

1 **Global, regional, and national burden of 12 mental disorders in 204**
2 **countries and territories, 1990–2019: a systematic analysis from the**
3 **Global Burden of Disease Study 2019**

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18 **Summary**

19 **Background**

20 In this study, we assessed prevalence and burden estimates from the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries,
21 and Risk Factors Study 2019 (GBD 2019) for 12 mental disorders, males and females, 23 age groups, 204
22 countries and territories, between 1990 and 2019. The mental disorders included in GBD 2019 were
23 depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, autism spectrum disorders,
24 conduct disorder, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, eating disorders, idiopathic developmental
25 intellectual disability, and a residual category of other mental disorders.

26 **Methods**

27 Disability-adjusted life-years (DALYs) were estimated as the sum of years lived with disability (YLDs) and
28 years of life lost to premature mortality (YLLs). Systematic reviews of the literature compiled data on the
29 prevalence, incidence, remission, duration, severity, and excess-mortality imposed by each disorder.
30 These informed a Bayesian meta-regression analysis to estimate prevalence by disorder, age, sex, year,
31 and location. Prevalence was multiplied by corresponding disability weights to estimate YLDs. Cause-
32 specific deaths were compiled from mortality surveillance databases. A Cause of Death Ensemble
33 modelling strategy estimated deaths by age, sex, year, and location. These were multiplied by the years
34 of life expected to be remaining at death based on a normative life expectancy to estimate YLLs. Deaths
35 and YLLs could only be calculated for anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa, as these were the only mental
36 disorders identified as underlying causes of death. These are not reflective of all premature mortality in
37 individuals with mental disorders where the direct cause of death is another disease or injury.

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39 **Findings**

40 From 1990 to 2019, the global number of DALYs due to mental disorders increased from 80·8 million to
41 125·3 million, and the proportion contributed by mental disorders increased from 3·1% (95%
42 uncertainty interval 2·4–3·9) to 4·9% (3·9–6·1). Age-standardised DALY rates remained largely consistent
43 between 1990 (1581·2 DALYs [1170·9–2061·4] per 100,000 population) and 2019 (1566·2 DALYs
44 [1160·1–2042·8] per 100,000 population). YLDs contributed to almost all of the mental disorder burden,
45 accounting for 125·3 million (93·0–163·2) YLDs or 14·6% (12·2–16·8) of global YLDs in 2019. Eating
46 disorders accounted for 17 361·5 YLLs (15 518·5–21 459·8). Globally, males were responsible for 1426·5
47 (1056·4–1869·5) and females for 1703·3 (1261·5 - 2237·8) age standardized DALYs per 100,000
48 population for mental disorders. These DALYs were present across all age groups, emerging prior to 5
49 years with idiopathic intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorders, and continuing into older
50 ages with depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, and schizophrenia. Although the relative contribution
51 of each disorder changed with age and sex, overall DALYs increased steadily during childhood and
52 adolescence, peaked between 25 and 34 years, and decreased steadily into the older ages. Age-
53 standardised DALY rates were highest in Australasia, Tropical Latin America, and high-income North
54 America.

55 **Interpretation**

56 GBD 2019 continued to emphasise the large proportion of the world's burden attributable to mental
57 disorders and the disparities in that burden. Mental disorders remained among the top ten leading causes
58 of burden worldwide, with no evidence of sufficient global reduction in the burden. To reduce the burden
59 of mental disorders, a coordinated response by governments and the global health community is
60 imperative. We need to expand the delivery of effective prevention and treatment programmes with
61 established efficacy to cover more of the population for the necessary duration. This study provided a
62 detailed analysis of mental disorder burden but did not incorporate substance use disorders or suicide

63 categorised separately within the GBD cause hierarchy. We also acknowledge that the estimated YLLs for
64 mental disorders were extremely low, and not reflective of premature mortality in individuals with mental
65 disorders. Further work to establish causal pathways between mental disorders and other fatal health
66 outcomes is recommended so that this may be addressed within the GBD study.

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70 **Research in Context**

71 **Evidence before this study**

72 The Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study 2019 (GBD 2019) estimated the prevalence
73 and burden due to 12 mental disorders by age, sex, year, and location. High-level GBD 2019 findings were
74 presented in a capstone publication, covering all diseases and injuries simultaneously. We searched
75 PubMed, PsycInfo, Embase, and PROPERO for papers on the global burden of mental disorders published
76 since 17th October 2020 when the GBD 2019 capstone paper was published up to 6th October 2021. We
77 used the following search term: (((("Mental disorders"[Title/Abstract]) AND (Global[Title/Abstract],)) AND
78 (2019[Title/Abstract])) AND (((("GBD 2019"[Title/Abstract]) OR (Disability[Title/Abstract])) OR
79 (Prevalence[Title/Abstract])) OR (Burden[Title/Abstract])). There were no additional restrictions used,
80 except for the PROSPERO search where the following filters were applied: Health area of review: *Mental*
81 *health and behavioural conditions*; Type and method of review: *Epidemiologic, Systematic review, meta-*
82 *analysis, review of reviews*. Overall, our search identified 102 studies, of which 12 looked relevant to our
83 research aim. Of these relevant studies, there were two publications reporting GBD 2019 results for eating
84 disorders in China, and mental disorders in Mexico respectively. Our search did not reveal any publication
85 dedicated to GBD 2019 mental disorders findings globally or covering any other location by age, sex, and
86 year. The last comprehensive review of the global burden of mental disorders was published using GBD
87 2010 findings and there have since been significant updates to the burden estimation methodology and
88 epidemiological datasets. Here we present an updated and more detailed analysis of the distribution and
89 burden of mental disorders. This did not incorporate substance use disorders or suicide categorised
90 separately within the GBD cause hierarchy, and for which separate publications exist.

91 **Added value of this study**

92 The current study brings together the most up-to-date information on the prevalence and burden of
93 mental disorders across the world's populations. In 2019, we observed similar disparities in the burden of
94 mental disorders as in 1990. They remained among the leading causes of burden globally despite research
95 demonstrating that interventions can achieve a reduction in the burden. Mental disorder DALYs were
96 present across all age groups, emerging prior to 5 years with idiopathic intellectual disability and autism
97 spectrum disorders, and continuing into older ages with depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, and
98 schizophrenia. Finally, there have been constructive comments and concerns about the epidemiological
99 data and burden estimation methodology for mental disorders. Here we identify priority areas for
100 improvement, with recommendations as to how they may addressed.

101 **Implications of all the available evidence**

102 GBD 2019 further emphasised the large proportion of the world's disease burden that is attributable to
103 mental disorders, but it also demonstrated that we do not yet have evidence of a global reduction in that
104 burden. The persistence of these disorders is especially concerning as they also increase one's risk of other
105 negative health outcomes like suicide. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to increase the global
106 burden of mental disorders, making the need for response to this burden imperative.

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108 **Introduction**

109 Mental disorders are increasingly recognised as leading causes of disease burden.¹ The Lancet
110 Commission on global mental health and sustainable development emphasised mental health as a
111 fundamental human right and essential to the development of all countries. It called for more
112 investment in mental health services as part of universal health coverage, and better integration of
113 these services into the global response to other health priorities.¹ To meet the mental health needs of
114 individual countries in a way that prioritises systems transformation, we need in-depth understanding of
115 the scale of the impact of these disorders.² This includes their distribution in the population, the
116 disability imposed, and their broader health consequences.

117 The Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study 2019 (GBD 2019) is a
118 comprehensive international effort measuring the burden of mental disorders. GBD 2019 used the
119 disability-adjusted life-year (DALY), a metric that measures the gap between the current health of the
120 population and a normative standard life expectancy spent in full health. GBD 2019 builds on previous
121 iterations of the GBD study by incorporating new data and methodological improvements. It allows us to
122 systematically compare the prevalence and burden imposed by 369 diseases and injuries, for males and
123 females, 23 age groups, 21 regions, 204 countries and territories, from 1990 onwards.⁴⁻⁶ Between 1990
124 and 2019, a reduction in DALYs from communicable, maternal, neonatal, and nutritional diseases has
125 been offset by an increase in burden due to non-communicable diseases, including mental disorders.⁴⁻⁶
126 In this study we investigate where, by whom, and how many of these increasing years of life spent in
127 poor health occurred because of mental disorders.

