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Evolution of Well-Being and Associated Factors during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Abstract

Background: The COVID-19 pandemic was a global public health crisis with an unparalleled impact worldwide, presenting a significant challenge for both physical and mental health. The main objective of this study was to analyze the risk of depression during the COVID-19 pandemic and how this was affected by sociodemographic factors, pandemic fatigue, risk perception, trust in institutions, and perceived self-efficacy.

Methods: A cross-sectional study was conducted in the Region of Murcia through two online surveys completed by 1000 people in June 2021 (Round 1) and March 2022 (Round 2). Risk of depression was measured using the 5item World Health Organization Well-Being Index (WHO-5) questionnaire, and descriptive, bivariate, and multivariate regression analyses were performed to identify factors associated with the risk of depression.

Results: In Round 1, 35.2% of the sample presented a risk of depression, which increased to 39.1% in Round 2. Those at greater risk were women, individuals with lower socioeconomic status, those with less family support, lower trust in institutions, higher perceived risk of contracting the disease, and higher levels of pandemic fatigue.

Conclusions: Identifying vulnerable populations facing mental health issues can help the authorities and institutions that are responsible for managing public health crises to develop and implement inclusive strategies and interventions tailored to the population's needs.

Keywords

COVID-19; risk of depression; social determinants of health; vulnerable populations; well-being

Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic was a global public health emergency with unprecedented worldwide impact, posing a significant challenge to physical and mental health [1]. The deterioration of emotional well-being occurred globally, with Spain being one of the countries with high prevalence rates of anxiety, stress, depression, and/or insomnia during the COVID-19 pandemic [2–5]. Moreover, the World Health Organization (WHO) states that 93% of countries experienced disruptions or impacts on their mental health services due to the pandemic [6].

This decline in mental health could be attributed to numerous factors: the scale and speed at which the pandemic developed, the fear of contagion for oneself and loved ones, job loss or financial concerns, lack of trust in institutions, restrictive control measures adopted by authorities, lack of information or alarming information, and pandemic fatigue, among others [7–11].

In this context, it is important to identify the varying degrees of vulnerability to the psychological impact caused by the pandemic across different population groups, especially in relation to gender, age, and socioeconomic level. Behavioral and cultural insights studies are crucial to un-

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derstanding drivers and barriers of well-being in times of crisis [12] and can help to identify the population's needs and to design health strategies aimed at reducing inequalities generated in emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic [13].

The aim of this study was to measure the subjective well-being of the general population and evaluate the influence of sociodemographic factors, social support, pandemic fatigue, risk perception, trust in institutions, and perceived self-efficacy.

Data and Methods

Procedure

The study protocol was based on the WHO behavioral insights tool included in the COVID-19 Snapshot Monitoring (COSMO) initiative [14].

This was a cross-sectional study conducted in the Region of Murcia through two separate online surveys, the first in June 2021 (Round 1) and the second in March 2022 (Round 2), coinciding with the end of the two periods of highest COVID-19 incidence in the Region of Murcia [15]. The surveys were conducted with two independent samples of 1000 people deemed to be representative of the population of the region in terms of age, gender, and area of residence. The inclusion criteria required respondents to be 18 years or older and living in the Region of Murcia. The exclusion criteria consisted of not meeting the inclusion criteria or not signing the informed consent form. The surveys were carried out by a social research company, using email invitations sent to panel members who met the selection criteria. Non-respondents were replaced by others from the same stratum. This study was approved by the Ethics Committee of Hospital Clínico Universitario Arrixaca (CEI 2020-11-23-HCUVA).

Measurements

The variables used were adapted from the guide proposed by the WHO to analyze the factors influencing preventive behavior [14] and its national adaptation through the COSMO-SPAIN project [16]. They included sex (male/female), age, education level, area of residence (urban >20,000 inhabitants/rural \leq 20,000 inhabitants), perceived socioeconomic level (low/middle/high), financial or work difficulties if stopped working as a consequence of the pandemic (yes/no), and support from family or friends for assistance during lockdowns or COVID-19 isolations

(yes/no). Subjective well-being was assessed using the 5item World Health Organization Well-Being Index (WHO-5) scale [17] which measures mood using five statements: I feel cheerful and in good spirits, I feel calm and relaxed, I feel active and vigorous, I wake up feeling fresh and rested, My daily life is filled with things that interest me. Each item has a scale of 0 (At no time) to 5 (All of the time). The WHO-5 is a recognized and validated screening tool to detect the risk of depressive disorder due to its high sensitivity and low specificity. People with a score \leq 50 are classified as suspected of depression or at risk of depression, and a positive result indicates the need for a structured clinical evaluation to confirm a possible case [18,19].

