have a mental illness (5.8%) compared to those who do not (3.6%)
- High school students with significant symptoms of depression are more than twice as likely to drop out compared to their peers

Treatment Gaps

- 43.3% of U.S. adults with mental illness received treatment in 2018
- 64.1% of U.S. adults with serious mental illness received treatment in 2018
- 50.6% of U.S. youth aged 6-17 with a mental health disorder received treatment in 2016
- The average delay between the onset of mental illness symptoms and treatment is 11 years
- 11.3% of U.S. adults with mental illness had no insurance coverage in 2018
- 13.4% of U.S. adults with serious mental illness had no insurance coverage in 2018
- 60% of U.S. counties do not have a single practicing psychiatrist

Annual treatment rates among U.S. adults with any mental illness:

By demographic group:

- Male: 34.9%
- Female: 48.6%
- Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual: 48.5%
- Non-Hispanic Asian: 24.9%
- Non-Hispanic white: 49.1%
- Non-Hispanic black or African-American: 30.6%
- Non-Hispanic mixed/multiracial: 31.8%
- Hispanic or Latino: 32.9%

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