

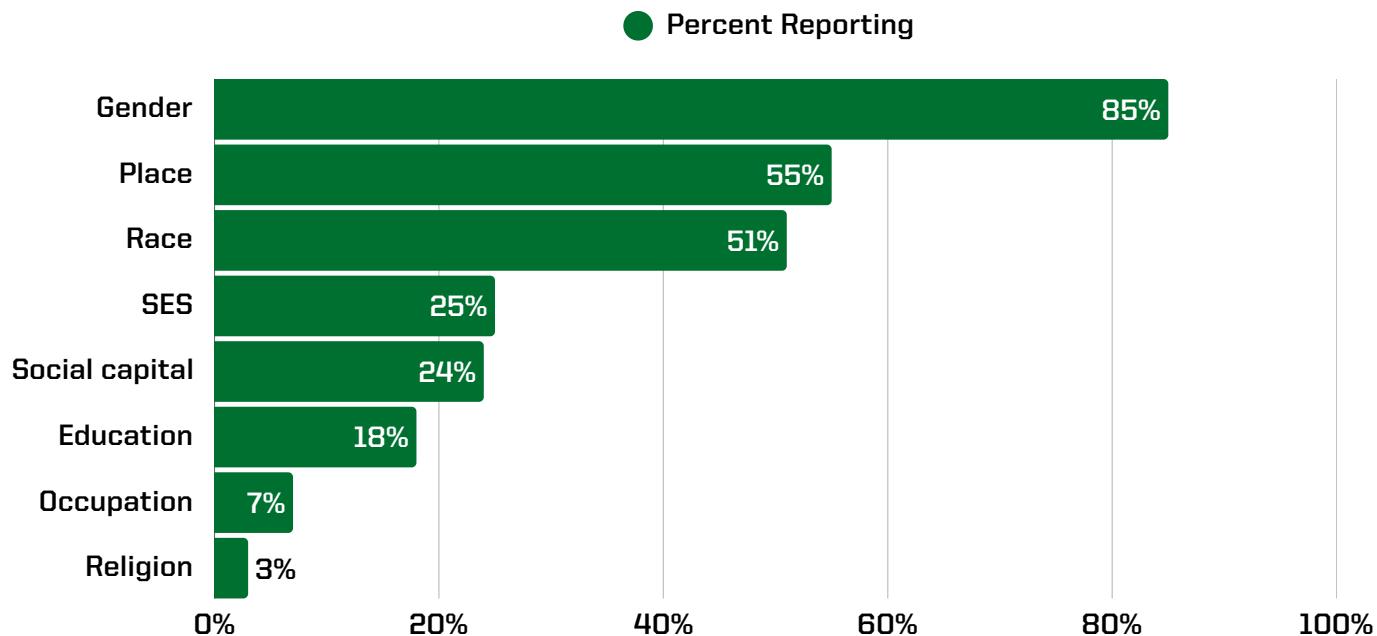
What demographic data are missing from depression prevention research reports?

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Our review found inconsistent reporting and measures across studies, making it difficult to synthesize data.

None of the studies reported all categories of demographics. Only three categories - gender/sex, place, and race/ethnicity were reported in over half of the studies.



Just 1 study reported students' sexual orientation



Just 3 studies reported students' free or reduced price lunch status

Lack of Harmony Across Studies

A lack of harmony - or using different measures across studies - creates challenges for synthesizing data to understand the entire body of depression prevention literature.

Researchers used different terms to describe various metrics in their studies. Here is an example of the various terms used to describe race and ethnicity:

African American

Asian

Asian/Pacific Islander

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American Indian/Native American

Pacific Islander

Native American

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Hispanic

Latino

Hispanic/Latino

Latino/Latina/Hispanic

White

White non-minority non-Hispanic

Caucasian/White

Caucasian

Non-Hispanic

Other or mixed race

Racial minority

Mixed Heritage

Other

Other race/ethnicity

Other/Multiracial

Not having a unified term for these metrics makes it hard to compare them across studies, resulting in a lack of harmony.

**Number of
different terms
used to describe
each category**

