

## Depression

01DEPR Depression Module

### OVERVIEW:

The Depression Module was introduced in the 1993 collection wave as a part of the primary telephone interview, including questions regarding alcohol consumption as well. These variables were replicated in the 2004 and 2011 collection waves, with Depression having a separate module, no longer including questions regarding alcohol. All previous waves only asked questions regarding depression to a random 80% sub-sample. The ILIAD Depression Module generally replicates the variables from previous waves, BUT is not restricted to the previously used 80% sub-sample. All participants had this module administered where appropriate.

While the variables for the ILIAD Depression Module replicate those from the earlier collection waves, the information differs slightly. When comparing these data across time between any waves of WLS, please be mindful of the language used in each survey to define the period of depression being asked about (it's severity and timeframe).

### BRIEF VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

Variable ranges reference dataset/codebook order and are not necessarily alphabetical.

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o1u002re:	Depression since last interviewed
o1u003re, o1u003rea-o1u003red:	Questions regarding possible cause of depression
o1u004re-o1u012re:	Depression age, depression symptoms
o1u024re:	Count of depression symptoms

**o1u002re: Since last interview has Participant had a time lasting two weeks or more when nearly every day they felt sad, blue, depressed, or when they lost interest in most things like work, hobbies, or things they usually liked to do for fun?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
Source variables: x\_u866f

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-3	REFUSED	1	1	2
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in the sample)	2	2	4
-1	DON'T KNOW	2	2	4
1	YES	100	180	280
2	NO	594	675	1269

**o1u003ev: Were Participant's experiences with depression ever caused by alcohol, drugs, medications, or physical illness?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
 Source variables: x\_u866n

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in smaple, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1))	599	680	1279
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	2	2
1	YES	40	56	96
2	NO	60	122	182

**o1u003re: Were Participant's experiences with depression always caused by alcohol, drugs, medications, or physical illness?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
 Source variables: x\_u867n

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1))	659	804	1463
1	YES	28	34	62
2	NO	12	22	34

**o1u003rea: Was Participant's depression caused by alcohol?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
 Source variables: x\_u868n\_a

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1), or depression is not always caused by alcohol, drugs, meds, or illness (O1U003RE !=1))	671	826	1497
1	YES	2	1	3
2	NO	26	33	59

**o1u003reb: Was Participant's depression caused by drugs?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
 Source variables: x\_u868n\_d

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1), or depression is not always caused by alcohol, drugs, meds, or illness (O1U003RE !=1))	671	826	1497
2	NO	28	34	62

**o1u003rec: Was Participant's depression caused by medication?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
 Source variables: x\_u868n\_m

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1), or depression is not always caused by alcohol, drugs, meds, or illness (O1U003RE !=1))	671	826	1497
1	YES	6	4	10
2	NO	22	30	52

**o1u003red: Was Participant's depression caused by physical illness?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
 Source variables: x\_u868n\_p

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1), or depression is not always caused by alcohol, drugs, meds, or illness (O1U003RE !=1))	671	826	1497
1	YES	28	32	60
2	NO	0	2	2

**o1u004re: Since last interview what age was Participant when they experienced the worst, particularly bad, or the most recent period of depression?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
 Source variables: x\_u868, x\_868m, x\_u868s

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1), or depression is always caused by alcohol, drugs, meds, or illness (O1U003RE =1))	599	680	1279
-1	DON'T KNOW	3	7	10
25 - 67		24	33	57
68 - 72		23	42	65
73 - 76		19	40	59
77 - 81		17	41	58
82 - 93		14	17	31

Note: We first ask about the age of the worst period since the time of last interview. If there is no worst period or all periods are alike, then we ask about a particularly bad one. If participant cannot think of a particularly bad one, then we ask about the most recent one.

**o1u006re: Since last interview during Participant’s worst, particularly bad, or most recent episode of depression, did Participant lose weight without trying to - as much as 2 pounds a week for several weeks or as much as 10 pounds altogether?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
 Source variables: x\_u870a

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1))	599	680	1279
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	3	3
1	YES	35	57	92
2	NO	65	120	185

**o1u007re: Since last interview during Participant’s worst, particularly bad, or most recent episode of depression, did Participant have two weeks or more when nearly every night they had trouble falling asleep?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
 Source variables: x\_u870b

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1))	599	680	1279
1	YES	44	94	138
2	NO	56	86	142

**o1u008re: Since last interview during Participant's worst, particularly bad, or most recent episode of depression, did Participant have two weeks or more when they lacked energy or felt tired all the time, even when they had not been working very hard?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
Source variables: x\_u870c

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1))	599	680	1279
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	YES	71	137	208
2	NO	29	42	71

**o1u009re: Since last interview during Participant's worst, particularly bad, or most recent episode of depression, did Participant have two weeks or more when they felt very bad when waking up, but felt better later in the day?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
Source variables: x\_u870d

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1))	599	680	1279
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	1	2
1	YES	59	105	164
2	NO	40	74	114

**o1u010re: Since last interview during Participant's worst, particularly bad, or most recent episode of depression, did Participant have two weeks or more when they lost interest in most things like work, hobbies, or things they usually liked to do for fun?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
Source variables: x\_u870e

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1))	599	680	1279
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	2	3
1	YES	65	114	179
2	NO	34	64	98

**o1u011re: Since last interview during Participant's worst, particularly bad, or most recent episode of depression, did Participant have two weeks or more when nearly every day they had a lot more trouble concentrating than is normal?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
 Source variables: x\_u870f

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1))	599	680	1279
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	YES	50	106	156
2	NO	50	73	123

**o1u012re: Since last interview during Participant's worst, particularly bad, or most recent episode of depression, did Participant have two weeks or more when they thought a lot about death - either their own, someone else, or death in general?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2020    Mode: In person & telephone  
 Source variables: x\_u870g

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1))	599	680	1279
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	2	2
1	YES	50	106	156
2	NO	50	72	122

**o1u024re: Count of Participant's depression symptoms.**

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2020 Mode: In person & telephone

Source variables: O1U006re, O1U007re, O1U008re, O1U009re, O1U010re, O1U011re, O1U012re

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3738	3481	7219
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (Not in sample, or no reported periods of depression (O1U002RE !=1))	599	680	1279
0		3	6	9
1		6	15	21
2		20	18	38
3		16	30	46
4		19	29	48
5		16	43	59
6		16	26	42
7		4	13	17

Note: Number of participant's depression symptoms since the time of last interview only includes the seven depression symptoms provided (O1U006RE - O1U012RE), and does not include other depression symptoms that do not fit under one of those categories.

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