128 The last comprehensive review of the global burden of mental disorders was published based on
129 GBD 2010 findings where the combined burden of mental and substance use disorders was presented.⁷
130 Mental and substance use disorders are a heterogeneous group of disorders. Health systems in many

131 countries organise their services for these disorder groups separately, while in resource poor settings it
132 is also useful to group these disorders within essential health care packages and delivery platforms. We
133 focused on mental disorders which allowed us to present a more detailed analysis of its distribution and
134 burden by age, sex, location, and year compared to what has been covered by previous publications.^{6,7}
135 This supplements more recent findings for substance use disorders published separately.⁸ There have
136 also been significant updates to the burden estimation methodology and epidemiological datasets
137 underpinning GBD findings since this publication.⁷ We expand on these epidemiological datasets,
138 present an updated methodology for how variation in the mental disorder prevalence data can be
139 explored, and measurement error minimized.

140 The aims of this work are to (a) Facilitate access and interpretation of the latest GBD estimates
141 for stakeholders, including governments and international agencies, researchers, and clinicians involved
142 in the identification, management, and prevention of mental disorders; (b) Present and evaluate the
143 methods used to estimate the burden of mental disorders; and (c) Highlight priority areas for
144 improvement in the mental disorder burden estimation methodology.

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146 **Methods**

147 *Case definitions*

148 This manuscript was produced as part of the GBD Collaborator Network and in accordance with the GBD
149 Protocol. GBD 2019 analyses adhere to Guidelines for Accurate and Transparent Health Estimates
150 Reporting (GATHER, Appendix p 2).¹¹ Comprehensive explanations of burden estimation methods have
151 been published elsewhere.⁴⁻⁶ The methodology for estimating the burden due to mental disorders is
152 summarised here.

153 The mental disorders included in GBD 2019 were depressive disorders (major depressive
154 disorder [MDD] and dysthymia), anxiety disorders (a combined estimate of all subtypes), bipolar
155 disorder (a combined estimate of all subtypes), schizophrenia, autism spectrum disorders (ASD), conduct
156 disorder, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), eating disorders (anorexia nervosa and bulimia
157 nervosa), idiopathic developmental intellectual disability (estimated as part of the broader intellectual
158 disability impairment envelope in GBD 2019, constituting of intellectual disability from any unknown
159 source after all other sources of intellectual disability are accounted for), and a residual category of
160 “other mental disorders” (an aggregate group of personality disorders). To allow for comparability in
161 measurement, case definitions predominantly adhered to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
162 Mental Disorders (DSM-IV-TR)¹² or the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health
163 Problems (ICD-10)¹³ criteria as these were used by the majority of included mental health surveys. As
164 more epidemiological data using DSM-5 and ICD-11 classifications^{14,15} become available, it will be
165 possible to explore the impact of changes to diagnostic classifications within our GBD estimates. The
166 mental disorders included in GBD 2019 and their definitions are further explained in the Appendix (p 4) .
167 The 369 diseases and injuries included in GBD 2019 are organised into a four-level cause hierarchy.

168 Causes within each level are mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive. These four levels and the
169 position of each mental disorder within the cause hierarchy is presented in the Appendix (p 5) .

170 *Estimation of YLDs*

171 Years lived with disability (YLDs) were estimated by multiplying prevalence estimates at varying levels of
172 severity by an appropriate disability weight. Disability weights quantified the amount of health loss
173 associated with each sequela (or consequence of a disease or injury).⁶ A flowchart presenting the
174 methodology for estimating YLDs is shown in the Appendix (p 6).

175 *Data sources.* To compile the epidemiological datasets required to estimate YLDs for each disorder, we
176 undertook a systematic literature review involving electronic searches of the peer-reviewed literature
177 (i.e., via PsycInfo, Embase, and PubMed), the grey literature, and expert consultation. The keywords
178 used in our search of electronic databases are presented in the Appendix (p 7). As part of the grey
179 literature search we also reviewed data sources archived in the Global Health Data Exchange,¹⁶ major
180 multinational survey data catalogs, and those recommended by GBD collaborators as they reviewed the
181 results of our search for each disorder. Accepted data sources were surveys reporting estimates of
182 mental disorder prevalence, incidence, remission, or excess mortality. Surveys published during or after
183 1980, using probability sampling to capture a representative sample of the general population were
184 required. Selection bias and non-response were considered as part of the assessment for eligibility for
185 inclusion and weighted estimates were prioritised during data extraction. Surveys with recruitment
186 strategies producing samples with a different risk profile for mental disorders compared to the general
187 population were not accepted. These included surveys using non probabilistic sampling and reporting on
188 population subgroups (e.g., minority groups, veterans). Treatment samples were only considered if the
189 source was likely to capture all cases of the disorder in the population. For instance, for schizophrenia or
190 ASD with a bias correction (described below). No restriction was set on language of publication. Studies

191 utilising different versions of DSM and ICD were accepted. For prevalence, we accepted estimates
192 reporting past-year prevalence or less for all disorders. Due to the risk of recall bias for many disorders
193 in measures of lifetime prevalence, this measure was accepted only for bipolar disorder and ASD, using
194 prospective design.¹⁷

195 *Epidemiological disease models.* The epidemiological data obtained from our systematic reviews were
196 analysed in two steps. At Step 1, we tested and adjusted for biases in epidemiological estimates
197 reported between studies. At Step 2, “gold-standard” (ie, estimates using the desired data-collection
198 methodology and not requiring bias adjustments) and adjusted estimates were modelled within a meta-
199 regression analysis. Both of these steps are explained below.

200 For each disorder, we identified the major sources of bias in the extracted data. These were
201 based on known sources of measurement error such as recall type (point, 12-month, or lifetime
202 prevalence), survey instrument (diagnostic or symptom scale), and survey interviewer (lay or clinician).
203 Estimates with these biases were considered alternative estimates to gold-standard estimates and were
204 to be adjusted. The adjustment factor was the pooled ratio between gold-standard estimates and these
205 alternative estimates. We compiled studies reporting both the gold-standard estimate and the
206 alternative estimate (e.g., both point prevalence and 12-month prevalence) and calculated the ratios
207 within these studies. We also looked for pairs of gold-standard and alternative estimates between
208 studies, matched by age (0 to 99), sex, location (across 82 locations), and year (1980 onwards), and
209 calculated the ratio between these estimates.

210 In addition to prevalence ratios between gold-standard and alternative estimates, we took
211 advantage of available prevalence ratios between alternative estimates and analysed all the prevalence
212 ratios within a network. This was especially useful for alternative estimate types with limited gold-
213 standard : alternative ratios available. Direct vs indirect effects were inspected for transitivity and

214 indirect estimates excluded when these effects were extremely different. Network meta-analyses on
215 these ratios were conducted via meta-regression—Bayesian, regularised, trimmed (MR-BRT) to produce
216 pooled ratios between gold-standard estimates and alternative estimates.¹⁸ These pooled ratios were
217 used as an adjustment factor to correct alternative estimates prior to analysis. More information on this
218 bias correction process was presented elsewhere.⁶

