



National Mental Health Commission

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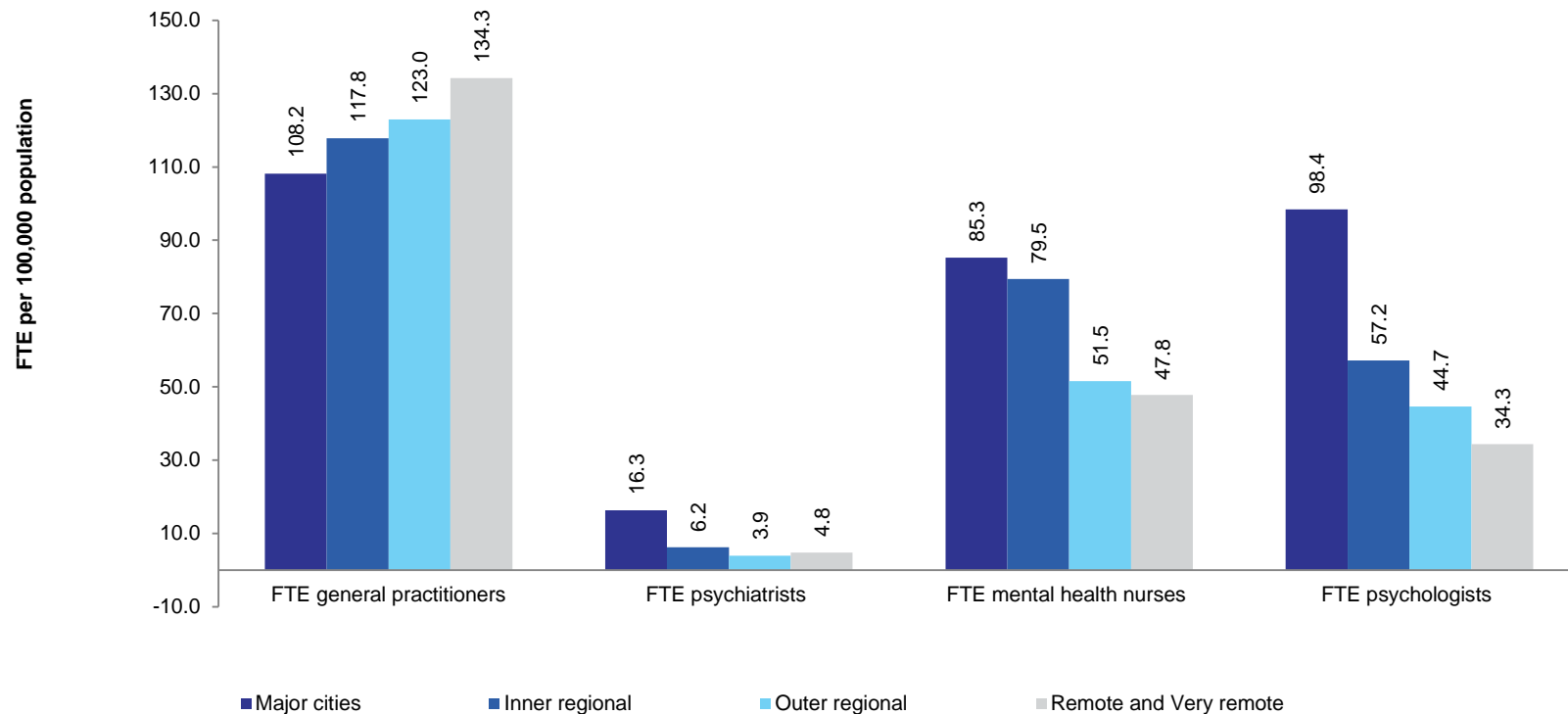
Regional and remote Australia health disparities

On average:

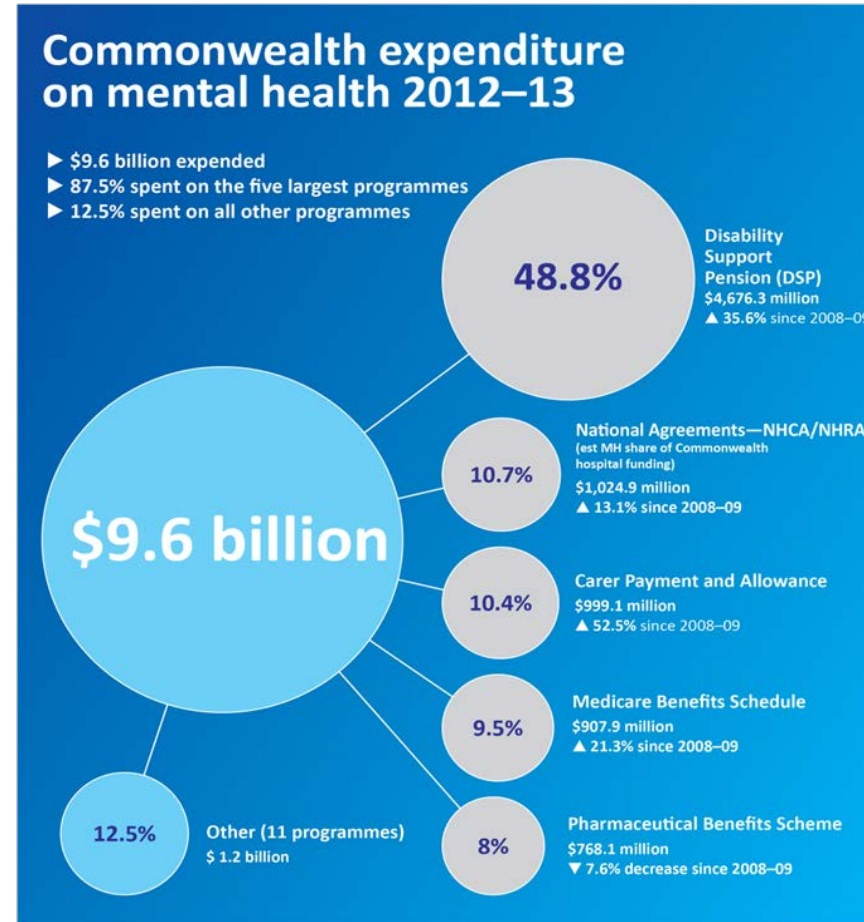
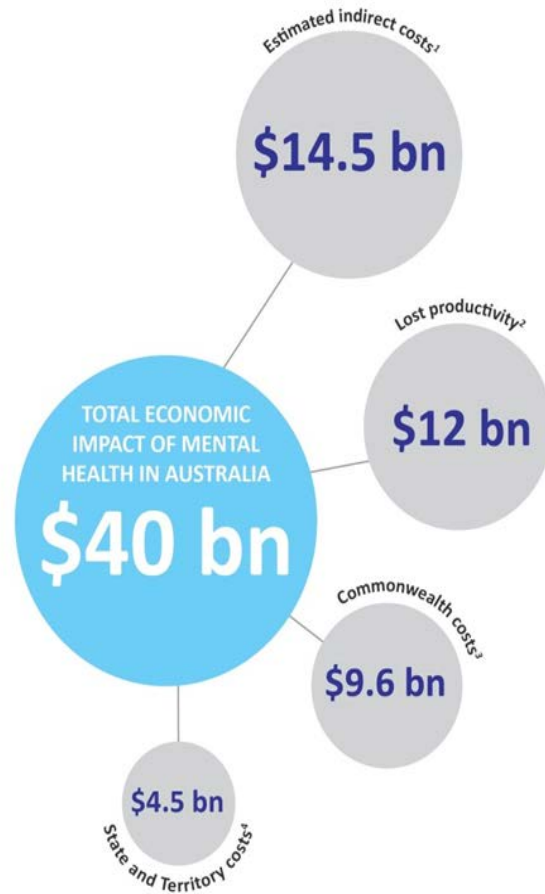
- Lower life expectancy
- Higher mortality rates
- Higher rates of disease and injury, including mental illness and deaths from suicide
- Inequitable access to the right health services, including Medicare-funded services
- Reduced and transient health workforce distribution
- **Especially for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in these areas**



