

Depression Prevalence Among Medicare Recipients (2012)	
State Comparison	Percent
Alabama	13.28
United States	15.45
Historic Trend	N.A.
Public Health Area	
1	13.97
2	14.22
3	15.50
4	14.34
5	15.33
6	12.44
7	9.82
8	11.83
9	12.02
10	13.05
11	10.78
Rurality	
Rural counties	13.20
Urban counties	13.40
Age	N.A.
Gender	N.A.
Race	N.A.
Ethnicity	N.A.
Income	N.A.
Education	N.A.

Depression Prevalence Among Medicare Recipients⁵

- Medicare had 89,446 recipients who had been told by their doctors that they were depressed in 2012 or 13.3 percent of all recipients.
- Depression is important because it leads to other health problems or suicide. It is especially a problem for post partum women.
- Depression prevalence among Medicare recipients:
 - Is occurring at a rate of 13.3 percent of recipients.
 - Is highest in PHA 5 (15.3 percent).
 - Is lowest in PHA 7 (9.8 percent).
 - Is highest in Cullman and Tuscaloosa counties.
 - Is lowest in Bullock and Macon counties.

