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**Table s1:** A detailed breakdown of the results of initial search of the Chinese databases for the papers on epidemiology of schizophrenia between 1990 and 2010. (note: R1=FFZ; R2=SJM)

Search Term			Search Term		Number	of Titles	;		Releva	nt Titles	6	Relevant Abstracts			s
				C	١KI	W	/F	CN	KI	N	/F	CN	1KI	W	F
				R1	R2	R1	R2	R1	R2	R1	R2	R1	R2	R1	R2
1. 精神分裂	+	发病率	(incidence rate)	686	686	208	208	17	22	5	2	17	22	4	2
(The Chinese		发牛率	(incidence rate)	1590	1590	1182	1182	14	14	2	2	10	14	2	2
term for		患病率	(prevalence rate)	487	487	304	304	95	111	73	66	86	111	69	66
schizophrenia		流行	(epi*)	161	161	227	227	80	90	69	63	71	90	67	63
		死亡率	(mortality rate)	97	97	36	36	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
		病死率	(case fatality rate)	20	20	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		现患率	(point prevalence rate)	18	18	5	5	5	5	2	3	3	5	2	3
		罹患率	(attack rate)	6	6	15	15	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
		现况调	(cross-sectional study)	69	69	20	20	30	30	4	4	28	30	3	4
		现况研	(cross-sectional study)	31	31	3	3	2	3	0	0	2	3	0	0
2.	+	发病率	(incidence rate)	645	645	27	27	17	16	2	1	16	16	1	1
Schizophrenia		发生率	(incidence rate)	1455	1455	472	472	12	13	0	0	9	13	0	0
		患病率	(prevalence rate)	427	427	40	40	62	77	14	13	54	77	12	13
		流行	(epi*)	128	128	44	44	57	67	11	13	51	67	11	13
		死亡率	(mortality rate)	65	65	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		病死率	(case fatality rate)	18	18	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		现患率	(point prevalence rate)	12	12	1	1	6	6	1	1	4	6	1	1
		罹患率	(attack rate)	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		现况调	(cross-sectional study)	69	69	6	6	31	31	1	1	27	31	1	1
		现况研	(cross-sectional study)	42	42	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	3	0	0
Total				6031	6031	2611	2611	430	489	185	169	380	489	174	169

**Table s2.** The full list of studies retained for the analyses (Note: The list employs the official English translation of the journal names, journal abbreviations and paper titles as evident in the printed journal, CNKI, WanFang and other official academic databases. Wherever the official English translation of the journal names was not available, a pinyin title is used. (\*indicates translation of Chinese paper titles by the authors of this manuscript for Chinese papers where official English translation is not available).

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Study ID	Population, setting and median year of study	Sampling	Diagnostic instruments and/or tools	Assessors and case finding method	Sample size, number of positively identified cases and age range	Agreement between assessors and quality control measures
Sc4	Residents of Danjiangkou city (1998)	Random cluster sampling (every sampling point investigated 600 households)	<ul> <li>1.Chinese Classification of Mental Diseases-2-R (CCMD-2-R)</li> <li>2. Additional tools (the manual of psychopathy epidemiology survey)</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Phase 1: village doctors</li> <li>Phase 2: three psychiatrists with more than 5 years clinical experience</li> </ol>	6,486 (sample); 35 (lifetime); 28 (point); age ≥15	1. Phase 1: trained for one week before the survey (Kappa=0.81) 2. Phase 2: trained for 2 weeks before the survey (ICC=0.93-0.97).
Sc6	Residents of Zumiao street in Foshan city (1998)	Random sampling based on a census data	<ol> <li>CCMD-2</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Screening scale of mental disease by 10 questions;</li> <li>b. Screening scale of neurosis by 12 questions;</li> <li>c. Screening scale of children intelligence by 40 questions;</li> <li>d. Social Disability Screening Schedule (SDSS);</li> <li>e. Present State Examination (PSE);</li> <li>f. Scale for the assessment of Negative Symptoms;</li> <li>g. Mental handicap rating scale for adults;</li> <li>h. Wechsler intelligence scale for Children (WISC);</li> <li>i. COOP/WONCA questionnaire;</li> <li>j. Activity of daily living scale (ADL);</li> <li>k. QL-index;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	1. Phase 1: medical staff 2. Phase 2: psychiatrists at a psychiatric hospital	83,301 (sample); 312 (lifetime); age ≥18	<ol> <li>Phase 1: trained before the survey</li> <li>Phase 2: trained before the survey</li> </ol>

