

County Behavioral Health Spending Data 2014-15 to 2016-17

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Data Collection Summary

Initial values were found via official county websites. We stored all documentation we cited on spreadsheets on an open-source Google Drive accessible via a link cited at the footnotes. MHSA values (also available via a spreadsheet¹) were gathered from county MHSA websites; when counties were contacted via phone (such as in Fresno), we were redirected to existing documentation on county websites, all of which were saved on a Google Drive open to the public². The MHSA values specified on our county project are from the three year plans counties had published on their websites; for fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16,

With regards to the mental health spending data per county³, behavioral health and/or mental health spending totals were available for most counties, yet the MediCal FFP, realignment, and MHSA total was not. We started by calling county budget offices (or different offices with the same function) and would provide our contact information or connect with a different department if redirected. Attached is a list of individuals who sent us the finalized numbers. Additionally, to obtain a more accurate assessment of spending fluctuations, we also calculated funding as a percentage (fiscal year 2014-2015 being 100% and onwards).

Table of Contacts

County Name	Data Collection Methods	Contact Name and Information (if applicable)
Los Angeles	Email and call	Administrative Deputy < MaMorales@dmh.lacounty.gov > and Financial Services Bureau (213) 639-6774
San Diego	Email	James Bryant < AUDITOR.FGG@sdcounty.ca.gov >
Orange	Call, followed by email	Janet Holcomb < jholcomb@ochca.com >
Riverside	Email	Joe Zamora < jczamora@rcmhd.org >

¹ MHSA: County Spreadsheet: <http://tinyurl.com/hwgm9x3>.
MHSA Download Link (PDF): <http://tinyurl.com/z4fpaut>

² County Folders: <http://tinyurl.com/j5qb23y>

³ Mental Health: County spending. <http://tinyurl.com/jys9rt2>

San Bernardino	Call, followed by email	Melara, Doris DBH <dmelara@dbh.sbcounty.gov>
Santa Clara	Email	Martha Paine <Martha.Paine@hhs.sccgov.org>
Alameda	Email	Serrano, Cecilia" <CSerrano@acbhcs.org>
Sacramento	Email	Britt Ferguson <fergusonb@sacounty.net>
Contra Costa	Call, followed by email	Enid Mendoza <Enid.Mendoza@cao.cccounty.us>
Fresno	Email, followed by a phone call	Chao Xiong <cxiong@co.fresno.ca.us>
Kern	Email	Candee Del Rio <CDelrio@co.kern.ca.us>
Ventura ⁴	Email, followed by a phone call	Jill Ward <Jill.Ward@ventura.org >
San Francisco	Calls, followed by emails	Mayor's Budget Director (415) 554-6114, budget@sfgov.org pending
San Mateo	Phone call, followed by email	Heather Ledesma <hledesma@smcgov.org >
San Joaquin	Call, followed by email	Beth Way 209-468-8778
Stanislaus	Email, followed by phone call	Scott Lines
Sonoma	Phone call, followed by email	Shanon Moret <Shanon.Moret@sonoma-county.org>
Tulare	Phone Call	Angie Tipton (ATipton@tularehhsa.org)
Santa Barbara	Email	Morgantini, Richard <rmorgan@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
Monterey	Phone call, followed by email	Warner Howser (howserww@co.monterey.ca.us)

Results

Proportionally, the counties that increased their mental health total funding by the widest margins were Monterey, Los Angeles, and Kern (in descending order). With regards to Medi-Cal FFP, Kern County increased their allocation by over 98% (comparing fiscal year 2016-17 to fiscal year 2014-15).

Referenced Documents

1. [MHSA: County Spreadsheet](http://tinyurl.com/hwgm9x3): (Web Link: <http://tinyurl.com/hwgm9x3>)
2. [MHSA Download Link \(PDF\)](http://tinyurl.com/z4fpaut): (Web Link: <http://tinyurl.com/z4fpaut>)
3. [County Folders](http://tinyurl.com/j5qb23y): (Web Link: <http://tinyurl.com/j5qb23y>)
4. [Mental Health: County Spending Spreadsheet](http://tinyurl.com/jys9rt2). (Web Link: <http://tinyurl.com/jys9rt2>)
5. [Medi-Cal FFPs \[For Three FYs\]](http://tinyurl.com/zcenjm7): (Web Link: <http://tinyurl.com/zcenjm7>)

⁴ We were told data would not be available until early August

6. [Mental Health Total \[For Three FYs\]](http://tinyurl.com/z8wlk6a): (Web Link: <http://tinyurl.com/z8wlk6a>)
7. [MHSA Totals \[For Three FYs\]](http://tinyurl.com/gum6u56): (Web Link: <http://tinyurl.com/gum6u56>)