219 The gold-standard and adjusted estimates were modelled using DisMod-MR 2.1, a Bayesian
220 meta-regression tool.¹⁹ DisMod-MR 2.1 pools data from different sources to produce internally
221 consistent estimates of prevalence, incidence, remission, and excess mortality by age, sex, location, and
222 year. As part of this process, estimates were generated for locations where high-quality raw
223 epidemiological data was unavailable by using the modelled output from surrounding locations.¹⁹ As per
224 the GBD protocol, an uncertain estimate is preferable to no estimate when data are sparse or not
225 available, because no estimate would result in no health loss from that condition being recorded.
226 DisMod-MR 2.1 also used location-level covariates to better predict prevalence by location. We included
227 location-level covariates for MDD and anxiety disorders. The first covariate identified for each GBD
228 location, the mean mortality rate in the previous ten years due to war and terrorism, given the known
229 association between conflict and elevated levels of MDD and anxiety disorder prevalence.²⁰ The second
230 made use of the Gallup Negative Experience Index. This measured past-day experiences of physical pain,
231 worry, sadness, stress, and anger from population surveys conducted within the Gallup Initiative.²¹ It
232 was included as a means to test for an association between negative emotions at a location level and
233 MDD and anxiety disorder prevalence. The third made use of the fraction of MDD burden caused by two
234 of its risk factors (intimate partner violence and childhood sexual abuse) to inform the estimation of
235 prevalence. The choice of scale for location-level covariates differed by disorder and covariate. Both the
236 untransformed and log-transformed covariates were tested as part of the modelling process for each
237 disorder. The final decision for scale was determined based on the coefficient, statistical significance,

238 and skew of the location-level covariate. The priors used to inform the DisMod-MR 2.1 models for each
239 disorder are summarised in the Appendix (p 8). More information on DisMod-MR 2.1, covariates and
240 priors was presented elsewhere.^{6,19}

241 *Severity proportions.* Severity proportions were calculated to reflect the varying levels of disability (or
242 sequelae) associated with a given disorder, eg, mild, moderate, and severe presentations. For conduct
243 disorder, ADHD, ASD, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia, severity distributions were obtained from
244 meta-analyses of survey data.^{22,23} For depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, and other mental
245 disorders, individual-level survey data from the US National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and
246 Related Conditions,²⁴ and/or the 1997 Australian National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing²⁵ were
247 used.^{6,26} No severity distribution was estimated for eating disorders. Severity proportions, shown in the
248 Appendix (p 9), were applied to the total prevalent cases estimated by DisMod-MR 2.1 to obtain
249 prevalence estimates for each level of severity. Further detail on severity proportions was presented
250 elsewhere.^{6,26}

251 *Disability weights.* Severity-specific prevalence estimates were multiplied by a corresponding disability
252 weight to estimate YLDs.⁶ We used disability weights derived from community-based surveys in
253 Bangladesh, Indonesia, Peru, Tanzania, the United States, Hungary, Italy, Sweden, and the Netherlands,
254 and an open web-based survey available in English, Spanish, and Mandarin. In these surveys,
255 participants were presented with pairs of health state descriptions and asked to select the “healthier.”
256 Responses were anchored on a scale ranging from 0 (perfect health) to 1 (death) using additional
257 population health equivalence questions that compared the benefits of lifesaving and disease-
258 prevention programmes for several health states. The analysis of pair-wise comparisons indicated the
259 relative position of health states to each other, and the population health equivalence questions were
260 required to anchor those relative positions as values on a 0 to 1 scale. Sequela-specific health state

261 descriptions and disability weights have been summarised in the Appendix (p 9). More information on
262 the disability weights analysis was presented elsewhere.⁶

263 *Comorbidity adjustments.* As burden attributable to each GBD cause was estimated separately, a
264 simulation method was employed to adjust for comorbidity. The co-occurrence of different diseases and
265 injuries was estimated by simulating populations of 40,000 individuals by location, age, sex, and year.
266 Simulated individuals within each population were exposed to the independent probability of having any
267 combination of sequelae in GBD 2019. The comorbidity correction estimated the difference between the
268 average disability weight of individuals experiencing one sequela and the multiplicatively combined
269 disability weight of those experiencing multiple sequelae. The average comorbidity correction estimated
270 for each sequela was applied to the respective location-, age-, sex-, and year-specific YLDs. Further
271 information on GBD's comorbidity correction was presented elsewhere.⁶

272 *Estimation of YLLs*

273 Years of life lost (YLLs) were calculated by multiplying cause-specific deaths by the years of life expected
274 to be remaining at death based on a normative life expectancy.⁶ The GBD 2019 cause of death database
275 contained vital registration, verbal autopsy, cancer registry, police records, sibling history, surveillance, and
276 survey/census data dating back to 1980. The Cause of Death Ensemble modelling (CODEm) strategy was
277 used to model cause of death data by location, age, sex, and year. Deaths were scaled to total mortality.
278 Normative life tables were generated using data on the lowest observed death rates for any age group
279 within all GBD locations with a total population greater than 5 million.⁴

280 Each death in GBD could only be allocated to one underlying cause as per ICD's categorisation of
281 causes of death. Deaths and YLLs could only be calculated for anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa, as
282 these were the only mental disorders identified as underlying causes of death. These are not reflective of
283 all premature mortality in individuals with mental disorders where the direct cause of death is another

284 disease or injury. For instance, suicide was categorised separately under injuries and not included within
285 the mental disorders group. A method for capturing the proportion of premature deaths from these other
286 health causes, that can be causally attributed to the mental disorder experienced by a person, is not yet
287 available for our estimation of YLLs.

288 *Estimation of DALYs*

289 Overall, we included 29 incidence, 1075 prevalence, 52 remission, 1930 cause of death, and 149
290 severity/other types of data sources in the estimation of YLDs, YLLs, and DALYs for mental disorders. The
291 Appendix (p 11) summarises the number of data sources available by disorder and parameter. Further
292 information on data sources was also presented elsewhere.^{9,10,27-31}

293 DALYs were derived by summing YLDs and YLLs. For mental disorders not recognised as causes of death,
294 YLLs were not estimated and YLDs approximated DALYs. Age-standardised rates per 100,000 of the
295 population were estimated using the GBD world population age-standard. Change in prevalence and
296 burden across time was estimated by comparing the change in age-standardised rate and the change in
297 total numbers. The GBD 2019 geographical hierarchy included 204 countries and territories aggregated
298 into 21 regions and seven super-regions. YLDs, YLLs, and DALYs were estimated at all levels of this
299 geographical hierarchy, by sex, for 23 age groups covering 0 to 95 years and older, and every year from
300 1990 to 2019. We estimated 95% uncertainty intervals (UIs) for all estimates derived from the ordinal
301 25th and 975th draw of a total of 1000 draws of the posterior distribution at each step of the burden
302 estimation process. Tables and Figures were generated for this manuscript using Microsoft Excel or the
303 maptools package in R.

304 *Role of the funding source*

305 The funder of the study had no role in study design, data collection, data analysis, data interpretation, or
306 the writing of the report. Authors had full access to the data in the study and final responsibility for the
307 decision to submit for publication.

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309 **Results**

310 A summary of the main GBD findings for mental disorders is presented here. All GBD 2019 outputs by
311 age, sex, year, location are available in a set of interactive online visualisations.³¹

312 Table 1 presents the global prevalence of mental disorders by sex for 1990 and 2019. Mental
313 disorders accounted for 654·8 million (95% UI 603·6–708·1) prevalent cases in 1990 and 970·1 million
314 (900·9–1044·4) cases in 2019, corresponding to an increase in cases of 48·1% between 1990 and 2019.
315 There was no notable increase in the age-standardised prevalence across any disorder between 1990
316 and 2019.

317 The age-standardised prevalence for the aggregate of mental disorders was largely consistent
318 across sex in 2019, (11 727.3 per 100,000 [95% UI 10 835.7–12 693.9] cases in males versus 12 760.0 per
319 100,000 [11 831.7–13 763.1] cases in females). There were larger sex differences at the disorder level
320 with depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, and eating disorders more common in females. ADHD and
321 ASD were more common in males. Across both sex and year, the two most common mental disorders
322 were depressive disorders and anxiety disorders. The least common were schizophrenia and eating
323 disorders.