			I. Karnofsky Performance Status scale (KPS); m. Definition and classification standard of psychiatric disability			
Sc10	Residents of 40 towns and 147 villages (2004)	Stratified multistage cluster sampling	<ol> <li>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-IV (DSM-IV);</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. General Health Questionnaire with increased Mental Health Problems;</li> <li>b. Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV-TR Axis I Disorders Patient Edition (SCID-I/P);</li> <li>c. Global Assessment function (GAF)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	42 doctors and 27 nurses from above city level psychiatric hospital	20,716 (sample); 130 (lifetime); 106 (point); age ≥18	Trained for 4 weeks before the survey (Kappa=0.88)
Sc11	Residents of Suihua city (1990)	Not specified	<ol> <li>1. CCMD-2;</li> <li>2. International Classification of Diseases-9 (ICD- 9).</li> </ol>	Not specified in the methods - the results imply psychiatrist's visits	11,088 (sample); 71 (lifetime); 64 (point); age ≥15	Not Specified
Sc13	Residents of Jiangxi province (2002)	Random stratified and cluster sampling based on elementary administrative units; after sampling, family households were selected, rather than collective	<ol> <li>ICD-10</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Composite International Diagnostic Interview, (CIDI);</li> <li>b. SDSS;</li> <li>c. Social-demographic Inventory;</li> <li>d. Schizophrenia history form (self-made)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Psychiatrists	15,939 (sample); 124 (lifetime); 92 (point); age ≥15	Trained for 2 weeks before the survey (Kappa=0.67- 1.00).

		households				
Sc14	Residents of Yichun city (1999)	Random stratified and cluster sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-2-R;</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Recording sheet of schizophrenic history</li> <li>b. 10 questions screening form of mental illness</li> <li>c. PSE;</li> <li>d. Scale for the Assessment of Negative</li> </ul> </li> <li>Symptoms         <ul> <li>e. SDSS</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	The study combined clues-led case identification (100% retrieval rate) with door-to-door survey (86% response rate); diagnoses were confirmed by two physicians.	17,847 (sample); 116 (lifetime); 95 (point); age ≥15	Trained before the survey (Kappa=0.76); randomly selected 10% households to determine false negative rate (0.0002). Case review showed no false-positive patients. Survey response rate 86%.
Sc22	Residents of Su Po village in western suburbs of Chengdu (1988)	Random stratified sampling	<ol> <li>Diagnostic criteria for schizophrenia in DSM-III-R</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>Clinical diagnostic criteria for schizophrenia revised by Chinese Medical Association in October, 1984;</li> <li>Household socio-demographic registration form;</li> <li>Mental health screening form;</li> <li>Psychiatric history questionnaire;</li> <li>PSE-65;</li> <li>Family questionnaire.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	A investigation team consisted of three psychiatrists and two physicians	7,843 (sample); 48 (lifetime); 41 (point); age ≥15	Trained before survey (Kappa=0.77- 0.79); at the end of investigation, randomly selected two communities for review, with consistency rate of ICC=99% (in 388 people, accounting for 3.6% of the sample).
Sc23	Residents of Wuxi City (5 survey sites respectively in urban and rural areas) (2003)	Multistage random cluster sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-3</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Mental health screening form;</li> <li>b. PSE;</li> <li>c. SDSS;</li> <li>d. Scale for assessment of negative symptoms (SANS);</li> <li>e. Adult mental disability rating scales;</li> <li>f. Definition and standard of mental disability;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	A group of 40 medical personnel with more than 5 years of psychiatric clinical experience (6 with senior professional title, 14 with middle professional title, 20	11,940 (sample); 60 (lifetime); 48 (point); age ≥15	Trained before survey (Kappa=0.68- 0.86); reviewed 10% of negative subjects, found no false negatives.

			g. Household socio-demographic registration form; h. Recording sheet of schizophrenic history	with primary professional title).		
Sc26	Residents of 60 villages in 6 towns and townships of Zibo city (1994)	Stratified unequal proportion random cluster sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-2</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Mental health screening form;</li> <li>b. Mental health survey form;</li> <li>c. PSE;</li> <li>d. SDSS</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	A group of 9 psychiatric professionals conducted household survey that was facilitated by consulting "key informants" in the population.	8,616 (sample); 49 (lifetime); age ≥15	Unified study and training before survey; ICC=95% for PSE and SDSS instruments; reviewed 10% of negative subjects, found no false negatives
Sc27	Residents of sixteen counties and districts (1991)	Random stratified and cluster sampling	<ol> <li>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-3, revised edition (DSM-III-R);</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. CCMD revised, 1984;</li> <li>b. The Operational Clinical Diagnostic Criteria of Neuroses in 1985;</li> <li>c. The manual of mental diseases epidemiology survey (made by 12 organizations in China);</li> <li>d. Adult mental disability rating scales (AMDRS);</li> <li>e. Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE);</li> <li>f. Filtration table of drinking situation</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	141 investigators from 16 cooperation units; 90.78% of the investigators were psychiatric professionals, 25.54% were senior physicians.	35,385 (sample); 255 (lifetime); 218 (point); age ≥15	All the members took centralized off-job training (Kappa=0.82- 0.93); reviewed 10% of negative subjects, found no false negatives; response rate for door-to-door survey was 83.4%
Sc30	Residents of seven different districts (1993)	Not specified	<ol> <li>ICD-9</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. The Manual of Psychiatric Epidemiological</li> <li>Survey, 1985;</li> <li>b. PSE and other tools;</li> <li>c. SDSS</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Not specified in methods, but referred to the methodology of the first multi-province survey in 1982 that involved two-stage case identification by trained investigators (Stage	19,223 (sample); 126 (lifetime); 102 (point); age ≥15	Not specified; referred to the first survey in 1982

