

Mental Health Care **MATTERS**

Mental health treatment — therapy, medication, self-care — have made recovery a reality for most people experiencing mental illness. Although taking the first steps can be confusing or difficult, it's important to start exploring options.

The average delay between symptom onset and treatment is

11 YEARS

PEOPLE WHO GET TREATMENT IN A GIVEN YEAR

43% of adults with mental illness

64% of adults with serious mental illness

51% of youth (6-17) with a mental health condition

Adults with a mental health diagnosis who received treatment or counseling in the past year

25% of Asian adults

31% of black adults

32% of adults who report mixed/multiracial

33% of Hispanic or Latinx adults

49% of white adults

49% of lesbian, gay and bisexual adults

*For therapy to work, you have to be open to change. I'm proud to say that I changed.
Therapy saved my life.*

– NAMI Program Leader

Data from CDC, NIMH and other select sources. Find citations for this resource at nami.org/mhstats

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