324 Table 2 presents age-standardised prevalence by mental disorder and region in 2019. For the aggregate
325 of mental disorders, Australasia, Tropical Latin America, and high-income North America had the highest
326 prevalence. Across individual disorders, other regional patterns emerged, for instance depressive
327 disorders prevalence was also high in sub-Saharan African regions and north Africa and the Middle East
328 in addition to the previous regions. Eating disorders, ADHD, conduct disorder, and ASD were highest in
329 high-income regions. Bipolar disorder and schizophrenia varied to a lesser extent across regions.
330 Disorder-specific prevalence by country is also presented in the Appendix (p 12 and p 24).

331 In terms of deaths, eating disorders were responsible for 318·3 deaths (95% UI 285·7–386·0)
332 worldwide in 2019. Anorexia nervosa accounted for most of these deaths, 268·7 (242·5–326·9). The
333 remaining deaths (49·6, 36·4–72·2) occurred because of bulimia nervosa. As previously explained, eating
334 disorders were the only mental disorders for which YLLs could be estimated.

335 Mental disorders accounted for 125·3 million (95% UI 93·0–163·2) DALYs in 2019, equating to an
336 age-standardised DALY rate of 1566·2 per 100,000 (1160·1–2042·8) population or 4·9% (3·9–6·1) of
337 global DALYs. The number and proportion of DALYs due to mental disorders increased from 1990 (80·8
338 million [59·5–105·9] DALYs; 3·1% [2·4–3·9] of global DALYs) although the age-standardised DALY rates
339 were largely consistent between since 1990 (1581·2 DALYs [1170·9–2061·4] per 100 000). Estimated
340 DALYs for mental disorder do not represent fatal burden as they comprised almost entirely of YLDs.
341 There were 125·3 million (93·0–163·2) YLDs estimated for mental disorders equivalent to 14·6% (12·2–
342 16·8) of global YLDs in 2019. YLLs were estimated only for eating disorders which accounted for 17 361·5
343 YLLs (15 518·5–21 459·8).

344 Globally, males were responsible for 1426·5 (1056·4–1869·5) and females for 1703·3 (1261·5 -
345 2237·8) age standardized DALYs per 100,000 population for mental disorders. Depressive disorders
346 accounted for the largest proportion of mental disorder DALYs in 2019 (37·4%), followed by anxiety
347 disorders (22·9%) and schizophrenia (12·1%), as shown in the Appendix (p 38). Burden due to mental
348 disorders was present across all age groups, emerging prior to 5 years of age with idiopathic intellectual
349 disability and ASD, and continuing into older ages with depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, and
350 schizophrenia. Although the relative contribution of each disorder changed with age and sex, the
351 number of DALYs increased steadily during childhood and adolescence, peaked between 25 and 34
352 years, and decreased steadily into the older ages. Figure 1 shows global DALYs by disorder, age, and sex
353 in 2019.

354 Global rankings of mental disorder YLDs and DALYs by age group in 2019 are shown in Table 3.

355 Globally, mental disorders were the 13th leading cause of DALYs in 1990 and seventh leading cause of

356 DALYs in 2019. At the disorder level, depressive disorders featured in the top 25 leading causes of

357 DALYs, ranked 13th in 2019. Mental disorders were the second leading cause of YLDs worldwide in both

358 1990 and 2019. At the disorder level, depressive disorders (second), anxiety disorders (eighth), and

359 schizophrenia (20th) featured in the top 25 leading causes of YLDs in 2019. Within mental disorders,

360 depressive disorders ranked the highest in all age groups except for 0–14-year-olds, where conduct

361 disorder was the leading cause of burden. The rankings of mental disorders differed by sex and age, as

362 shown in the Appendix (p 39 and p 40).

363 Figure 2 shows the global distribution of mental disorder DALYs in 2019 by country, which

364 followed the trends in prevalence discussed. The USA, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, selected locations

365 within western Europe (eg, Greenland, Portugal, Greece, Ireland, Spain), sub-Saharan Africa (eg,

366 Uganda) and north Africa and the Middle East (eg, Palestine, Lebanon, Iran) were among those with the

367 highest DALY rates. Locations in southeast Asia (eg, Vietnam, Myanmar, Indonesia), east Asia (eg,

368 Taiwan [province of China], China, North Korea), high-income Asia Pacific (eg, Brunei) and central Asia

369 (eg, Poland, Azerbaijan) were among those with the lowest DALY rates. While country-specific DALY

370 rates varied from each other, they were within overlapping bounds of uncertainty when compared to

371 the global mean (Appendix, p 41).

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373 **Discussion**

374 In 2019, we observed similar disparities in the global distribution and burden of mental disorders as in
375 1990. Depressive and anxiety disorders remained among the leading causes of burden worldwide (ranked
376 13th and 24th leading causes of DALYs, respectively) with their prevalence estimates and disability weights
377 comparatively higher than many other diseases. Schizophrenia impacted a smaller proportion of the
378 world's population, but the disability weight for an acute state of psychosis was the highest estimated
379 across the GBD study. The persistence of these disorders, in addition to bipolar disorder and eating
380 disorders, is especially concerning, as they not only impact on health in their own right, but also increase
381 one's risk of other conditions like suicide (rated as the 18th leading cause of mortality in GBD 2019).⁶

382 We found no marked variation in burden by sex for bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. Burden
383 of depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, and eating disorders was greater in females. Burden of ASD
384 and ADHD was greater in males. In 2019, 80.6% of the burden due to mental disorders occurred at
385 working ages (between 16 and 65 years). Around 9.2% of the remaining burden occurred in those
386 younger than 16 years. With 23.2% of the world's children and adolescents located in sub-Saharan Africa
387 in 2019, this poses considerable challenges to economies that already have limited resources dedicated
388 to mental health at a point in time when the implementation of prevention and early intervention
389 strategies for mental disorders is crucial.

390 Overall, mental disorder DALY rates were elevated in many high-income countries and lowest in
391 parts of sub-Saharan Africa and Asia where we also have the least coverage of epidemiological data and
392 therefore more uncertainty surrounding estimates. Disorder-specific trends were also present, for
393 instance with depressive and anxiety disorders DALYs high in countries impacted by high rates of
394 childhood sexual abuse,⁵ intimate partner violence,⁵ and conflict and war.²⁰

395 The age-standardised DALY rates for mental disorders remained fairly constant between 1990 and
396 2019, but the overall number of DALYs increased by 55.1%. This growth is expected to continue and
397 highlights the need for health systems, especially those in low- and middle-income countries, to deliver
398 the treatment and care needed for this growing population. Effective intervention packages for mental
399 disorders exist. These have the potential to reduce the burden due to mental disorders by decreasing the
400 severity of symptoms, increasing remission, or reducing the risk of mortality.³² However, at the global
401 level, there are significant shortages in access to these services, in the resources allocated their scale-up,
402 as well as various barriers to care such as one's perceived need for care and stigma against mental health
403 issues.^{33,34} In high-income countries where we have seen increases in the uptake of mental health
404 treatment, treatment is still not reaching minimally adequate standards or those in the population who
405 need it the most.³³ To reduce the burden of mental disorders, we need to expand the delivery of effective
406 prevention and treatment programmes with established efficacy³² to cover more of the population for
407 the necessary duration.

408 The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in the year 2020 has created an environment where
409 many determinants of poor mental health outcomes are exacerbated. Epidemiological research
410 conducted in response to the pandemic suggests that the direct psychological effects of the pandemic as
411 well as its long-term impacts on the economic and social circumstances of a population may increase the
412 prevalence of common mental disorders.³⁸ Work to establish the dataset and methodology from which
413 the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the burden of mental disorders can be quantified within the
414 GBD study has been summarised elsewhere.³⁹ Our findings demonstrated that pre-pandemic, poor
415 mental health already imposed substantial burden, with health services in most countries ill-equipped at
416 reducing this burden. While it is important to consider the impact of COVID-19 on mental health, the
417 existing unmet mental health needs of the population must also be considered as we focus on a successful

418 response and recovery from this pandemic. Our GBD 2019 results serve as a stark reminder for countries
419 to re-evaluate their mental health service response more broadly.