				1) and then psychiatrists (Stage 2).		
Sc33	Residents of urban area in Fuyang city and three counties (Yingshang county, Taihe county and Linquan county) (2001)	Stratified random sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-2-R</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Psychological health screening scale;</li> <li>b. PSE;</li> <li>c. Schizophrenia medical history questionnaire (self-made);</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Not specified in methods, but results suggest a two-stage case identification by trained investigators (Stage 1) and then psychiatrists (Stage 2).	33,332 (sample); 159 (lifetime); 137 (point); age ≥15	Trained before survey (Kappa=0·76~0·9 8)
Sc38	Residents of Daxing district (2004)	Random sampling based on census	<ol> <li>ICD-10</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>The manual of mental diseases epidemiology survey (made by 12 organizations in China);</li> <li>Psychological health screening scale;</li> <li>PSE;</li> <li>SDSS;</li> <li>Life event scale (LES);</li> <li>AMDRS</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	6 psychiatrists divided into 2 groups	368,026 (sample); 2,032 (lifetime); 1,186 (point); age ≥15	Trained before survey and carried out pre- survey in 50 households to assess false- negative rate; all team members underwent a rigorous professional training
Sc42	Residents of 19 villages in Beigou county in Xinyi city (1998)	Random sampling based on census	<ol> <li>CCMD-2-R</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Various types of mental diseases screening scales;</li> <li>b. Mental diseases patient related information questionnaire;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Phase 1: household survey by trained investigators;</li> <li>Phase 2: suspected cases were referred to psychiatrists for diagnostic confirmation</li> </ol>	35,757 (sample); 122 (lifetime); age ≥15	Trained before survey (Kappa=0.60- 1.00).

Sc47	Residents of Shiqi district in Zhongshan city and four towns (Minzhong town, Tanzhou town, Banfu town and Dayong town) (2000)	Multi-stage cluster random sampling (urban areas); economic stratified random sampling (rural areas)	<ol> <li>CCMD-2-R</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Manual of mental diseases epidemiology</li> <li>survey, 1985;</li> <li>b. Mental health screening scale;</li> <li>c. SDSS;</li> <li>d. Scale for the assessment of negative</li> <li>symptoms;</li> <li>e. AMDRS;</li> <li>f. Social-demographic information registration forms;</li> <li>g. Mental history registration form of schizophrenia;</li> <li>h. The definitions and grading standards of mental disability</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Household survey conducted by trained investigators	2,909 (sample); 22 (lifetime); 20 (point); age ≥15	Trained before survey; consistency test in pre-term and medium-term (ICC=95.0%- 97.2%); reviewed 10% of sample to assess false- negative rate, found no false negatives
Sc49	Residents of 5 ethnic minority counties in Guangxi: Rongshui Miao, Sanjiang Dong, Jinxiu Yao, Luocheng Mulao and Huanjiang Maonan autonomous counties (2007)	Multi-stage cluster random sampling	<ol> <li>ICD-10</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. CIDI-3;</li> <li>b. Socio-demographic characteristics questionnaire</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	1. Phase 1: Each investigation team was made up of two psychiatrists and 12 field investigators - third year medical students from Guangxi Medical University who were familiar with the local dialects 2. Phase 2: 5% of those who screened negative to and 100% of those who screened positive were reviewed by psychiatric specialists using ICD-10.	4,743 (sample); 38 (lifetime); 31 (point); age ≥15	<ol> <li>All investigators were trained (Kappa=0.85- 0.97);</li> <li>All psychiatrists were trained according to ICD- 10 (Kappa=0.91- 1.00).</li> <li>Data were double entered using EpiData 3.1.</li> </ol>

Sc50	Residents of Yulin city (2007)	Stratified cluster probability proportional random sampling method (urban area : rural area=1:2)	<ol> <li>ICD-10</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Household investigation scale;</li> <li>b. The screening scale of mental illness</li> </ul> </li> <li>Epidemiological survey;</li> <li>c. CIDI-3;</li> </ol>	A team of two psychiatrists with more than five years clinical experience, one postgraduate and nine undergraduate medical students	3,443 (sample); 23 (point); age ≥15	All psychiatric clinicians were trained for 4 weeks; investigators trained for mental illness screening scales for 1 week (Kappa>70%)
Sc52	Residents of urban and rural areas in Zhuang autonomous region (included 6 prefecture- level cities and 10 counties) (2007)	Multi-stage random cluster sampling	<ol> <li>ICD-10</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Household investigation scale;</li> <li>b. CIDI-3;</li> <li>c. Socio-demographic characteristics</li> <li>questionnaire (self-designed)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	A team of 5 universities based, 2 mental health specialists, 12 practicing psychiatrists with more than five years of clinical experience, and 72 clinical medical undergraduate students.	18,219 (sample); 178 (lifetime); 151 (point); age ≥15	All survey tools were translated into standardized minority languages; all non-psychiatrist investigators were trained for 1-2 weeks (Kappa=0.85~0v9 6); all psychiatrists were trained according to ICD-10 (Kappa=0.91- 1.00)
Sc54	Residents of Guangzhou city (2006)	Stratified and cluster random sampling	<ol> <li>DSM-IV-TR;</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. CIDI-3.0 (Chinese version);</li> <li>b. SCID-I/P (Axis I Disorders-Patient Edition)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Diagnosis by psychiatrists	7,418 (sample); 41 (lifetime); age ≥15	Pre-survey training (Kappa≥0.75); 5% of negative cases (331 cases) were reviewed by an expert-working group made up of three senior psychiatrists. No false negatives
Sc55	Residents of Hualinjie	Informant clue-based	<ol> <li>CCMD-3;</li> <li>Handbook of prevention and rehabilitation of</li> </ol>	The investigation team were	56,736 (sample);	Not specified

