

Prenatal Depression and Child Cognitive Development in Ghana

Tables and Results

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Data Source: Ghana Socioeconomic Panel Survey (GSPS), Waves 1–3 (2009, 2014, 2018).

Note: Prenatal depression identified via two strategies: (A) mothers pregnant at the time of K10 depression measurement, and (B) retrospective birth timing linking children born 0–9 months after a previous wave’s interview to the mother’s K10 score at that wave. All regression tables report standard errors clustered at the enumeration area (EA) level in parentheses. Significance levels: *** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.10$.

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Table 1: Effect of Prenatal Depression on Child Cognitive Development

	(1) OLS	(2) OLS	(3) EA FE	(4) EA FE	(5) EA FE
Prenatal depression (std. K10)	-0.007 (0.042)	-0.009 (0.038)	-0.002 (0.052)		-0.027 (0.057)
Prenatally depressed ($K10 \geq 30$)				0.184 (0.263)	
Concurrent depression (std. K10)					0.035 (0.053)
Controls	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
EA FE	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wave FE	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	779	779	724	724	724
R^2	0.000	0.071	0.297	0.298	0.297

Standard errors clustered at the EA level in parentheses.

Prenatal depression identified via (A) pregnancy at interview and (B) birth timing (child born 0–9 months after previous wave interview).

Controls: child age, child gender, mother's age, household size, and log per capita consumption.

*** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.1$

Table 2: Prenatal Depression: Sensitivity Analyses

	(1) Baseline	(2) 6-month	(3) 12-month	(4) Raven's	(5) +Current	(6) Strat. A
Prenatal dep. (std. K10)	−0.002 (0.052)			−0.003 (0.057)	−0.027 (0.057)	0.049 (0.068)
Prenatal dep. (6-mo)		−0.049 (0.056)				
Prenatal dep. (12-mo)			−0.027 (0.039)			
Concurrent dep. (std. K10)					0.035 (0.053)	
Timing window	0–9 mo	0–6 mo	0–12 mo	0–9 mo	0–9 mo	Strat. A only
Outcome	Cog Index	Cog Index	Cog Index	Raven's	Cog Index	Cog Index
Observations	724	33	104	724	724	590
R^2	0.297	0.952	0.738	0.262	0.297	0.292

Standard errors clustered at the EA level in parentheses.

All models include EA and wave fixed effects plus full controls.

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