420 We would like to highlight key limitations around the burden estimation methodology for mental
421 disorders and identify priority areas for improvement. First, despite the considerable amount of new
422 epidemiological data incorporated since our last publication on the burden of mental disorders,⁷ some of
423 our estimates continue to rely on sparse datasets, and high-quality survey data are still required for many
424 countries. Having undertaken burden of disease analyses since GBD 2010, we remain concerned about
425 the quality of epidemiological data available for mental disorders. Our systematic literature review made
426 use of inclusion criteria imposing minimum standards to data collection methodology across studies. We
427 recommend that these be considered by researchers undertaking new mental health surveys, specifically
428 in decisions around case definitions, instruments, sampling strategy, and standard of reporting.

429 Second, it is difficult to quantify and remove all variation due to measurement error in our
430 prevalence estimates. We corrected for known sources of bias caused by survey methods but had very
431 few datapoints to inform such adjustments for some disorders and other important sources of variation
432 in prevalence remain unquantified. For instance, it is difficult to disentangle reasons for cross-national
433 differences in our burden estimates. The importance of cross-culturally comparable case definitions and
434 case-finding for mental disorders has been emphasized⁴⁰ but the epidemiological data informing burden
435 estimates are limited in this respect. DSM and ICD classifications which necessarily ensures consistency in
436 case definitions across studies may not be sensitive to all cultural contexts.⁴¹ The cross-cultural
437 applicability of our case definitions and data collection methodology need to be considered in future
438 research. It should also be noted that the uncertainty intervals reported here do not incorporate these
439 sources of bias which are difficult to quantify, including measurement bias not captured by our bias
440 corrections, selection bias due to missing data, and model specification bias.

441 Third, our estimation of severity distributions was derived from few studies, mostly from high-
442 income countries. Imposing severity distributions from high-income countries to all locations likely
443 underestimated burden in countries with little or no access to treatment and needs to be reconsidered.
444 Raw data on the severity distribution of mental disorders by location that would facilitate this work cannot
445 be accessed. However, alternative work to model the impact of access to health care on the severity of
446 mental disorders is currently underway within the GBD study.

447 Fourth, the majority of the epidemiological data within our datasets adhere to DSM-IV and ICD-
448 10 diagnostic classifications.^{12,13} With the emergence of more epidemiological surveys using DSM-5 and
449 ICD-11 classifications,^{14,15} work to account for the impact of changes to diagnostic classifications within
450 our GBD estimates can be undertaken.

451 Fifth, the mental disorders included in GBD 2019 were those with sufficient epidemiological data
452 at a global level required for burden of disease analysis. As more data on other mental disorders become
453 available, we will be able to review the GBD cause list accordingly. Notably, personality disorders need to
454 be formally included as a GBD cause for more comprehensive analysis of its distribution and burden. These
455 disorders were captured through the residual group of other mental disorders in GBD 2019, with limited
456 sources available to inform their prevalence and disability weight analysis. Work is currently underway
457 within the GBD study to compile and analyse data on the global epidemiology of personality disorders.
458 We also recently published a method demonstrating how binge eating disorder and the group of 'other
459 specified feeding or eating disorders' could be incorporated within future iterations of the study.⁴² These
460 disorders likely explain a substantial proportion of eating disorder burden currently not captured by GBD
461 analyses. Efforts to compile the required datasets and analyses highlighted by this work for formal
462 inclusion in the GBD study is underway.

463 Sixth, the focus on mental disorders allowed us to present a more detailed analysis of the 12
464 mental disorders included in GBD 2019. That said, it is also necessary to consider the impact of these
465 disorders on population health in combination with substance use disorders, and neurological disorders,
466 especially in resource poor settings where the service response for these disorders may be grouped within
467 essential health care packages and delivery platforms. An evaluation of the burden imposed by this
468 broader group of disorders was undertaken for the latest review of Disease Control Priorities.³²

469 Seventh, the differential mortality gap for those with mental disorders needs to be reflected
470 within the GBD framework. Within the mental disorder group, deaths were estimated for only eating
471 disorders. These estimated deaths are extremely low, and not reflective of premature mortality in
472 individuals with eating disorders, or in other mental disorders where the direct cause of death is another
473 disease or injury. Alternative mortality-based metrics have shown that excess deaths in those with mental
474 disorders occur not just from suicide and other external causes but also from infectious diseases,
475 neoplasms, diabetes, and circulatory system and respiratory diseases.^{43,44} These deaths are assigned to
476 those causes within the GBD 2019. A method for capturing the proportion of premature deaths from
477 physical health causes, that can be causally attributed to the mental disorder experienced by a person, is
478 not yet available for our estimation of YLLs. However, where the evidence exists, it is feasible to use
479 comparative risk assessment to quantify the contribution of mental disorders to premature mortality.
480 Supplementary GBD 2010 analyses found that the inclusion of attributable suicide DALYs would have
481 increased the overall burden of mental and substance use disorders from 7.4% to 8.3% of all global DALYs,
482 increasing their global ranking from fifth to third.⁴⁵ An update to this work using GBD 2020 estimates is
483 currently underway, with the first publication in this pipeline using the application of meta-regression
484 techniques to summarise the relative-risk of mental disorders as risk factors for suicide available.⁴⁶ Further
485 work to establish causal pathways between mental disorders and other health outcomes is required so
486 that this analysis can be replicated for other fatal outcomes within the GBD study.

487 Eighth, there are broader limitations in the GBD study to acknowledge. Our definition of disability
488 reflects health loss but not welfare loss. Estimates therefore do not capture the full impact of mental
489 disorders on society. Disability weights were derived from brief descriptions of disease states which may
490 not capture the full complexity of symptoms, across settings. Replication of the disability weight survey
491 across more locations, containing more lay descriptions related to mental disorders, is required to
492 investigate the generalisability of estimates. We assume independent distributions of comorbid
493 conditions when adjusting YLDs for comorbidity within GBD 2019. This is a limitation especially for mental
494 disorders where comorbidity distributions may be dependent on the combination of disorders
495 experienced. Efforts to incorporate dependent comorbidity within the GBD study have been challenging
496 because of the lack of data to inform the correlation structure of prevalence consistently for all diseases
497 and injuries. Even within mental disorders, this is an area where further research is required as this
498 information is available for a small subset of possible combination of disorders and are limited to specific
499 age groups and populations.

500 GBD 2019 continues to emphasise the large proportion of the world's burden attributable to
501 mental disorders and the global disparities in that burden. Perhaps more importantly, it also
502 demonstrated we do not yet have any evidence of sufficient global reduction in the burden. This is despite
503 research demonstrating the interventions that exist to achieve a reduction in the burden across age, sex,
504 and geography. The ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to increase the global burden of
505 mental disorders beyond this GBD 2019 benchmarking. We believe that this emphasises the need for a
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Table 1: Global prevalent cases and age-standardised prevalence for each mental disorder in 1990 and 2019