	community, Ligang district, Guangzhou (1998)	sampling using census	mental diseases; 3. Registration forms of prevention and rehabilitation and of mental diseases	consisted of psychiatrists and community mental health doctors. The door-to-door survey was facilitated by "key informants" from the population.	253 (point); age ≥15	
Sc58	Residents of Guiyang city, Kaili city and Douyun city (2001)	Cluster random sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-3;</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. The screening scale of mental disease, 10</li> <li>questions;</li> <li>b. The screening scale of neurosis, 12 questions;</li> <li>c. The screening scale of children intelligence, 40</li> <li>questions;</li> <li>d. SDSS;</li> <li>e. PSE;</li> <li>f. AMDRS;</li> <li>g. Wechsler intelligence scale for Children</li> <li>(WISC);</li> <li>h. Scale for the assessment of negative symptoms;</li> <li>i. Manual of Psychiatric Epidemiological Survey, 1985</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Diagnosis by psychiatrists.	7,970 (sample); 30 (lifetime); 26 (point); age ≥15	Pre-survey training (Kappa=85%- 92%); review of 5% of households negative for cases, found no false negatives; reviewed all positive cases, found no false- positives
Sc61	Residents of Hainan province, (1994)	Stratified random sampling by ethnic, geographical and economic variables	<ol> <li>DSM-III-R;</li> <li>CCMD-2;</li> <li>Manual of mental diseases epidemiology survey, 1985;</li> <li>Registration form of household and alcohol screening</li> </ol>	A team of 17 psychiatrists (including five attending physicians, two deputy chief physicians and one chief physician)	19,322 (sample); 98 (lifetime); 81 (point); age ≥15	Pre-survey training for 3 weeks (ICC≥85%, Kappa≥0.65); pilot survey carried out before field investigation
Sc62	Residents of 30 villages in Tongshi (10 Han nationality; 20 Li	Mechanical stratified cluster sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-2</li> <li>Manual of mental diseases epidemiology survey, 1985</li> </ol>	Psychiatrists (one chief physician and three physicians)		Pre-survey training for 3 weeks (ICC≥85%; Kappa≥0⋅65)

	nationality) (1994)					
Sc74	Residents of DaLi prefecture, (1995)	Stratified and cluster random sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-2</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Manual of mental diseases epidemiology survey (developed by 12 organizations in China);</li> <li>b. Mental health screening scale;</li> <li>c. PSE;</li> <li>d. SDSS</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	A team of seven psychiatrists.	6,088 (sample); 39 (lifetime); age ≥15	Pre-survey training (Kappa> 85%); 5% of the sample was reviewed for false negative rate, found no false- negatives
Sc75	Residents of Changzhou City (1991)	Stratified and cluster random sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-2</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. The manual of mental diseases epidemiology survey (developed by 12 organizations in China);</li> <li>b. Mental health screening scale;</li> <li>c. PSE;</li> <li>d. SDSS</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	A team comprising eight psychiatrists. A door-to-door survey facilitated by "key informants" in the population, where the Mental Health Screening Schedule was used.	4,708 (sample); 28 (lifetime); age ≥15	Pre-survey training (Kappa> 85%); review of 10 % of negative subjects, found no false-negatives
Sc76	Residents of 15 districts of the province (1994)	Stratified and cluster random sampling	1. CCMD-2 2. Additional tools: a. PSE; b. SANS; c. SDSS	Trained investigators using scores from the Mental Health Screening Schedule	67,901 (sample); 296 (lifetime); age ≥15	Investigators were trained and tested together
Sc83	Residents of rural Changshou district of Chongqing City (2007)	Multi-stage census-based random sampling;	<ol> <li>CCMD-3;</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. The record list for diagnosis of psychosis;</li> <li>b. PSE;</li> <li>c. SDSS;</li> <li>d. National Sampling Surveys Standard of</li> <li>Disability of 1986;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Medical doctors	12,876 (sample); 71 (lifetime); 62 (point); age ≥15	All assessors underwent unified training and their application of assessment tools had good consistency
Sc85	Residents of Pu'er City (urban); residents of	Multistage cluster and stratified random	<ol> <li>CCMD-3;</li> <li>ICD-10;</li> <li>The Manual of Psychiatric Epidemiological Survey, 1985;</li> </ol>	Investigators were divided into three groups, each comprised of three	14,424 (sample); 78 (lifetime); 63 (point);	Pre-survey training (Kappa=0·92)

