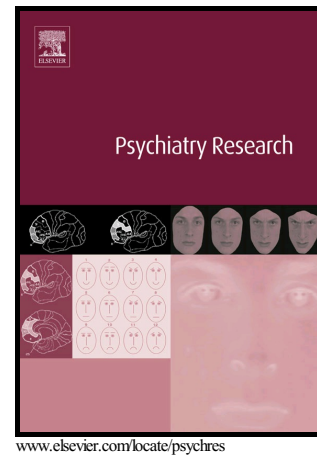


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## Abstract

Rises in unemployment as a corollary to the global economic crisis may impinge on the prevalence of depression disproportionately for the two genders. Therefore, differences in the prevalence of the disorder as a function of gender and age were explored in four nationwide surveys in Greece in 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2013. Results indicate that in 2013, men of productive age had a higher prevalence of major depression than women, in contrast to the epidemiology of the disorder. The psychiatry community should be in tune to future changes in the mental health landscape elicited by the social fermentation processes of the global recession.

Keywords: recession, mental health, affective disorders

## Text

The current financial crisis has exerted untoward effects on the mental health of the population worldwide. Previous economic recessions and time periods with high unemployment rates have been shown to influence the two genders disproportionately, with men being more afflicted than women (Bambra, 2011). Interestingly, the question of whether current socioeconomic trends would

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