

Behavioral Health Service Act (BHSA) Allocation Dashboard Methodology

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Allocation Dashboard:

The BHSA Allocation Dashboard displays information on monthly allocation amounts by Mental Health Program (MHP) from August 2012 to present. In addition, comparison over the same month of prior year and prior fiscal year to date were included in the dashboard. To learn more about how allocation is determined please reference Department of Healthcare Services information notice 24-038 located, <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/2024-BH-Information-Notices.aspx>

Methodology:

Dataset

Monthly data is downloaded from SCO's website. The net disbursement to MHP is based on actual allocation, minus/plus the withhold amount due to late filing of BHSA Revenue and Expenditure Report (RERs), and plus the re-allocation for reverted BHSA funds. The monthly allocation amount on the dashboard excludes withholding/returning of withholding funds but does include re-allocation of reverted BHSA funds.

Fiscal Year

County received monthly BHSA allocation from State Control's Office (SCO) around 15th of the month, based on tax collection from prior month. SCO published monthly and fiscal year to date allocation on its website. However, SCO is using the fiscal year of tax collection, so the fiscal year for allocation is from August to July. In the allocation dashboard, SCO's fiscal year for allocation is not used, and instead, the fiscal year from July to June, like most other public California statewide data, is used.

Monthly Comparison and Fiscal Year to Date Comparison

Two measures, Monthly allocation amount and fiscal year to date total allocation, are compared with prior monthly allocation and prior fiscal year to date total, and visualizations are provided. User can select current month and fiscal year to compare to on the dashboard.