	Jinggu and Jiangcheng country (rural) (2006)	sampling		psychiatrists with more than 10 years of clinical experience and one senior physician	age ≥15	
Sc90	Residents of urban and rural Shantou (1995)	Census-based random sampling and door-to door survey	<ol> <li>CCMD-2-R;</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Psychological health screening scale;</li> <li>b. PSE-9;</li> <li>c. Schizophrenia mental history form</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	The investigation team were made up of five attending psychiatrists, one physician, three nurses and one staff member in charge of psychological tests. Diagnoses were confirmed by two attending physicians.	3,320 (sample); 31 (lifetime); 26 (point); age ≥15	Pre-survey training (Kappa=92·1- 98·8%).
Sc91	Residents of urban and rural Shangrao (2002)	Probability proportional to size stratified and cluster random sampling	<ol> <li>ICD-10;</li> <li>CCMD-3;</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. CIDI;</li> <li>b. SDSS;</li> <li>c. Adult Mental Disability Rating Scales;</li> <li>d. Children's intelligence screening test of 40 questions;</li> <li>e. Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, Chinese version (C-WISE);</li> <li>f. Crichton royal behavioural rating scale (CRBRS);</li> <li>g. Activity of Daily Living Scale (ADL);</li> <li>h. Hachinski Ischemic Score (HIS);</li> <li>i. Social-demographic information registration forms;</li> <li>j. Recording sheet of various psychiatric history;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	A 12-member investigation team was divided into four subgroups; each consisted of one psychiatrist, and two senior nurses.	2,653 (sample); 25 (lifetime); 18 (point); age ≥15	Pre-survey training (Kappa =0.53-0.92); review of 5% households with negative results, found no false- negative cases.

Sc92a	In 1991: residents of 4 streets in an urban area; In 2001: residents of 6 streets in urban area and 5 townships in village area (1991, 2001)	Stratified and cluster random sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-II and CCMD-II-R</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Investigation questionnaire of clues to mental diseases;</li> <li>b. Mental diseases patient related information questionnaire;</li> <li>c. Mental health screening scale</li> <li>d. Neurosis screening scale;</li> <li>e. SDSS;</li> <li>f. Wechsler Preschool and Primary Intelligence Scale;</li> <li>g. SANS;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Phase 1: Trained Investigators</li> <li>Phase 2: Psychiatrists</li> </ol>	280,878 (sample); 1246 (lifetime); age ≥15	Investigators underwent uniform pre- survey field training (Kappa=0.7-1.0)
Sc93	Residents of 8 towns in Shaoxing country (2003)	Census-based random sampling	1. CCMD-3	<ol> <li>Phase 1: Trained Investigators</li> <li>Phase 2: Diagnostic confirmation by two psychiatrists</li> </ol>	267,192 (sample); 933 (lifetime); age ≥15	Uniform pre- survey field training
Sc98	Residents of Leshan City (2000)	Multistage and cluster random sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-2-R;</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Manual of Psychiatric Epidemiological Survey, 1985;</li> <li>b. Supplement to the Manual of Psychiatric Epidemiological Survey, 1992;</li> <li>c. Mental health screening scale;</li> <li>d. Neurosis screening scale;</li> <li>e. Children's intelligence screening test of 40 questions;</li> <li>f. PSE;</li> <li>g. SDSS;</li> <li>h. WISC</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Psychiatrists, using household survey and scores from the Mental Health Screening Schedule	3,519 (sample); 29 (lifetime); 28 (point); age ≥15	Strict and uniform pre-survey training for 4 weeks (Kappa=0.68- 0.92). Review of 10% of the sample for negative cases, found no false- negatives.
Sc100	Residents of Weihai City and rural areas in 3 Counties (2006)	Stratified and cluster random sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-3;</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Mental health screening scale;</li> <li>b. Neurosis screening scale;</li> <li>c. PSE;</li> <li>d. PSE-54 for neurosis history;</li> <li>e. SDSS;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Not specified in methods, but results suggest a two-stage case identification by trained investigators (Stage 1) and then	50,174 (sample); 258 (lifetime); 213 (point); age ≥15	The review found no false-negative and no false- positive cases.

