

• OBJECTIVE •

This analysis investigates the contributing factors to student depression using survey data from over 28,000 students gotten from a Kaggle Dataset of students based in the United States. It explores how variables such as sleep hours, academic pressure, dietary habits, financial stress, and study hours correlate with depression levels.

HIGH LEVEL INSIGHTS &



Depression Rate: 58.52% of students in the dataset reported experiencing depression.



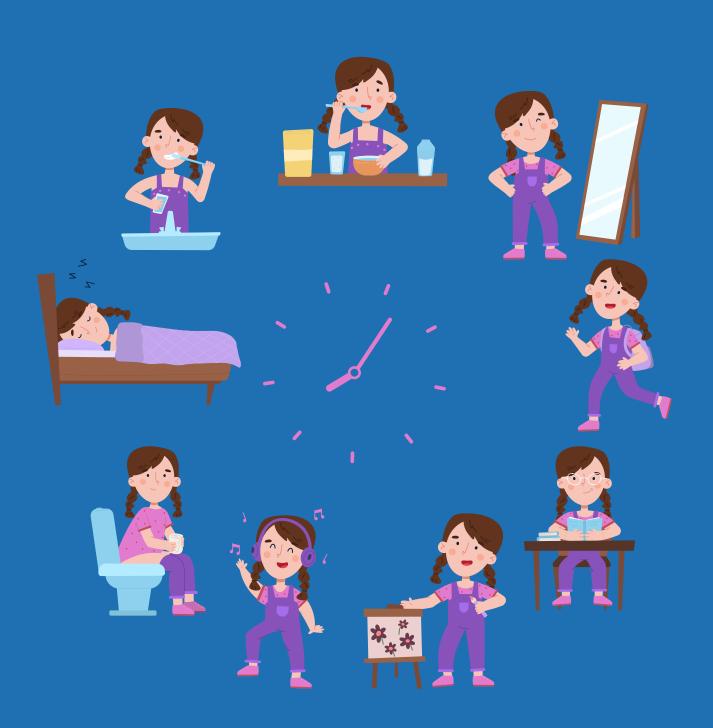
Suicidal Rate: A staggering 63.27%, signaling serious mental health risks.

TOP CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Academic Pressure

Poor Sleep Financial Stress

Low Study Satisfaction



1. SLEEP AND STUDY PATTERNS

- Students average 6.38 hours of sleep and 7.16 hours of study per day.
- Despite decent CGPA scores (avg. 7.66), high suicidal and depression rates suggest grades are not a buffer for mental health.



2. ACADEMIC PRESSURE

- Pressure is significantly higher among male students.
- Cities like Kalyan and Hyderabad show the highest number of depressed students.
- There is a direct correlation between higher academic pressure and increased depression.



3. FINANCIAL STRESS

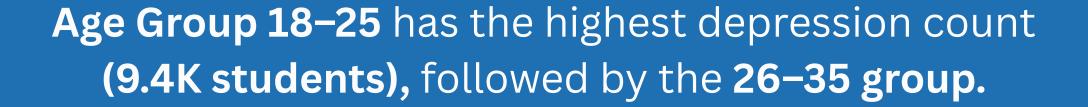
- Over 12,000 students reported financial stress, strongly associated with depression.
- Financially stressed students are more likely to report suicidal tendencies.

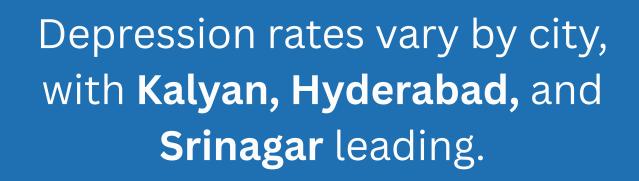


4. DIET AND LIFESTYLE

- Students with unhealthy dietary habits are more represented among those suffering from depression.
- Those with a family history of mental illness show higher depression rates, particularly among females.

DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS







More females (9K)
report depression
compared to males
(7K).



DATA DRIVEN RECOMMENDATIONS





Mental Health Support Institutions should deploy targeted counseling for high-risk groups (18–25 years, financially stressed, and high academic pressure).



Academic Workload Reform Redesign curricula to reduce burnout and introduce flexible deadlines or modular coursework.



Financial Aid Programs Provide accessible scholarships, emergency funds, and budgeting workshops.



Health & Wellness Campaigns

Promote healthy eating, sleep hygiene, and digital detox routines.

FINAL NOTE •

This analysis not only uncovers the alarming prevalence of depression but also empowers educators and policymakers with actionable insights.

The goal is simple: support students holistically, beyond grades and classes.

