

REQUEST:

To summarize, our main question is: What is Texas' current (or most up-to-date) national rank in per capita expenditures for mental health?

RESPONSE:

The most recent data are from 2012, when Texas ranked **48th** among states, with a state mental health expenditure of **\$38.05** per capita. Only Florida (49) and Idaho (50) spent less per capita. Please note that many times the District of Columbia (Washington, DC) is listed in tables related to state government mental health expenditures. When this occurs, Texas is ranked 49th. A 2012 table based on State Mental Health Agency data, ranking states (and Puerto Rico) by total per capita mental health expenditures, is attached. An appendix providing some detail on how Texas funds mental health is also attached.

According to the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) spent a total of \$1,806,040,201, in 2013, on Family and Community Health Services, including Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (Appendix, Figure 1). The same report indicated that The 83rd Legislature appropriated about \$456 million in additional general revenue funding to DSHS for the FYs 2014-2015 to support new and existing mental health and substance abuse (\$283 million) programs. Table 1 (Appendix) provides additional detail regarding the new mental health funding. Figure 2 (Appendix) provides a breakdown of mental healthcare funding in Texas.

SOURCES:

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