			f. Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE); g. Recording sheet of various psychiatric history	psychiatrists (Stage 2).		
Sc101	Residents of 16 administrativ e sub- districts in Weifang (2004)	Stratified and cluster random sampling	1. DSM-IV; 2. Additional tools: a. Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV-TR b. SCID-I/P; c. General health questionnaire (GHQ);	A team of 7 psychiatrists and 6 nurses (or senior nurses) were divided into two groups. Schizophrenia cases reported in Group A were crossed checked by investigators in Group B, and vice versa, to prevent false positive cases.	4,763 (sample); 49 (lifetime); 46 (point); age ≥18	Investigators underwent unified pre-survey training for 4 weeks, which included conformity assessment of site examination (Kappa= 0.89- 0.98); review to confirm the diagnosis found no false-negative cases.
Sc103	Residents of urban and rural Wenzhou (2003)	Stratified and cluster random sampling	<ol> <li>ICD-10;</li> <li>CCMD-3;</li> <li>Additional tools:         <ul> <li>a. Psychological health screening scale;</li> <li>b. Present State Examination (PSE-140);</li> <li>c. Mental health questionnaire;</li> <li>d. Household socio-demographic registration form;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	The 14-member investigation team was divided into 4 subgroups; each included at least 1 medical doctor and 2 nurses. Those with a score of 2 point or above on the "Psychological health screening scale" were then asked to fill in a PSE.	18,173 (sample); 134 (lifetime); 109 (point); age ≥15	Consistency test of the screening and diagnostic tools, Kappa index=0.53-0.92 (P>0.05)
Sc106	Residents of four	Stratified and cluster	1. DSM-IV; 2. Additional tools:	A core investigation was made up of	5,375 (sample); 20 (lifetime);	All investigation tools were

	representa- tive areas of Tibet (Lhasa, Shigatse Prefecture, Naqu District and Linzhi Area) (2003)	random sampling	<ul> <li>a. The Manual of Psychiatric Epidemiological Survey, 1985;</li> <li>b. Mental health screening scale;</li> <li>c. SCID-I;</li> <li>d. Recording sheet of mental disorders history;</li> <li>e. Social-demographic information registration forms;</li> </ul>	eight members from the Institute of Psychological Health Research in Huaxi Hospital of Sichuan University (including two professors, three chief physicals, and three research students). The team in Tibet also included seven non- medical staff, six of who were Tibetans. Each investigation subgroup was made up of one psychiatrist and one local Tibetan investigator.	18 (point); age ≥15	translated into standard Tibetan; investigators underwent pre- survey training (Kappa=0.68- 0.82). Review of 10% negative subjects identified false-negative rate of 0.02.
Sc109	Residents of Xinshi District, Urumqi (1995)	Census-based random sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD-II-R;</li> <li>Mental health screening scale;</li> <li>Handbook of prevention and rehabilitation of mental diseases;</li> <li>Disability rating standard from the handbook of national sampling survey of disability;</li> </ol>	Phase 1 - Screening: by 300 medical and non- medical staff members from seven sub-district offices; Phase 2 – Diagnosis by psychiatrists.	190,683 (sample); 667 (lifetime); 617 (point); age ≥15	Two pre-survey training courses of staff (Kappa= 0.75) and psychiatrists (Kappa = $0.74$ ).
Sc110	Residents of rural areas of Xinjin County (1994)	Census-based random sampling	1. ICD-10 2. CCMD-2-R	1. Phase 1: face-to- face interviews of all heads of households and village doctors by trained investigators 2. Phase 2: all	123,572 (sample), 510 (lifetime cases), 376 (point cases), age $\geq$ 15	Pre-survey training (ICC=91·0%; Kappa =0·7-1·0)

Sc118	Residents of Beijing, 2003	Stratified random sampling	1. ICD-10 2. Composite International Diagnostic Interview, Chinese Version 1.0 (CIDI 1.0)	A large team of 102 psychiatrists	5,926 (sample); 31 (lifetime); age ≥15	Training in epidemiological fieldwork and a 10-day workshop by a WHO- qualified trainer (Kappa=0.795)
Sc112	Residents of 9 Hani villages in Yuan Yang (2009)	Cluster random sampling	1. ICD-10	Investigators were psychiatrists, who conducted household interviews with suspected cases of schizophrenia identified by village doctors, and other health personnel.	12,581 (sample); 39 (lifetime); 33 (point); age ≥15	Not specified
Sc111	Residents of four districts in Xin Xiang city (Xinhua, Hongqi, Beizhan, Jiaoqu) (2000)	Stratified and cluster random sampling	<ol> <li>CCMD;</li> <li>Manual of psychopathy epidemiology survey;</li> <li>Mental health screening scale;</li> <li>Neurosis screening schedule;</li> <li>Children's intelligence screening test;</li> <li>SDSS;</li> </ol>	suspected cases of schizophrenia were interviewed by psychiatrists Not specified in methods, but results suggest a two-stage case identification by trained investigators (Stage 1) and then psychiatrists (Stage 2).	606,762 (sample); 2,457 (lifetime); 373 (point); age ≥15	Review of 10% negative subjects to assess false- negative rate.

Provinces/ municipalities	Number of publications containing prevalence data
Anhui	1
Beijing	4
Guangdong	5
Guangxi	3
Guizhou	1
Hainan	2
Heilongjiang	2
Henan	1
Hubei	2
Hunan	1
Jiangsu	4
Jiangxi	3
Jilin	1
Liaoning	1
Shandong	4
Shanghai	1
Sichuan	4
Tibet	1
Yunnan	3
Xinjiang	1
Zhejiang	3
TOTAL	48*

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 Table s4. Distribution of studies by province/municipalities.

