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## Southeast Mental Health State Fact Sheet: South Carolina

**State Mental Health Agency:** Department of Mental Health (DMH)

### State Mental Health System

DMH prioritizes mental health well-being of South Carolina residents by:

- Operating 16 community-based outpatient mental health centers
- Providing quality mental health services to over 100,000 people
- Working to eliminate stigma and promoting recovery of people affected by serious mental illnesses and significant emotional disorders

### Key South Carolina Initiatives

- [South Carolina Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative \(SCYSPI\)](#)
- [School-Based Mental Health](#)
- [Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness \(PATH\)](#)
- [Mobile Crisis Response](#)
- [Toward Local Care \(TLC\)](#)

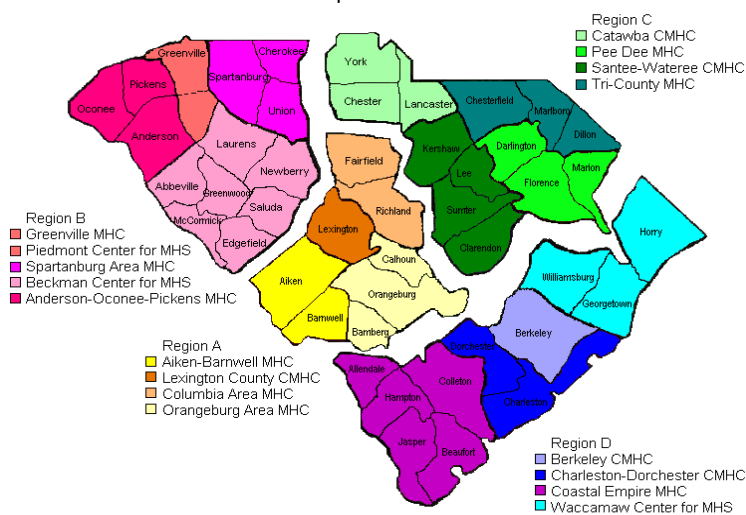
### Training Opportunities in South Carolina

- [Southeastern School Behavioral Health Community](#) provides trainings and resources for educators, families, and clinicians
- [Behavioral Alliance of South Carolina \(BASC\)](#) provides training for the prevention and intervention of emotional and behavioral challenges in students
- DMH offers suicide prevention trainings for community members, first responders and clinicians

### South Carolina Mental Health Demographics

<b>Total Population</b>	5 million
<b>Black or African American</b>	28.4%
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	5.5%
<b>Rural</b>	33.7%
<b>Living below the Federal Poverty Level</b>	16.6%
<b>Percent with any mental illness</b>	18.1%
<b>Percent with serious mental illness</b>	4%
<b>Individuals served by DBHDD per year</b>	80.9 thousand

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Map Source: <http://www.state.sc.us/dmh/countymap.htm>



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