

# COVID 19 Pandemic Worsened the Disproportionate Impact of the Nation's Dire Mental Health Crisis on Non-Whites

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New University of Southern California (USC) School of Medicine and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health [joint research](#) indicates, unsurprisingly, that areas of LA County with the highest reported COVID case rates also experience a corresponding higher incidence of depression. By some accounts, just as unsurprising was data indicating that in areas more afflicted with COVID, non-Whites incurred an increased risk of depression compared to Whites residing in those same locations.