\*Note: 1 of the prevalence studies was conducted in 7 provinces/municipalities.

**Table s5.** The table presents a targeted sub-analysis of the data to avoid potential differences in study design and case ascertainment between urban and rural areas. A specific comparison of prevalence of schizophrenia in urban and rural setting is presented for 10 studies that used a sample of comparable size from both urban and rural area within the same setting, and used the same study design and methods of case ascertainment.

Study	Urban ca	ses, sample s	size and	Rural ca	ses, sample s	ize and
	ро	int prevalenc	e	ро	int prevalenc	e
Sc 13	15	3794	0.0040	16	2168	0.0074
Sc 14	53	8104	0.0065	42	9677	0.0043
Sc 23	26	5355	0.0049	22	6585	0.0033
Sc 27	131	19276	0.0068	87	16109	0.0054
Sc 33	78	11632	0.0067	59	21700	0.0027
Sc 47	10	1310	0.0076	10	1599	0.0063
Sc 52	61	7028	0.0087	14	2200	0.0064
Sc 85	34	7546	0.0045	29	6878	0.0042
Sc 90	12	1542	0.0078	14	1778	0.0079
Sc 103	60	9338	0.0064	49	8835	0.0055
	480	74925	0.0064	342	77529	0.0044

**Figure s1a-c.** Meta-analysis of the retained studies to explore the effects of urban area residence, year of study and method of case finding, to explore the effects of study heterogeneity. All results are based on prevalence estimates per 1000 population (to make the graphs more presentable). In all analyses, a random effects model was used because of high heterogeneity. Results of heterogeneity are reported in the graph ( $I^2$  and p-value). When  $I^2$  is higher than 50% and p-value is less than 0.05, there is an evidence of heterogeneity.

cases	sample	year	casefinding	ES (95% CI)	% Weight
urban					
8	3227	1990	Key informant or unclear	2.50 (0.77, 4.23)	2.35
131	19276	1991	Random case finding	6.80 (5.64, 7.96)	3.21
15	3923	1994	Random case finding	3.80 (1.87, 5.73)	2.10
12	1542	1995	Random case finding	7.80 (3.39, 12.2	1) 0.63
617	190683	1995	Random case finding	- 3.20 (2.95, 3.45)	4.53
188	40461	1998	Key informant or unclear	4.60 (3.94, 5.26)	4.05
53	8104	1999	Random case finding	6.50 (4.74, 8.26)	) 2.31
10	1310	2000	Random case finding	7.60 (2.88, 12.3	2) 0.56
78	11632	2001	Key informant or unclear	6.70 (5.21, 8.19	2.69
15	3794	2002	Random case finding	4.00 (1.99, 6.01)	2.00
2	485	2002	Random case finding	4.10 (0.10, 9.80)	0.54
26	5355	2003	Random case finding	4.90 (3.03, 6.77)	2.16
60	9338	2003	Random case finding	6.40 (4.78, 8.02)	2.50
10	2669	2004	Random case finding	→ → → → 3.70 (1.39, 6.01)	1.70
34	7546	2006	Random case finding	4.50 (2.99, 6.01)	2.65
23	5544	2006	Random case finding	4.10 (2.41, 5.79)	) 2.41
61	7028	2007	Random case finding	→ 8.70 (6.52, 10.8	8) 1.82
9	1243	2007	Random case finding	7.20 (2.48, 11.9)	2) 0.56
Subtotal	(I-squared =	85.6%, p = 0	.000)	5.17 (4.30, 6.04)	38.78
rural					
56	7861	1990	Key informant or unclear	7.10 (5.24, 8.96)	2.18
87	16109	1991	Random case finding	5.40 (4.27, 6.53)	
22	5224	1994	Key informant or unclear	4.20 (2.44, 5.96)	
367	123572	1994	Random case finding		
60	14090	1994	Random case finding	4.30 (3.22, 5.38)	
14	1778	1995	Random case finding	7.90 (3.77, 12.0	
42	9677	1999	Random case finding	4.30 (2.99, 5.61)	2.98
10	1599	2000	Random case finding	6.30 (2.41, 10.1	9) 0.78
59	21700	2001	Key informant or unclear	2.70 (2.01, 3.39)	
16	2168	2002	Random case finding	7.40 (3.78, 11.0	2) 0.88
77	12145	2002	Random case finding	6.30 (4.89, 7.71)	2.81
933	267192	2002.5	Random case finding	▲ 3.50 (3.28, 3.72)	4.55
22	6585	2003	Random case finding	3.30 (1.91, 4.69)	2.85
49	8835	2003	Random case finding	5.50 (3.95, 7.05)	2.61
96	18047	2004	Random case finding	5.30 (4.24, 6.36)	3.39
1186	368026	2004	Random case finding	<ul> <li>▲ 3.20 (3.02, 3.38)</li> </ul>	4.57
29	6878	2006	Random case finding	4.20 (2.67, 5.73)	2.63
12	1874	2006	Random case finding	→ 6.40 (2.78, 10.02	2) 0.88
14	2200	2007	Random case finding	6.40 (3.06, 9.74)	) 1.00
62	12876	2007	Random case finding	4.80 (3.60, 6.00)	3.16
90	11191	2007	Random case finding	8.00 (6.34, 9.66)	2.45
31	4743	2007	Random case finding	6.50 (4.21, 8.79)	) 1.71
33	12581	2009	Key informant or unclear	2.60 (1.71, 3.49)	3.68
Subtotal	(I-squared =	85.0%, p = 0	.000)	4.51 (4.06, 4.95)	61.22
Overall	(I-squared = 8	5.3%, p = 0.0	000)	4.76 (4.38, 5.13)	100.00
	Veights are fro	om random e	ffects analysis		