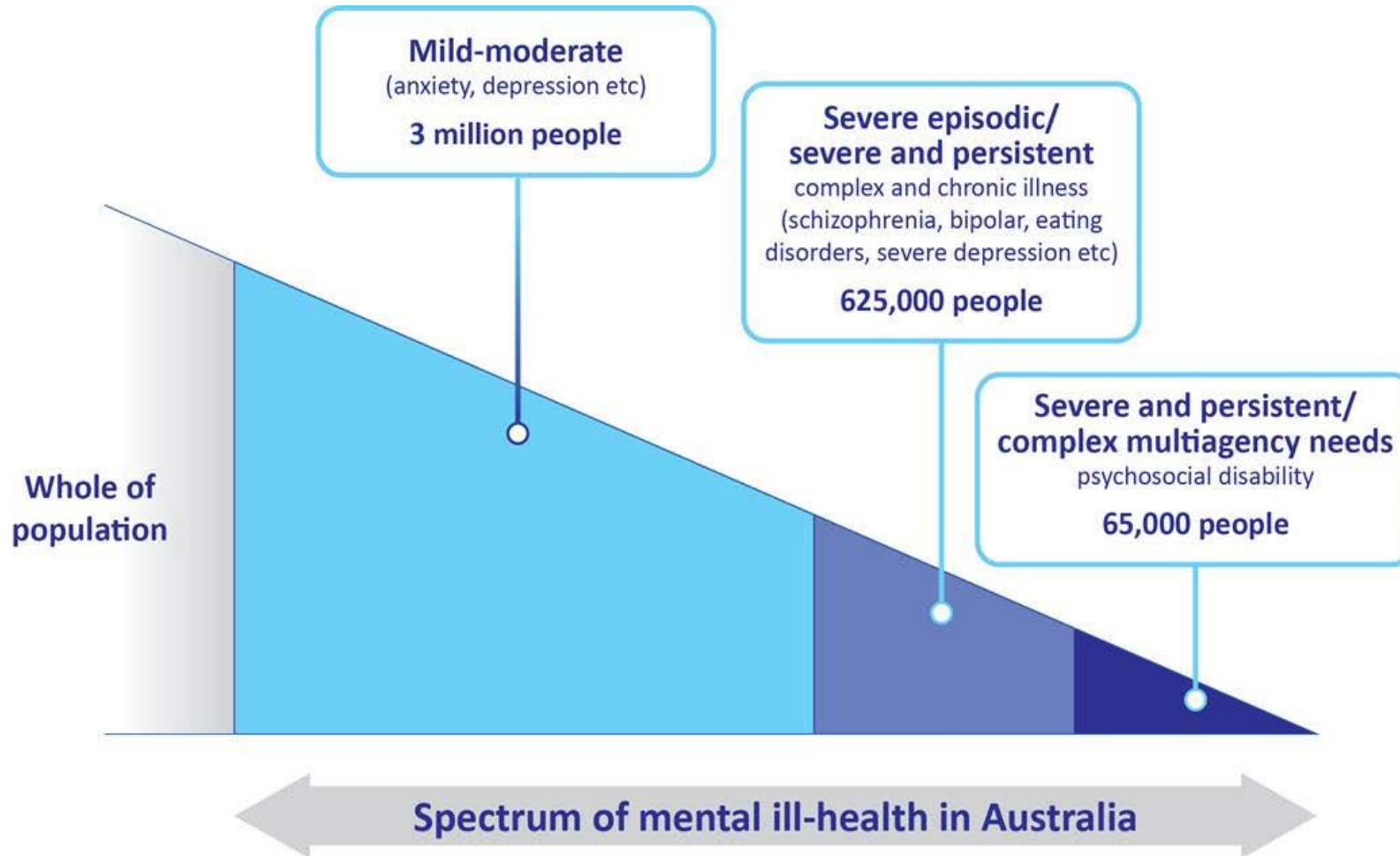
Employed (FTE) GPs, psychiatrists, psychologists and mental health nurses, by remoteness, 2012



