

## BCBS Members Filing Depression Claims (2013)

State Comparison	
State Comparison	Percent
Alabama	1.39
United States	N.A.
Historic Trend	
Current period (2013)	1.39
Public Health Area	
1	0.96
2	1.43
3	1.45
4	1.62
5	1.40
6	1.37
7	0.89
8	1.35
9	1.36
10	1.51
11	1.38
Rurality	
Rural counties	1.20
Urban counties	1.51
Age	
Under 18	0.87
18 - 24	1.40
25 - 34	1.39
35 - 44	1.71
45 - 54	1.65
55 - 64	1.63
65 and over	1.38
Gender	
Female	26.30
Male	17.10
Race	
	N.A.
Ethnicity	
	N.A.
Income	
	N.A.
Education	
	N.A.

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- BCBS had 29,551 claims related to depression in 2013 or 1.4 percent of all claims.
- This problem is especially acute for urban residents (1.5 percent) compared to rural ones (1.2 percent).
- Depression is important because it leads to other health problems or suicide. It is especially a problem for post partum women.
- Alabama's BCBS depression claims make up a rate of 1.4 percent of claims.
- BCBS depression claims are highest in PHA 4 (1.62 percent) and lowest in PHA 7 (0.89 percent).
- Claims are highest in Dale and Coffee counties. They are lowest in Greene and Lowndes counties.
- Females file claims much more frequently than males (26.3 percent versus 17.1 percent).
- The lowest rate occurs for ages less than 18 years (0.87 percent); the highest rate is for those 35-44 years of age (1.71 percent).

