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References:

- in 5 Americans are affected by mental illness in a given year
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- Only 41% of adults in the U.S. with a MI received services in the past year
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 - o Yanick Charette, Anne G. Crocker and Isabelle Billette, "Police Encounters Involving Citizens with Mental Illness: Use of Resources and Outcomes," *Psychiatric Services* 65(4) (2014): 511-16.
- Incidents can present an increased risk of injury to consumers and officers
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- Mental health calls can have tragic outcomes
 - o Washington Post, June 30, 2015

- Increased numbers in correctional systems (jails and prisons)
 - o The Stepping Up Initiative <https://stepuptogether.org/>
 - o <http://www.urban.org/urban-wire/revolving-door-mental-illness-incarceration-inadequate-care-and-inadequate-evidence>