Behavioral Health in Hawai‘i during the Pandemic - Update

In 2020, Hawaii had the highest suicide contemplation response in the nation.

Of those who took an online depression screening from Jan - Dec 2020, 41% reported frequent thoughts of suicide.

The state has seen increases in anxiety related to:
- COVID-19
- Finances
- Employment

~ 40% of people in quarantine or isolation centers had a SUD or a co-occurring SUD and mental health disorder.

The Hawaii Cares Program experienced a 50% increase in call volume in 2020 than 2019.

About 75% of resources from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division are spent on SUD-specific treatment.

For full citations, see “Rapid Review of Literature on Behavioral Health During the Pandemic - Update.” For more information, please contact the State Epidemiologic Outcomes Workgroup: phac+uhseow@hawaii.edu. Produced by the State Epidemiologic Outcomes Workgroup in the Pacific Health Analytics Collaborative, Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health, Center on Aging, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Version 1.0. Updated 6/22/2021.