Disorder	Prevalent cases in millions				Age-standardised prevalence per 100 000			
	1990	(95% UI)	2019	(95% UI)	1990	(95% UI)	2019*	(95% UI)
Mental disorders (aggregate)								
Total	654·8	(603·6–708·1)	970·1	(900·9–1044·4)	12579·3	(11634·4–13552·2)	12262·0	(11382·9–13213·3)
Male	317·8	(290·8–346·7)	462·2	(427·5–499·7)	12020·0	(11061·2–13042·4)	11727·3	(10835·7–12693·9)
Female	337·0	(310·1–363·8)	507·9	(471·2–547·4)	13100·4	(12114·8–14090·9)	12760·0	(11831·7–13763·1)
Anxiety disorders								
Total	194·9	(165·1–231·2)	301·4	(252·6–356·0)	3791·6	(3194·0–4476·6)	3779·5	(3181·1–4473·3)
Male	73·4	(61·3–87·0)	113·9	(95·4–135·1)	2839·2	(2388·7–3332·9)	2859·8	(2397·0–3379·9)
Female	121·5	(102·0–144·7)	187·5	(157·7–221·6)	4732·2	(3983·0–5605·5)	4694·7	(3945·6–5576·9)
Depressive disorders								
Total	170·8	(152·7–190·4)	279·6	(251·6–310·3)	3486·2	(3140·8–3855·7)	3440·1	(3097·0–3817·6)
Male	65·6	(58·5–73·2)	109·2	(98·0–121·4)	2700·7	(2432·1–2987·4)	2713·3	(2438·3–3013·1)
Female	105·2	(94·3–117·3)	170·4	(153·6–188·7)	4262·5	(3844·6–4730·0)	4158·4	(3746·9–4616·3)
Other mental disorders								
Total	67·7	(52·7–86·5)	117·2	(90·8–148·7)	1434·7	(1116·4–1822·6)	1428·7	(1108·4–1816·1)
Male	39·9	(30·8–51·0)	68·3	(53·0–86·6)	1702·3	(1323·7–2155·4)	1690·1	(1311·0–2138·8)
Female	27·8	(21·4–35·4)	48·9	(37·8–61·8)	1173·9	(909·9–1485·8)	1173·1	(905·6–1484·9)
Idiopathic developmental intellectual disability								
Total	92·8	(58·3–128·6)	107·6	(65·8–150·4)	1641·9	(1028·1–2278·2)	1426·6	(873·6–1991·7)
Male	47·7	(29·4–66·7)	54·9	(32·8–77·6)	1657·2	(1017·0–2325·9)	1436·4	(860·4–2027·8)
Female	45·2	(29·2–61·6)	52·7	(33·1–72·8)	1625·3	(1048·2–2220·8)	1415·4	(891·3–1954·5)
Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder								
Total	72·4	(52·9–96·4)	84·7	(62·5–111·3)	1240·5	(909·6–1647·1)	1131·9	(831·7–1494·5)
Male	52·6	(38·6–70·7)	61·5	(45·4–80·9)	1768·3	(1304·2–2350·6)	1611·6	(1184·8–2134·1)
Female	19·8	(14·2–26·4)	23·2	(16·8–31·0)	693·4	(497·9–918·5)	631·0	(455·7–846·5)
Conduct disorder								
Total	32·7	(23·6–42·5)	40·1	(29·0–52·0)	537·9	(388·2–699·0)	559·0	(405·0–722·3)
Male	21·6	(16·1–27·7)	26·3	(19·6–33·4)	694·7	(517·7–891·4)	711·2	(530·5–904·0)
Female	11·1	(7·4–15·3)	13·8	(9·1–19·0)	374·0	(248·7–515·5)	397·3	(263·8–545·5)
Bipolar disorder								
Total	24·8	(20·6–29·4)	39·5	(33·0–46·8)	490·1	(411·0–576·5)	489·8	(407·5–580·6)
Male	11·6	(9·6–13·8)	18·8	(15·7–22·3)	459·4	(384·9–540·6)	466·9	(388·5–552·9)
Female	13·2	(10·9–15·5)	20·7	(17·3–24·6)	520·9	(435·1–613·3)	512·8	(425·6–609·0)
Autism spectrum disorders								

Total	20.3	(16.9–24.2)	28.3	(23.5–33.8)	372.8	(309.1–444.9)	369.4	(305.9–441.2)
Male	15.6	(13.0–18.6)	21.6	(18.0–25.8)	571.2	(473.8–679.6)	560.1	(465.2–667.3)
Female	4.7	(3.8–5.7)	6.7	(5.4–8.2)	173.4	(140.9–211.5)	176.3	(143.0–214.5)
Schizophrenia								
Total	14.2	(12.2–16.5)	23.6	(20.2–27.2)	289.9	(249.8–333.2)	287.4	(246.2–330.9)
Male	7.5	(6.4–8.7)	12.4	(10.6–14.3)	304.5	(262.6–350.0)	302.7	(259.7–348.4)
Female	6.7	(5.8–7.7)	11.2	(9.6–12.9)	274.9	(236.9–315.5)	272.0	(232.7–313.7)
Eating disorders								
Total	8.5	(6.4–10.9)	13.6	(10.2–17.5)	150.5	(113.1–192.1)	174.0	(130.1–222.1)
Male	2.8	(2.0–3.7)	4.7	(3.3–6.2)	96.7	(69.1–128.0)	117.9	(84.6–156.1)
Female	5.7	(4.3–7.2)	9.0	(6.8–11.3)	205.8	(156.2–258.6)	231.5	(175.1–291.4)

Note: * Disorders ordered from highest to lowest based on total age-standardised rates in 2019. Total estimate represents the sum of both sexes. UI=uncertainty interval.

Table 2: Age-standardised prevalence by mental disorder and region in 2019

Location	Schizophrenia	Depressive disorders	Anxiety disorders	Bipolar disorder	Eating disorders	Autism spectrum disorders	Attention-deficit/hyper activity disorder	Conduct disorder	Idiopathic developmental intellectual disability	Other mental disorders
Central Europe, eastern Europe, and central Asia	282·1 (236·0–331·1)	3081·4 (2747·1–3442·3)	2993·3 (2501·3–3562·5)	526·7 (430·6–630·9)	150·2 (111·1–193·9)	385·5 (317·8–462·4)	1072·8 (764·2–1453·7)	604·7 (440·8–780·4)	606·4 (286·3–930·5)	1401·5 (1076·5–1783·5)
Central Asia	274·7 (220·3–333·4)	3186·5 (2807·9–3644·1)	2221·6 (1751·5–2773·5)	513·6 (401·5–647·5)	126·5 (93·1–163·6)	374·8 (308·0–450·9)	1059·1 (758·1–1421·8)	584·8 (420·8–764·5)	861·5 (475·4–1258·4)	1454·7 (1127·4–1861·2)
Central Europe	292·0 (241·1–345·2)	2601·0 (2309·7–2956·2)	3276·1 (2685·6–3986·5)	556·7 (449·1–675·6)	173·0 (127·0–222·8)	373·6 (308·4–446·9)	1072·0 (764·8–1442·1)	598·1 (435·7–774·8)	460·0 (188·1–732·9)	1427·2 (1097·6–1821·7)
Eastern Europe	279·3 (238·2–323·2)	3316·4 (2964·2–3683·9)	3188·5 (2727·1–3719·6)	516·2 (434·7–603·7)	151·1 (112·4–195·3)	397·3 (328·3–476·0)	1084·2 (774·0–1496·1)	621·8 (458·7–802·8)	533·9 (225·4–844·9)	1358·5 (1038·2–1723·1)
High income	333·0 (286·4–382·8)	3659·9 (3307·4–4062·6)	5058·3 (4242·7–6047·4)	773·5 (660·3–887·4)	444·7 (340·2–554·1)	599·7 (502·2–709·4)	1693·1 (1235·0–2269·9)	588·9 (429·5–763·0)	404·1 (136·6–690·0)	1642·0 (1277·1–2080·5)
Australasia	388·5 (357·3–422·1)	4284·3 (3764·6–4908·9)	6031·9 (4885·4–7447·5)	1182·1 (993·7–1373·2)	969·2 (796·6–1149·7)	436·1 (363·8–521·2)	3248·8 (2476·1–4108·9)	617·0 (484·1–785·3)	318·4 (100·3–548·7)	1858·8 (1535·2–2216·7)
High income Asia Pacific	301·5 (253·8–352·5)	2084·3 (1885·6–2313·1)	2616·4 (2184·4–3108·2)	601·0 (496·6–706·0)	379·2 (288·7–481·0)	634·3 (528·8–756·7)	1453·2 (1052·4–1958·7)	558·6 (405·5–730·5)	180·2 (27·2–357·2)	1516·2 (1172·5–1933·5)
High income North America	418·9 (363·8–479·2)	4270·3 (3867·9–4743·3)	5559·9 (4693·5–6582·6)	621·2 (579·5–663·6)	424·7 (316·0–540·5)	640·0 (537·7–756·4)	2096·8 (1505·1–2838·7)	549·4 (386·7–720·7)	435·0 (136·7–745·1)	1792·5 (1372·9–2247·9)
Southern Latin America	313·4 (251·9–380·9)	2777·3 (2492·5–3111·5)	5125·8 (4459·8–5885·1)	1024·5 (794·6–1273·0)	340·4 (253·8–434·8)	482·5 (400·8–579·0)	1289·0 (934·1–1738·4)	573·0 (416·6–741·2)	524·2 (198·9–847·0)	1590·1 (1226·8–2047·4)
Western Europe	272·6 (229·9–318·0)	3851·3 (3448·1–4296·6)	5626·6 (4632·7–6814·1)	901·8 (735·7–1069·3)	470·3 (363·3–586·6)	581·3 (488·2–686·4)	1363·5 (992·1–1824·1)	639·6 (468·4–822·6)	448·8 (168·7–746·0)	1556·7 (1202·2–1993·6)