The degree of pandemic fatigue was measured using the COVID-19 Pandemic Fatigue Scale (CPFS), a sevenitem scale validated in Spain. The score ranges from 5 to 30, with a higher score indicating a greater degree of pandemic fatigue [20]. Perceived self-efficacy was measured with the question, "For me, avoiding coronavirus/COVID-19 infection in the current situation is...", with a response scale of 1 (very difficult) to 5 (very easy) [16]. The variable was dichotomized into low perceived self-efficacy (scores 1-3) and high perceived self-efficacy (scores 4-5). Risk perception was measured with the following questions: "What do you think are your chances of contracting coronavirus/COVID-19?" from 1 (very unlikely) to 5 (very likely); and "How severe do you think the illness would be for you if you contracted coronavirus?" from 1 (not severe at all) to 5 (severe) [16]. Both were dichotomized into low/high perceived risk of contagion/severity. The population's level of trust in institutions was evaluated by asking, "How much trust do you have in the following institutions/organizations in addressing the challenges posed by COVID-19?" The institutions evaluated were the central government, the autonomous community, the workplace, the health center/hospital, and scientists. Scores were rated on a scale of 1 (no trust) to 5 (a lot of trust) [16]. The trust level was calculated by summing the raw values of the responses for each item and subsequently dichotomizing it using the median value into two categories: low and high trust.

Statistical Analysis

Analysis was performed using IBM SPSS Statistics version 22 (IBM, Armonk, NY, USA). A descriptive statistical analysis of each sample was performed. Frequencies and confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated for categorical variables, and means and standard deviations (SDs) for continuous variables. The internal consistency of the scales was examined by calculating Cronbach's alpha coefficient.

		Round 1	Round 2
Characteristics		(n = 1004)	(n = 1000)
		n (%)	n (%)
Say	Male	490 (48.8)	487 (48.7)
Sex	Female	514 (51.2)	513 (51.3)
	18–34	247 (24.6)	327 (32.7)
Age (years)	35–54	403 (40.1)	337 (33.7)
	≥55	354 (35.3)	336 (33.6)
	Low	484 (48.2)	204 (20.4)
Socioeconomic level	Medium	255 (25.4)	503 (50.3)
	High	265 (26.4)	293 (29.3)
Area of residence	Urban (>20,000 inhabitants)	825 (82.2)	553 (55.3)
Area of residence	Rural (\leq 20,000 inhabitants)	179 (17.8)	447 (44.7)
Tishaa ahaastiaa laast	No	566 (56.4)	392 (39.2)
Higher education level	Yes	438 (43.6)	608 (60.8)
	No	133 (13.2)	99 (9.9)
Family/iriends support for assistance during fockdown	Yes	871 (86.8)	901 (90.1)
	No	578 (57.6)	570 (57.0)
Financial/work difficulties if stopped working	Yes	426 (42.4)	430 (43.0)
Disk of domession screening	Yes (WHO-5 ≤50)	353 (35.2)	391 (39.1)
Kisk of depression screening	No (WHO-5 >50)	651 (64.8)	609 (60.9)

Table 1. Characteristics of the sample in Round 1 (June 2021) and Round 2 (March 2022) and descriptive analysis of the
variables.

Note: WHO-5, 5-item World Health Organization Well-Being Index.

Bivariate analysis was conducted using the chi-square test to detect statistically significant differences between categories, based on the suspicion of depression (WHO-5 \leq 50 points). The statistically significant variables were used to perform multivariate logistic regression (considering *p* values of less than 0.05 to be statistically significant).

Model 1 was adjusted for the variables of gender, age group, and socioeconomic level. Model 2 was additionally adjusted for the variables of having family/social support and facing financial or work difficulties if they had to stop working due to the pandemic, as these are important contextual factors. Model 3 for Round 1 was also adjusted for the variables of pandemic fatigue, trust in institutions, and perceived risk of disease severity and probability. In Model 3 for Round 2, the variable of financial or work difficulties if having to stop working was removed as it was not statistically significant. In Model 4 for Round 2, the perceived risk of severity variable was also removed to adjust the model only for statistically significant variables.

