



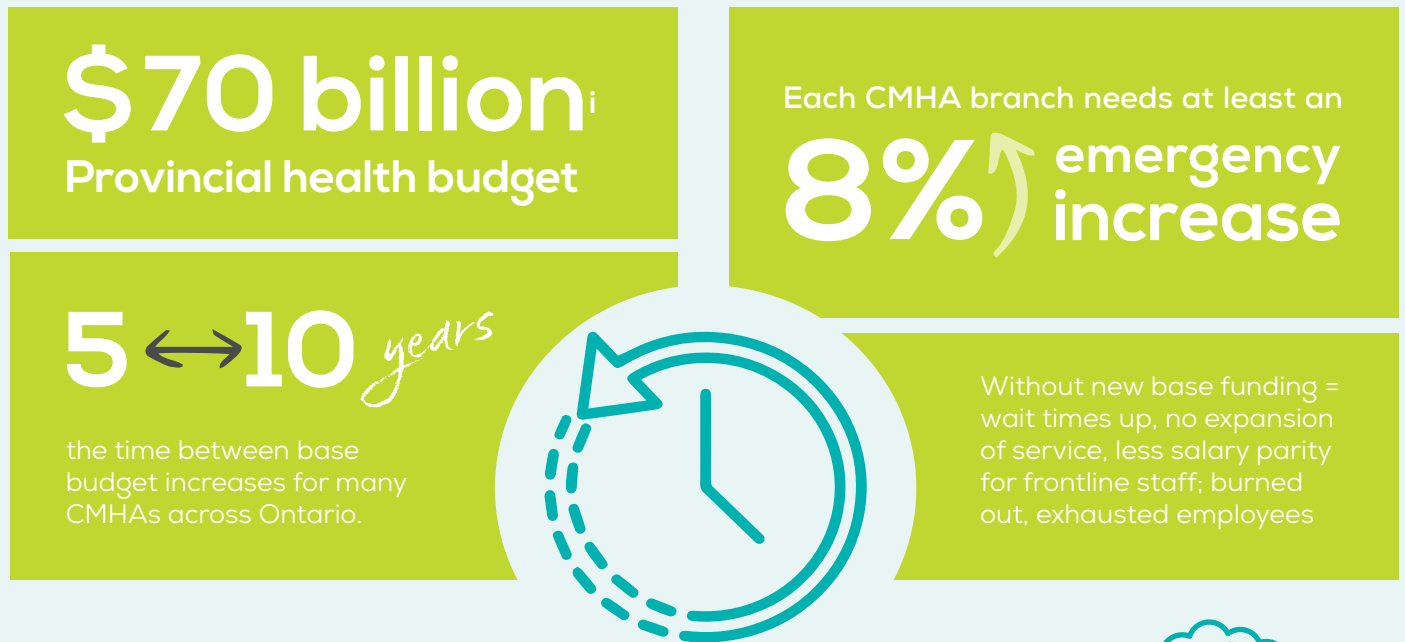
# Base Funding

CMHA Ontario calls for a substantial, immediate and ongoing base funding increase for the community mental health and addictions sector.

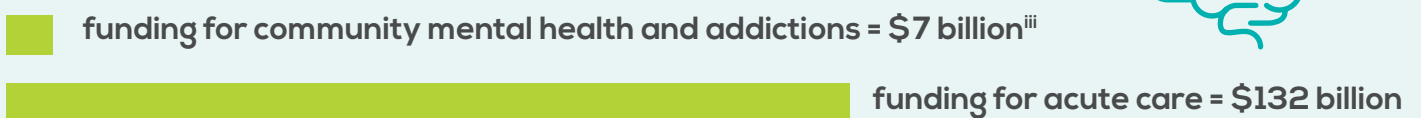
Unlike program-specific investment, base funding allows community service providers the flexibility to cover rising operational costs such as inflation, salaries and other overhead.

CMHAs, alongside other dedicated service providers in the community mental health and addictions sector, have been historically underfunded. The majority of funding the community sector receives is program-focused so does nothing to help with operational costs and capacity limitations that increase annually.

Without a substantial base funding increase, wait times will only grow longer and services will be less available. CMHAs will continue to lose talented front-line staff to high rates of stress and burnout and better paying jobs elsewhere in the health sector.



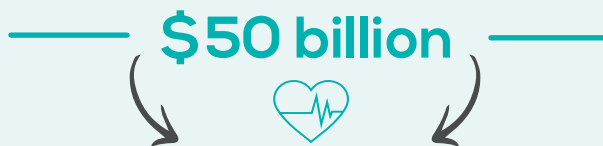
## Since 2016



Now more than ever, Ontarians need greater investment in the community mental health and addictions sector



1 in 4 Ontarians have sought mental health support during the pandemic.



estimated cost of mental illness in Canada per year. This includes health care costs, lost productivity, and reductions in health-related quality of life.



77% of people feel Ontario will be in a mental health crisis when the pandemic is finally over.

Find out more about CMHA Ontario's advocacy asks: [www.ichoosemha.ca](http://www.ichoosemha.ca)

<sup>i</sup> Financial Accountability Office of Ontario (2021). *Economic and Budget Outlook, Spring 2021*, p.28. <https://fao-on.org/en/Blog/Publications/EBO-SP2021>

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<sup>ii</sup> Data: Currently available from Health Data Branch (MOH) posted tables.