Latin America and Caribbean	277.8 (234.0–325.5)	3417.1 (3079.4–3791.4)	5502.3 (4625.9–6588.7)	963.7 (794.2–1138.9)	231.4 (170.9–298.0)	350.4 (288.8–419.7)	1813.3 (1327.6–2443.9)	573.8 (416.0–745.6)	381.2 (144.8–626.3)	1398.2 (1072.1–1777.0)
Andean Latin America	276.2 (221.3–334.9)	2725.6 (2380.0–3105.2)	5497.3 (4467.8–6893.1)	910.5 (700.6–1142.2)	281.6 (201.2–378.0)	342.1 (282.4–410.5)	2116.8 (1537.0–2831.8)	571.8 (410.8–742.3)	419.5 (166.0–669.4)	1461.4 (1132.7–1868.4)
Central Latin America	279.6 (234.1–328.8)	3198.5 (2865.7–3562.3)	3930.7 (3253.4–4782.6)	854.0 (703.0–1015.8)	224.9 (165.7–292.3)	350.9 (288.8–419.5)	1403.7 (1033.9–1903.0)	575.9 (421.2–746.1)	351.4 (125.8–584.8)	1405.1 (1078.9–1791.6)
Tropical Latin America	277.7 (237.7–320.2)	3799.4 (3464.3–4168.9)	7378.6 (6296.1–8605.9)	1111.1 (933.7–1288.1)	231.9 (173.2–296.5)	353.9 (292.0–425.3)	1945.0 (1418.3–2672.7)	574.9 (414.7–751.3)	357.2 (126.1–596.2)	1360.5 (1039.5–1723.8)
Caribbean	271.4 (218.7–329.3)	3673.6 (3212.5–4178.7)	4400.7 (3522.5–5499.8)	908.2 (695.0–1141.6)	193.9 (141.5–252.4)	343.8 (283.7–413.6)	3064.4 (2247.0–4115.1)	559.3 (405.6–723.1)	602.9 (284.1–929.8)	1459.5 (1131.2–1866.5)
North Africa and Middle East	248.2 (203.9–294.9)	4348.9 (3807.3–4971.1)	5135.7 (4164.9–6267.2)	758.8 (595.7–939.1)	216.9 (159.7–280.2)	304.4 (251.2–366.1)	1245.1 (909.8–1667.4)	591.9 (433.4–762.5)	1850.5 (1157.7–2571.2)	1462.8 (1128.4–1867.2)
South Asia	283.5 (242.5–328.7)	3794.7 (3416.0–4199.7)	3045.5 (2594.5–3547.2)	361.4 (303.7–423.5)	126.7 (92.9–163.9)	290.0 (238.4–349.2)	609.4 (431.3–832.3)	538.2 (383.9–711.9)	3555.1 (2434.9–4716.8)	1378.6 (1054.5–1748.1)
Southeast Asia, east Asia, and Oceania	305.9 (265.8–349.2)	2723.9 (2451.5–3022.4)	3292.9 (2801.9–3821.7)	226.9 (189.5–267.8)	111.2 (82.1–143.7)	348.1 (287.9–417.2)	1622.4 (1212.9–2135.6)	511.4 (367.3–666.5)	577.5 (288.8–875.4)	1383.7 (1059.1–1752.9)
East Asia	309.2 (272.8–348.0)	2720.1 (2449.9–3004.9)	3180.7 (2712.3–3663.7)	182.0 (153.6–211.1)	112.7 (83.6–145.3)	367.8 (304.4–441.9)	2038.0 (1531.9–2662.2)	465.0 (326.9–609.6)	399.1 (163.6–639.3)	1371.0 (1048.4–1737.9)
Southeast Asia	298.5 (249.6–353.1)	2610.6 (2302.9–2958.4)	3633.2 (3024.1–4315.0)	331.4 (272.5–399.6)	109.6 (81.4–141.3)	312.5 (257.7–374.4)	1000.5 (723.4–1365.7)	571.7 (417.2–745.2)	886.1 (491.8–1289.8)	1405.6 (1080.0–1791.7)
Oceania	273.9 (220.9–333.9)	3044.8 (2622.9–3541.7)	4006.8 (3182.9–4990.4)	265.1 (206.8–333.3)	84.5 (61.2–109.3)	289.0 (235.5–349.0)	1131.3 (802.6–1567.5)	535.1 (374.8–698.5)	1213.3 (745.5–1695.1)	1471.1 (1139.9–1879.3)
Sub-Saharan Africa	214.2 (178.2–254.3)	4540.4 (4038.1–5112.4)	3462.6 (2839.1–4184.2)	566.4 (458.1–690.1)	106.7 (78.3–137.7)	373.5 (307.4–447.6)	583.8 (414.2–797.0)	592.7 (430.2–763.1)	806.1 (398.8–1237.4)	1415.7 (1088.2–1808.5)
Central sub-Saharan Africa	208.5 (166.2–253.9)	5536.9 (4801.3–6307.6)	3864.0 (3089.6–4826.5)	554.3 (432.0–696.3)	93.7 (68.8–120.7)	370.8 (303.3–446.9)	569.6 (403.3–776.8)	588.6 (432.7–757.8)	1052.6 (572.8–1570.3)	1456.9 (1129.1–1864.0)

Eastern sub-Saharan Africa	210·8 (174·3–250·2)	4849·2 (4317·2–5416·8)	3716·3 (3050·0–4530·6)	595·6 (480·3–722·6)	92·6 (68·1–119·6)	378·4 (311·7–454·4)	572·4 (404·0–779·4)	597·0 (436·2–766·8)	997·0 (537·0–1504·4)	1419·2 (1091·7–1813·0)
Southern sub-Saharan Africa	220·9 (187·5–256·8)	4166·3 (3736·3–4612·3)	3658·0 (3100·4–4307·8)	553·2 (459·0–654·1)	151·2 (111·9–196·6)	371·6 (304·9–447·7)	575·3 (404·0–789·5)	617·9 (456·6–801·4)	443·4 (176·1–722·3)	1379·9 (1057·1–1747·4)
Western sub-Saharan Africa	217·1 (181·1–256·5)	4075·4 (3633·0–4556·1)	3066·5 (2532·6–3683·3)	546·6 (445·2–661·4)	114·4 (84·0–148·0)	370·6 (305·5–443·3)	599·6 (421·8–832·2)	586·7 (423·0–763·5)	626·0 (282·1–1001·2)	1408·6 (1081·2–1797·9)
Global	287·4 (246·2–330·9)	3440·1 (3097·0–3817·6)	3779·5 (3181·1–4473·3)	489·8 (407·5–580·6)	174·0 (130·1–222·1)	369·4 (305·9–441·2)	1131·9 (831·7–1494·5)	559·0 (405·0–722·3)	1426·6 (873·6–1991·7)	1428·7 (1108·4–1816·1)

Note: Age-standardised estimates presented for the globe and by GBD super-region (in grey) as well as by GBD region; 95% uncertainty intervals presented in brackets.

