County Data Briefs
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Summary

- In 2025, 16,354 youth in Pennsylvania (under 18 years old) received crisis mental health services.
- Most youth did not receive help from crisis services. In 2025, 9 percent received crisis services, 91 percent received other types of mental health services.
- The two most common crisis services received were 24/7 mobile crisis teams (i.e. home visits) and crisis contact centers (i.e. call centers).
- Only eight percent of crisis centers are specifically geared for addressing the needs of youth.

Methodology

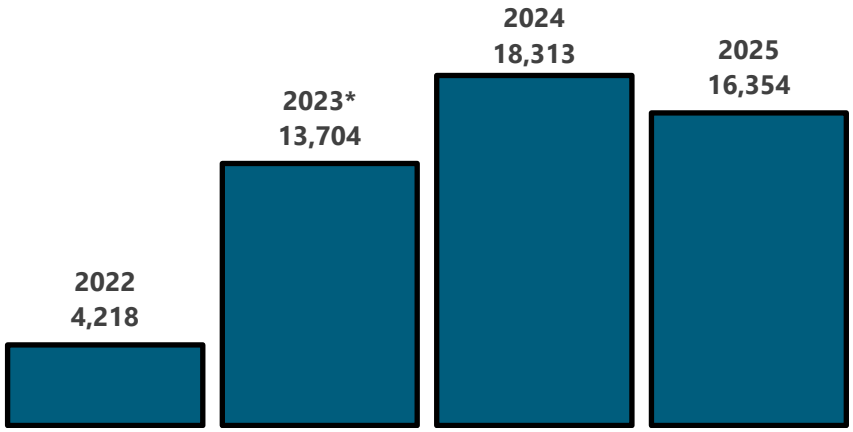
Data is from the 2022 to 2025 Uniform Reporting System Output Tables, SAMHSA's Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Report. The CCAP statewide survey of crisis centers was conducted in October-November 2025 and had 27 respondents.

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Youth Receiving Mental Health Crisis Services

In 2025, 16,354 Pennsylvania youth (under the age of 18 years old) received mental health crisis services. From 2024 to 2025, the number of Pennsylvania youth receiving services decreased 11 percent. Across the U.S., 246,752 youth received crisis services. From 2024 to 2025, the number of children receiving services decreased six percent.

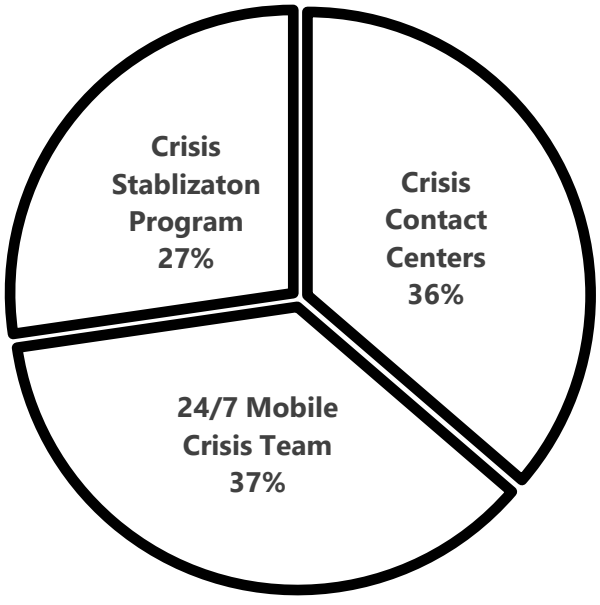
Number of Pennsylvania Youth (<18 Years Old) that Received Mental Health Crisis Services, 2022 to 2025



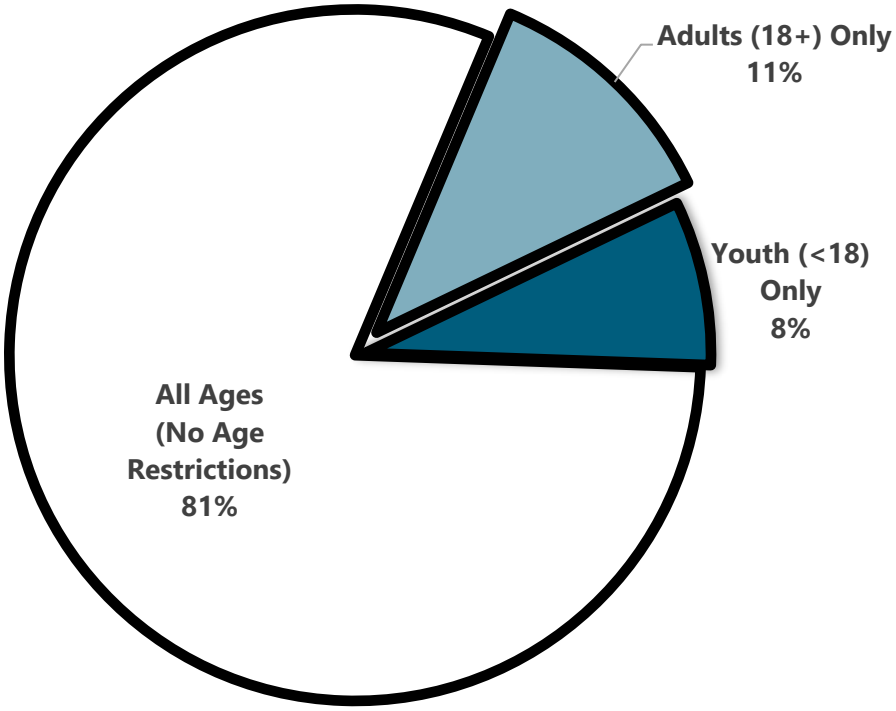
** In 2023 participation in crisis stabilization programs was not reported.*

The two most common crisis services provided to Pennsylvania youth in 2025 were contact centers (i.e. call centers) and mobile crises teams. Across the United States, 42 percent of youth used crisis contact centers, 41 percents mobile crisis teams, and 17 percent stabilization programs.

Types of Mental Health Crisis Services Received by Pennsylvania Youth (<18 Years Old), 2025



Walk-in Crisis Centers With Age Restriction, 2025



A 2025 CCAP survey found that only eight percent of mental health crisis centers were exclusive to meeting the needs of youth. A majority of crisis centers (81 percent) served people of all ages.

In 2025, the mental health needs of 172,506 Pennsylvania youth were being met by county and state agencies. Youth in crisis represent 9 percent of all youth receiving mental health services from state and county agencies.

Number of Youth (<18 Years Old) Receiving Mental Health Services from State and County Mental Health Authority, 2022-2025