Results

Descriptive Analysis of the Sample

The characteristics of the samples are detailed in Table 1. In Round 1, the mean score of the WHO-5 was 57.49 (SD: 21.9), and in Round 2 it was 55.18 (SD: 20.7). The Cronbach's alpha was 0.92 and 0.903 for Round 1 and 2 respectively. Using the scale as a screening tool for suspected depression with a cutoff point of 50, 35.2% of the sample was at risk of depression in Round 1 and 39.1% in Round 2 (Table 1).

Bivariate Analysis

Table 2 shows the characteristics of those at risk of depression. When disaggregated by sex, in Round 1, 28.6% of men had suspected depression compared to 41.4% of women. In Round 2, the percentage of men with suspected depression rose to 32.2% and to 45.6% for women. According to the other variables analyzed, the population sample with the highest suspicion of depression in both rounds were those with a low socioeconomic level, those without support from family or friends during COVID-19 illness, those

		WHO-5 \leq 50 (suspected depression)								
		Round 1. n (%)	<i>p</i> value	Round 2. n (%)	<i>p</i> value					
S	Male	140 (28.6)	< 0.001	157 (32.2)	< 0.001					
Sex	Female	213 (41.4)		234 (45.6)						
	18–34	89 (36)		149 (45.6)	0.005					
Age (years)	35–54	160 (39.7)	0.012	130 (38.6)						
	\geq 55	104 (29.4)		112 (33.3)						
	Low	205 (42.4)	< 0.001	113 (55.4)	< 0.001					
Socioeconomic level	Medium	78 (30.6)		211 (41.9)						
	High	70 (26.4)		67 (22.9)						
VI 1 1	No	209 (36.9)	0.183	161 (41.1)	0.305					
Higher education	Yes	144 (32.9)		230 (37.8)						
	Rural (≤20,000)	54 (30.2)	0.123	165 (36.9)	0.203					
Area of residence (inhabitants)	Urban (>20,000)	299 (36.2)		226 (40.9)						
Frankley (Reison de commente francesiste de la decima de decima	No	69 (51.9)	< 0.001	60 (60.6)	< 0.001					
Family/Irlends support for assistance during fockdown	Yes	284 (32.6)		331 (36.7)						
	No	167 (28.9)		193 (33.9)						
Financial/work difficulties if stopped working	Yes	186 (43.7)	< 0.001	198 (46)	< 0.001					
	Low	83 (27.2)	< 0.001	135 (34.3)	0.012					
Risk perception severity	High	270 (38.6)		256 (42.2)						
N 1	Low	138 (28.5)	< 0.001	236 (35.2)	< 0.001					
Risk perception probability	High	215 (41.4)		155 (47)						
D	Low	163 (36.5)	0.438	250 (40.7)	0.186					
Perceived self-efficacy	High	190 (34.1)		141 (36.5)						
	Low	216 (61.2)	< 0.001	230 (45.4)	< 0.001					
Trust in institutions	High	137 (38.8)		161 (41.2)						

Table 2.	Sociodemograph	ic characteristics an	d perce	ptions by	Round in	peopl	le with sus	pected de	pression.	Bivariate analy	vsis.

Note: WHO-5, 5-item World Health Organization Well-Being Index; p value for the chi-square test.

with a higher perception of the risk of the disease, and those with lower trust in institutions (Table 2).

Multivariate Logistic Regression for Risk of Depression

When applying multivariate analysis in the final model (Model 3) in Round 1, the results, which are detailed in Table 3, indicated that the risk of depression was higher in women than in men (odds ratio (OR) = 1.843; p value (p) < 0.001) and in people with a low socioeconomic level (OR = 1.758; p = 0.002) compared to those with a higher level. Having family support was a protective factor against the risk of depression (OR = 0.531; p = 0.002). Low trust in institutions indicated a higher risk of depression (OR = 1.523; p = 0.004) compared to high trust. A higher perception of risk, both of contagion and severity of COVID-19, indicated a higher risk of depression. Financial or work difficulties if stopped working indicated a higher risk of depression (OR = 1.478; p = 0.008) compared to not experiencing difficulties. With regard to pandemic fatigue,

the odds ratio values are very close to the value of 1 (OR = 0.971; p = 0.018) so we cannot confirm an association between the variables.