Figure 1: Global DALYs by mental disorder, sex, and age in 2019

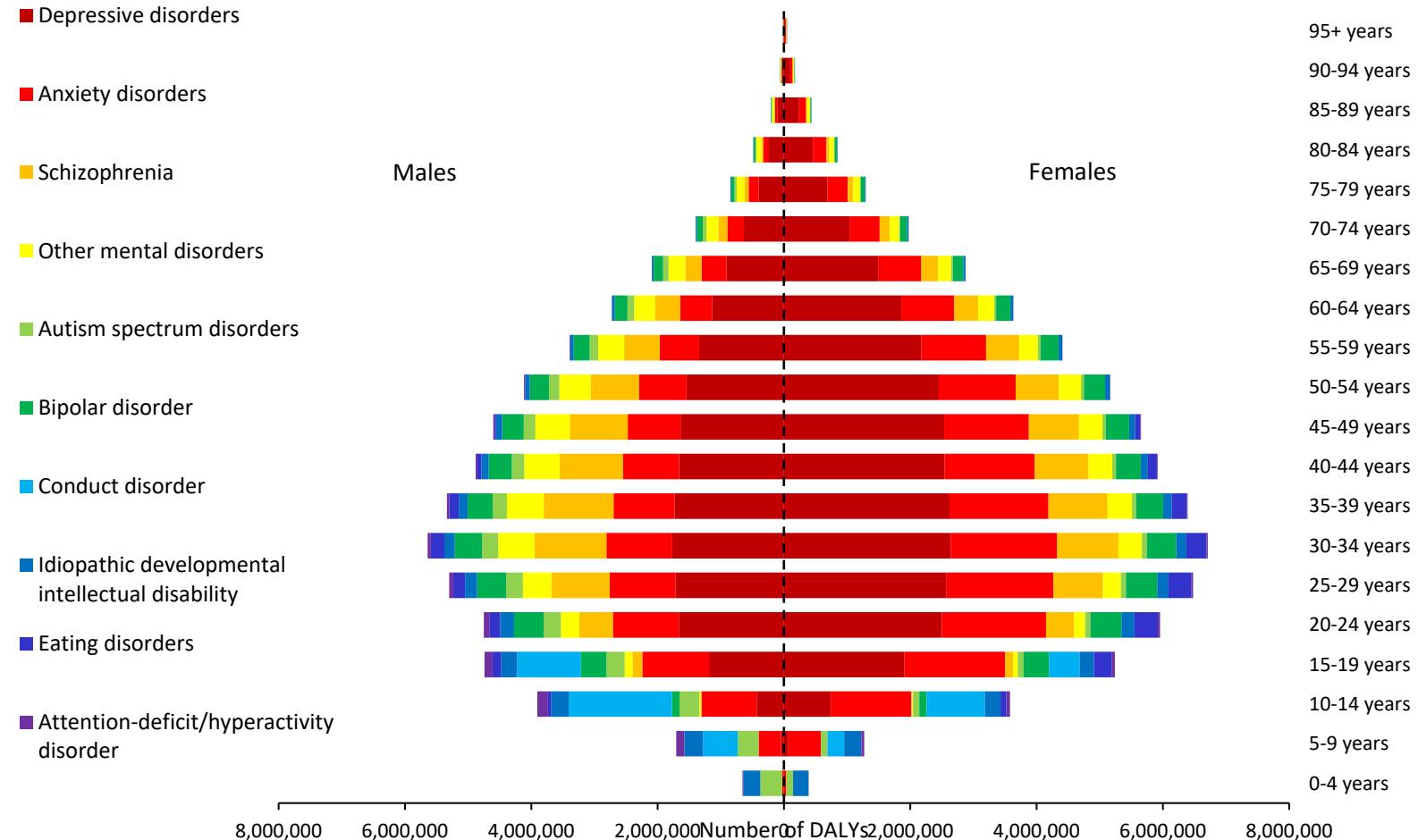


Table 3: Rankings of YLD and DALY rates for mental disorders by all ages and five age groups, both sexes combined, 2019

YLDs					
All ages	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-49 years	50-69 years	70+ years
2 Depressive disorders	5 Conduct disorder	2 Depressive disorders	3 Depressive disorders	5 Depressive disorders	11 Depressive disorders
8 Anxiety disorders	8 Anxiety disorders	4 Anxiety disorders	6 Anxiety disorders	16 Anxiety disorders	19 Anxiety disorders
20 Schizophrenia	18 ID intellectual disability	12 Bipolar disorder	9 Schizophrenia	19 Schizophrenia	27 Other mental disorders
27 Other mental disorders	23 Autism spectrum disorders	13 Conduct disorder	19 Other mental disorders	22 Other mental disorders	36 Schizophrenia
28 Bipolar disorder	24 Depressive disorders	22 Schizophrenia	20 Bipolar disorder	27 Bipolar disorder	45 Bipolar disorder
38 Conduct disorder	39 ADHD	28 Eating disorders	36 Eating disorders	52 Autism spectrum disorders	63 Autism spectrum disorders
43 ID intellectual disability	54 Bipolar disorder	30 ID intellectual disability	42 Autism spectrum disorders	64 ID intellectual disability	87 ID intellectual disability
46 Autism spectrum disorders	65 Eating disorders	32 Autism spectrum disorders	44 ID intellectual disability	133 ADHD	152 ADHD
55 Eating disorders	92 Schizophrenia	36 Other mental disorders	86 ADHD	N/A Eating disorders	N/A Eating disorders
84 ADHD	94 Other mental disorders	60 ADHD	N/A Conduct disorder	N/A Conduct disorder	N/A Conduct disorder
DALYs					
All ages	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-49 years	50-69 years	70+ years
13 Depressive disorders	22 Conduct disorder	4 Depressive disorders	6 Depressive disorders	13 Depressive disorders	28 Depressive disorders
24 Anxiety disorders	25 Anxiety disorders	7 Anxiety disorders	15 Anxiety disorders	33 Anxiety disorders	43 Anxiety disorders
42 Schizophrenia	49 ID intellectual disability	32 Bipolar disorder	22 Schizophrenia	41 Schizophrenia	66 Other mental disorders
64 Other mental disorders	56 Autism spectrum disorders	34 Conduct disorder	36 Other mental disorders	55 Other mental disorders	82 Schizophrenia
67 Bipolar disorder	57 Depressive disorders	42 Schizophrenia	39 Bipolar disorder	62 Bipolar disorder	94 Bipolar disorder
84 Conduct disorder	84 ADHD	51 Eating disorders	65 Eating disorders	104 Autism spectrum disorders	120 Autism spectrum disorders
90 ID intellectual disability	98 Bipolar disorder	54 ID intellectual disability	73 Autism spectrum disorders	122 ID intellectual disability	132 ID intellectual disability
92 Autism spectrum disorders	105 Eating disorders	56 Autism spectrum disorders	77 ID intellectual disability	154 ADHD	159 ADHD
110 Eating disorders	125 Schizophrenia	59 Other mental disorders	135 ADHD	N/A Eating disorders	N/A Eating disorders
145 ADHD	127 Other mental disorders	87 ADHD	N/A Conduct disorder	N/A Conduct disorder	N/A Conduct disorder

Note: This table shows YLD and DALY rankings for each mental disorder. Mental disorders are ranked out of all Level 3 causes within the GBD study. Disorders are ordered from highest to lowest ranking for the overall age group (ie, all ages). Each colour represents a mental disorder and the colour gradient increases with increasing proportion of burden explained for all ages. Cells marked 'N/A' (in grey) show disorders for

which burden was not estimated within this age group. ID=idiopathic developmental. ADHD=attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. DALYs=disability-adjusted life-years. YLDs=years lived with disability.

Figure 2: Age-standardised DALY rates per 100 000 for mental disorders by quartile in 2019

