

2024-25 Victorian State Budget

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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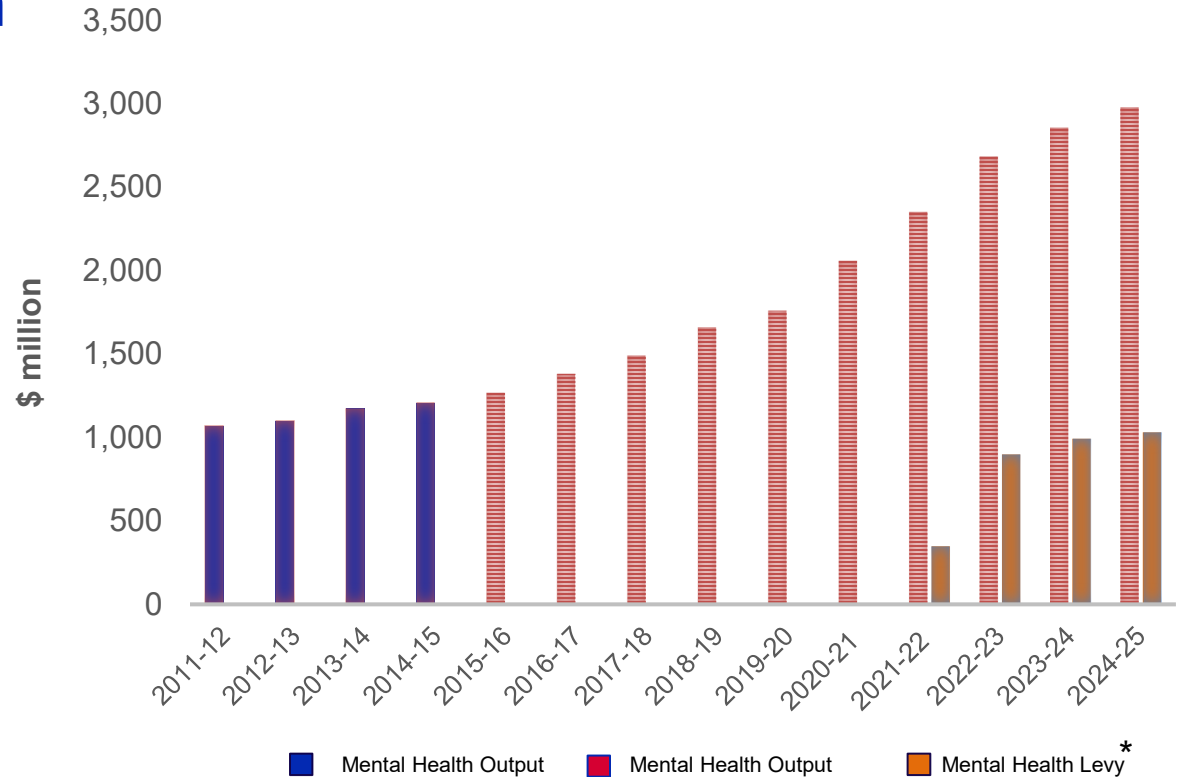
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Mental health and wellbeing output funding since 2011-2012 and Mental Health Levy since introduction

The Mental Health Levy is expected to raise over \$1 billion in 2024-25.



Victorian Budget Papers, 2011-12 to 2024-25
* Victoria Annual Financial Reports 2021-22, 2022-23



2024-25 Victorian State Budget Overview

An additional **\$206.1 million** invested

- **\$109 million** in mental health
- **\$96.7 million** in AOD services

Delivering against recommendations of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System and a new Statewide Action Plan to address drug harms

Achievements in the past year

In the past year we have made significant progress towards transforming Victoria's mental health and wellbeing system:

- **15 Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals** now open
- Three **Children's Health and Wellbeing Locals** opened
- Construction complete on **22 new mental health beds** at RMH
- The new **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act** came into effect
- Eight new **Mental Health and Wellbeing Connect** centres opened
- Over **300 workforce scholarships** delivered
- We launched the **Take Home Naloxone Program**

Work is underway
on more than
90% of
recommendations
from the Royal
Commission

Harm Reduction Statewide Action Plan

The Budget includes funding to support the **\$95.1 million** Statewide Action Plan to address alcohol and other drug related harms across Victoria. Key initiatives within the plan include:

- A hydromorphone trial
- Expanding statewide access to pharmacotherapy
- Naloxone dispensing units
- Australian-first statewide Overdose Prevention and Response Helpline
- Wraparound services at the Salvation Army Centre at 69 Bourke Street
- Expanded street outreach services
- Appointment of Victoria's first Chief Addiction Medicine Adviser

\$36.4 million allocated in the Budget will establish a Community Health Hub in the CBD.

Eating disorders

An investment of \$25.6 million will make sure people with an eating disorder get the care they need.

Included in this investment is:

- **\$6.4 million** to deliver 10 dedicated early intervention professionals in the communities that need them most through Area Mental Health and Wellbeing Services
- **\$6.9 million** to establish a new Eating Disorders Day Program in regional Victoria
- **\$6.5 million** for two In-Home Intensive Early Engagement and Treatment Programs
- **\$5.8 million** to support the work of Eating Disorders Victoria



Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals



15 Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals are now supporting adults over 26 years in metropolitan, regional and rural communities.

Regional and rural Locals

- Benalla, Wangaratta and Mansfield
- Latrobe
- Greater Geelong and Queenscliff
- Shepparton
- Mildura
- Greater Bendigo, Loddon and Campaspe
- Echuca
- Bairnsdale
- Orbost

Metropolitan Locals

- Brimbank
- Frankston
- Greater Dandenong
- Melton
- Whittlesea
- Lilydale



Suicide prevention

The State Budget commits \$3.8 million in 2024-25 to continue suicide prevention and response initiatives that support groups disproportionately impacted by suicide, including LGBTIQ+ people, young people and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This includes:

Strong Brother Strong Sister suicide prevention and cultural mentoring program

Switchboard Victoria's LGBTIQ+ suicide prevention program

Youth Live4Life's mental health education and suicide prevention program

Roses in the Ocean's Peer CARE Companion Warmline

Mind Australia's LGBTIQ+ aftercare program

Yarning SafeNStrong, statewide helpline

Mental Health Workforce

- Over \$600 million has been invested since 2020-21 to support more than **2,500** new workers
- We have also supported **1,800** training positions through our mental health graduate program
- Funding of **\$15.8 million** in the 2024/25 Budget will support a graduate program in Local Services to further build a skilled workforce pipeline.



Additional investments

- **\$6.4 million to continue Orygen's Moderated Online Social Therapy program**
- **\$16 million over three years to open 20 Youth Prevention and Recovery Care (YPARC) beds**
- **\$5.5 million to continue community-based supports through the Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs**
- **\$2.8 million to continue statewide community mental health programs providing specialist support**
- **\$6.1 million supports delivery of a reformed mental health and wellbeing program**
- **\$1.4 million to continue delivery of the TelePROMPT service**



Thank you



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