In Round 2, the results of the final model, which are detailed in Table 4, indicated that women had a higher risk of suffering from depression (OR = 1.644; p < 0.001) than men, as well as people with a lower socioeconomic level, who had a much higher risk (OR = 3.552; p < 0.001) compared to those with a higher socioeconomic level. Having support from family or friends resulted in a lower risk (OR = 0.582; p = 0.021) compared to not having it. Low trust in institutions indicated a higher risk (OR = 1.329; p = 0.046) than higher trust. Having a lower perception of the risk of COVID-19 infection resulted in a lower risk of depression (OR = 0.687; p = 0.010) than having a higher perception of risk. Those with a higher degree of pandemic fatigue had a higher probability of suspected depression diagnosis (OR = 1.035; p = 0.011), although the odds ratio results are very close to 1 so this cannot be stated categorically.

Table 3. Multivariate logistic regression of the risk of depression in Round 1.																				
Risk of depression according to the WHO-5 in Round 1																				
					Model 1						Model 2				Model 3					
		В	SE	Wald	p value	OR	95% CI	В	SE	Wald	p value	OR	95% CI	В	SE	Wald	p value	OR	95% CI	
S	Male	Ref.						Ref.						Ref.						
Sex	Female	0.556	0.137	16.390	< 0.001	1.743	[1.332-2.281]	0.583	0.139	17.523	< 0.001	1.792	[1.364–2.354]	0.598	0.141	18.634	< 0.001	1.843	[1.39–2.22]	
	18–34	0.443	0.182	5.893	0.015	1.557	[1.089-2.225]	0.330	0.187	3.136	0.077	1.392	[0.965-2.006]	0.235	0.198	1.41	0.235	1.264	[0.858-1.862]	
Age	35–54	-0.163	0.171	0.909	0.340	0.850	[0.608-1.188]	-0.120	0.174	0.476	0.490	0.887	[0.631-1.247]	-0.088	0.179	0.242	0.623	0.916	[0.645-1.300]	
	≥55	Ref.						Ref.						Ref.						
	Low	0.757	0.172	19.357	< 0.001	2.132	[1.522-2.987]	0.608	0.176	11.886	< 0.001	1.837	[1.300-2.596]	0.564	0.180	9.824	0.002	1.758	[1.235-2.502]	
Socioeconomic level	Medium	0.566	0.168	11.409	< 0.001	1.761	[1.268-2.446]	0.522	0.170	9.446	0.002	1.686	[1.208-2.352]	0.469	0.174	7.277	0.007	1.598	[1.137-2.246]	
	Higher	Ref.						Ref.						Ref.						
Family support	Yes							-0.641	0.196	10.725	< 0.001	0.527	[0.359-0.773]	-0.633	0.200	10.012	0.002	0.531	[0.359-0.786]	
ranny support	No							Ref.						Ref.						
Einen siel/work difficulties	Yes							0.461	0.143	10.349	< 0.001	1.585	[1.197–2.099]	0.391	0.146	7.147	0.008	1.478	[1.11–1.969]	
r mancial/work unifcutues	No							Ref.						Ref.						
Trant in institutions	Low													0.421	0.146	8.324	0.004	1.523	[1.144-2.026]	
Trust in institutions	High													Ref.						
	Low													-0.412	0.164	6.319	0.012	0.662	[0.48-0.913]	
Risk perception severity	High													Ref.						
	Low													-0.474	0.146	10.482	< 0.001	0.622	[0.467-0.829]	
Kisk perception probability	High													Ref.						
Pandemic fatigue (continuous	s)													-0.03	0.012	5.614	0.018	0.971	[0.947-0.995]	

Note: WHO-5, 5-item World Health Organization Well-Being Index; SE, standard error; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; Ref, reference group.