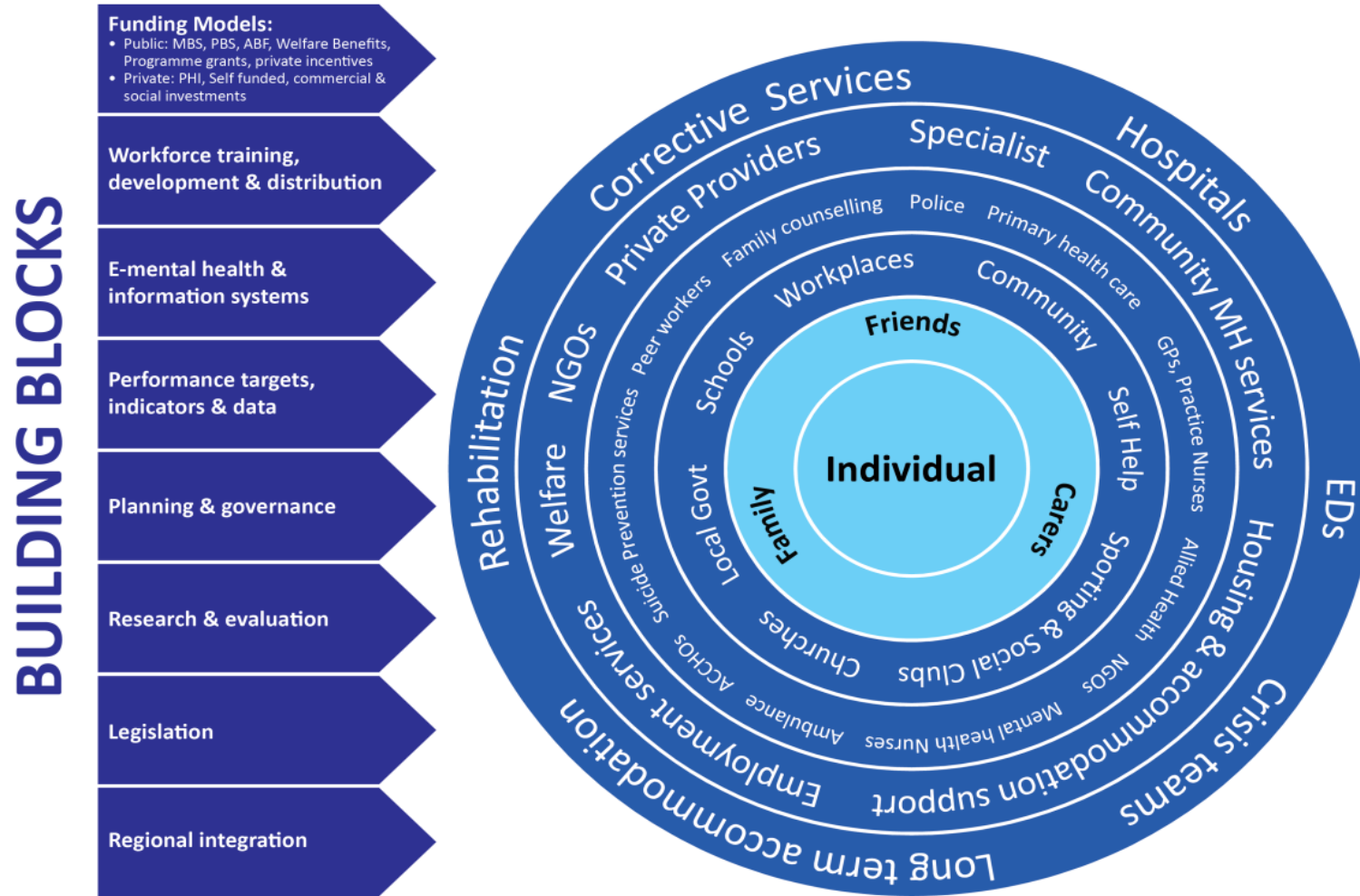
Economic impacts



Annual distribution of mental ill-health in Australia



Design of a person-centred approach



A diverse group of people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are smiling and looking towards the camera. They are in a meeting or collaborative setting, with a brick wall and a whiteboard with sticky notes in the background. A semi-transparent dark grey banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text.

MOST IMPORTANTLY....

Working together to enable: CONTRIBUTING LIVES, THRIVING COMMUNITIES



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