

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON  
GOVERNOR



MARK STRINGER  
DIRECTOR

RICHARD N. GOWDY, PH.D.  
DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
(573) 751-9499  
(573) 751-7814 FAX

STATE OF MISSOURI  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

1706 EAST ELM STREET  
P.O. BOX 687  
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65102  
(573) 751-4122  
(573) 751-8224 FAX  
[www.dmh.mo.gov](http://www.dmh.mo.gov)

PREFACE

Untreated mental illness and substance use disorders have an impact on everyone. The human costs include loss of life, family disintegration, injury, abuse, poor health, lack of productivity, crime, incarceration, and many other negative consequences. Serious mental illness has an estimated economic cost of \$6.8 billion annually in Missouri, and substance use has an annual cost of about \$8.0 billion.

The *Status Report on Missouri's Substance Use and Mental Health* annually compiles recent data and highlights behavioral trends measured by national and state surveys. Missouri state agencies provide most of the event-based data, which are presented in county profiles in this report to facilitate community and regional problem analysis and prevention planning.

The Division of Behavioral Health funds clinical treatment for more than 100,000 residents annually. The *Status Report* includes county-level profiles of the populations served in these treatment programs.

I encourage you to use data from the *Status Report* and our other resources to promote efforts to reduce mental illness and substance use disorders. Inquiries and comments regarding this publication should be directed to the Division's Research and Statistics Office at [dbhmail@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:dbhmail@dmh.mo.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Richard N. Gowdy".

Richard N. Gowdy, Ph.D.