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	Risk of depression according to the WHO-5 in Round 2																								
				Μ	1odel 1					Mo	odel 2			Model 3							Model 4				
		B S	E '	Wald	<i>p</i> value	e OR	95% CI	В	SE	Wald	p value	OR	95% CI	В	SE	Wald	p value	OR	95% CI	В	SE	Wald	<i>p</i> value	OR	95% CI
	Male	Ref.						Ref.						Ref.											
Sex	Female	0.535 0.1	37 1	5.361	< 0.00	1.708	[1.307-	0.516	0.138	14.072	< 0.001	1.676	[1.280-	0.493	0.139	12.517	< 0.001	1.637	[1.246–	0.497	0.139	12.805	< 0.001	1.644	[1.252–
							2.231]						2.195]						2.150]						2.159]
	18–34	0.578 0.1	67 1	1.964	< 0.00	1.783	[1.285-	0.56	0.169	11.046	< 0.001	1.751	[1.259–	0.483	0.177	7.413	0.006	1.621	[1.145–	0.429	0.174	6.047	0.014	1.535	[1.091-
							2.474]						2.437]						2.294]						2.161]
Age	35–54	0.287 0.1	64 3	3.044	0.081	1.332	[0.965–	0.330	0.166	3.950	0.047	1.392	[1.005–	0.272	0.169	2.574	0.109	1.312	[0.942–	0.171	0.172	0.988	0.32	1.187	[0.847–
							1.839]						1.927]						1.829]						1.663]
	≥55	Ref.						Ref.						Ref.											
	Low	1.419 0.2	201 4	9.913	< 0.00	4.135	[2.789–	1.242	0.209	35.28	< 0.001	3.463	[2.298–	1.245	0.208	35.726	0.000	3.473	[2.309–	1.268	0.208	37.204	< 0.001	3.552	[2.364–
Socioeconomic							6.130]						5.217]						5.224]						5.339]
level	Medium	n 0.544 0.	17 1	0.224	< 0.00	1.723	[1.234–	0.422	0.175	5.794	0.016	1.526	[1.082–	0.439	0.176	6.247	0.012	1.551	[1.099–	0.833	0.171	23.693	< 0.001	2.301	[1.645-
	Uichar	Pof					2.405]	Pof					2.152]	Pof					2.189]	Dof					3.219]
	Vee	Kel.						0.(((0.221	0 222	0.004	0.514	[0 227	0.515	0.226	4 777	0.020	0.507	FO 276	0.541	0.225	5 214	0.021	0.592	10.269
Family	Yes							-0.666	0.231	8.332	0.004	0.514	[0.327-	-0.515	0.236	4.///	0.029	0.597	[0.376-	-0.541	0.235	5.314	0.021	0.582	[0.368–
support	No							Ref					0.808]	Ref					0.948]	Ref					0.922]
	Vac							0.227	0.142	2 771	0.006	1 267	[0.050	1001.						1001.					
Financial/work	105							0.237	0.142	2.771	0.090	1.207	1 675]												
difficulties	No							Ref.					1.075]												
	Low													0.272	0.143	3.63	0.057	1.313	[0.992-	0.284	0.142	3.982	0.046	1.329	[1.005-
Trust in																			1.736]						1.757]
institutions	High													Ref.					-	Ref.					-
	Low													-0.267	0.149	3.219	0.073	0.765	[0.572-						
Risk perception																			1.025]						
severity	High													Ref.											
	Low													-0.332	2 0.148	5.062	0.024	0.717	[0.537–	-0.376	0.145	6.675	0.01	0.687	[0.516-
Risk perception																			0.958]						0.913]
probability	High													Ref.						Ref.					
Pandemic fatigu	e													-0.037	0.014	7.387	0.007	1.037	[1.01-	-0.034	0.013	6.521	0.011	1.035	[1.0008-
(continuous)																			1.065]						1.062]

Table 4. Multivariate logistic regression of the risk of depression in Round 2.

Note: WHO-5, 5-item World Health Organization Well-Being Index; SE, standard error; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; Ref, reference group.

Discussion

This study is the first to analyze subjective well-being and the influence of different sociodemographic and behavioral factors on the mental health of the population in the Region of Murcia.

In Round 1, the mean WHO-5 score was slightly higher than in Round 2, indicating that the subjective wellbeing of the population declined as the pandemic progressed. Using the screening tool for suspected depression, the results revealed an increase in the risk of suffering from depression (35.2% in Round 1 and 39.1% in Round 2) as the pandemic advanced. The literature highlights the heterogeneity in the prevalence of mental health impacts on the population during the COVID-19 pandemic across different regions and countries [21–25]. In the early stages of the pandemic, several authors reported lower prevalence of psychological distress in Spain compared to those found in this study [26], while other studies revealed findings similar to ours [27,28].

This study has identified the most vulnerable populations for depression, which were found to be primarily associated with being female, having a low socioeconomic status, having little or no family or social support, low trust in institutions, and a high perception of the risk of COVID-19 infection, in both rounds studied.

The triple dimension of the pandemic-health, social, and economic-calls for an understanding of the genderspecific impact it produces, as it affects women and men differently due to its inherent characteristics [29]. A comprehensive systematic review and meta-analysis conducted by Santabárbara et al. (2021) [30] show higher levels of anxiety and poorer mental well-being in women compared to men during the pandemic. In a cohort study from 11 UK longitudinal studies, they identified unequal mental health impairment across the population, with women being more affected than men [5]. The results of our study are consistent with these findings, as women had nearly twice the risk of depression diagnosis compared to men in both rounds. These results may be influenced by the fact that women continue to perform the majority of household and caregiving tasks [31], both paid and unpaid, thereby assuming a greater mental burden as a result [29]. Furthermore, the risk of intimate partner violence against women increased during the pandemic due to the lockdown situation [32]. Ignoring the gender perspective can result in health interventions that are less effective for women at best and harmful to their wellbeing at worst, as shown by previous disease outbreaks like Ebola and Zika [33].

Another particularly vulnerable population is people with low financial and social resources. The results of our study show that during Round 1, the population with a lower socioeconomic level had almost twice the likelihood of suspected depression compared to those with a higher socioeconomic level, with the risk increasing to four times as the pandemic progressed (Round 2). Various studies have investigated the risk factors associated with developing depressive symptoms, anxiety, or mental health problems during the COVID-19 pandemic and have found significant associations with people of lower financial income or lower social status [34–36].

The social and political context in which the surveys were developed must be considered in terms of age. During the state of alarm, in-person educational activities were suspended in all educational institutions and across all levels in the Region of Murcia for a limited time [37], but at that time students did not experience strict lockdown and were able to maintain social contact with their peers. This may be one of the reasons why during Round 1, the youngest group did not have as high a risk of suffering from depression as in Round 2, when other social limitations and accumulated pandemic fatigue could have worsened the mental health of this group. Middle-aged adults were the first to have a higher risk of suffering from depression, likely due to the work and financial stress they were under, combined with the burden of caring for both children and parents [5,31,38,39].

Having family support available if needed during potential lockdowns is associated with a lower probability of developing psychopathology in our study population. Loneliness and lack of social support have also been identified as risk factors for poorer mental health during the pandemic [40]. Our study data indicate that a high perception of risk was associated with a greater likelihood of experiencing depression, as has also been demonstrated in other studies on mental health and risk factors during the COVID-19 [41]. We have found that individuals with low trust in institutions are at higher risk of suffering from depression, as suggested by a previous study [42].

One of the most novel findings of our study was identifying the relationship between the degree of pandemic fatigue and the well-being and mental health status of our population. Although our study showed a weak association, it reflected that higher levels of pandemic fatigue were more likely to lead to depressive symptoms. Multiple studies associate pandemic fatigue with a lack of adherence to COVID-19 protective measures and the motivation to maintain them over time [43,44]. There are several limitations to consider in this study. Firstly, data were collected through an online survey, which required participants to have internet access. Despite this, the sample was representative of the general population of Murcia in terms of age and gender. Secondly, this is a cross-sectional study, and due to the changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the results refer to the specific time period in which the study was conducted. The strengths of the study include its large sample size and the use of validated scales.

Conclusions

In this study, the risk of depression was found to be unequally distributed across the population, with certain sociodemographic characteristics and perceptions heightening that risk. The groups that are considered to be more susceptible to a risk of depression are women, people with a low socioeconomic level, those lacking support from family or friends for assistance during the pandemic, and people with a low level of trust in institutions and a high perception of the risk of COVID-19 infection.

Identifying vulnerable populations facing mental health issues can help the authorities and institutions that are responsible for managing public health crises to develop and implement inclusive strategies and interventions tailored to the population's needs.

Availability of Data and Materials

Data to support the findings of this study are available on reasonable request from the corresponding author.

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