Figure s1a

cases	sample	year	urban		ES (95% CI)	Weight
Key informa	ant or unclear			1		
56	7861	1990	rural	A	7.10 (5.24, 8.96)	2.18
В	3227	1990	urban	i	2.50 (0.77, 4.23)	2.35
22	5224	1994	rural	A	4.20 (2.44, 5.96)	2.31
188	40461	1998	urban		4.60 (3.94, 5.26)	4.05
78	11632	2001	urban	!	6.70 (5.21, 8.19)	2.69
59	21700	2001	rural		2.70 (2.01, 3.39)	4.00
33	12581	2009	rural	i	2.60 (1.71, 3.49)	3.68
Subtotal (I-	-squared = 88.3%,	p = 0.000)		$\Leftrightarrow$	4.25 (3.04, 5.46)	21.27
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Random ca	16109	1991	rural		5.40 (4.27, 6.53)	3.26
87 131	19276	1991	urban		6.80 (5.64, 7.96)	3.20
367	123572	1991	rural	-	3.00 (2.69, 3.31)	4.49
367 60	123572	1994			4.30 (3.22, 5.38)	4.49 3.35
15	3923	1994	rural		4.30 (3.22, 5.38) 3.80 (1.87, 5.73)	2.10
15	3923 1542	1994	urban urban		3.80 (1.87, 5.73) 7.80 (3.39, 12.21)	0.63
12	1542	1995	rural		7.80 (3.39, 12.21) 7.90 (3.77, 12.03)	0.83
14 617	190683	1995				
53	8104	1995	urban urban	-	3.20 (2.95, 3.45) 6.50 (4.74, 8.26)	4.53 2.31
42	9677	1999	rural			2.31
			rural		4.30 (2.99, 5.61)	
10	1599	2000			6.30 (2.41, 10.19)	0.78
10 2	1310 485	2000 2002	urban urban '		7.60 (2.88, 12.32)	0.56 0.54
2 15	485 3794	2002	urban . urban		4.10 (0.10, 9.80)	2.00
					4.00 (1.99, 6.01)	
16	2168 12145	2002 2002	rural		7.40 (3.78, 11.02)	0.88 2.81
77 933	267192	2002	rural		6.30 (4.89, 7.71)	4.55
933 22	6585	2002.5	rural		3.50 (3.28, 3.72) 3.30 (1.91, 4.69)	4.55 2.85
49	8835	2003	rural		5.50 (3.95, 7.05)	2.65
45 26	5355	2003	urban		4.90 (3.03, 6.77)	2.16
20 60	9338	2003	urban		6.40 (4.78, 8.02)	2.10
96	9338 18047	2003				3.39
90 1186	368026	2004	rural rural		5.30 (4.24, 6.36) 3.20 (3.02, 3.38)	3.39 4.57
10	2669	2004	urban		3.70 (1.39, 6.01)	1.70
	1874				6.40 (2.78, 10.02)	
12 34	7546	2006 2006	rural urban		4.50 (2.99, 6.01)	0.88 2.65
34 23	7546 5544	2006	urban urban		4.10 (2.41, 5.79)	2.65
23 29	5544 6878	2006	rural			2.41
					4.20 (2.67, 5.73)	
90 62	11191	2007	rural		8.00 (6.34, 9.66)	2.45
62 61	12876 7028	2007 2007	rural urban		4.80 (3.60, 6.00) 8.70 (6.52, 10.88)	3.16 1.82
14	2200	2007	rural		6.40 (3.06, 9.74)	1.00
9	1243 4743	2007 2007	urban		7.20 (2.48, 11.92) 6.50 (4.21, 8.79)	0.56
31 Subtotal (l			rural	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	,	1.71 78.73
	-squared = 84.9%,	p = 0.000)		$\mathbf{Y}$	4.90 (4.48, 5.31)	10.13
Overall (I-s	squared = 85.3%, p	o = 0.000)		<b>\$</b>	4.76 (4.38, 5.13)	100.00
NOTE: We	ights are from rand	lom effects analys	is			

## Figure s1b

cases	sample	year	urban	casefinding	ES (95% CI)	Weight
990-20	00					
3	3227	1990	urban	Key informant or unclear	2.50 (0.77, 4.23)	2.35
56	7861	1990	rural	Key informant or unclear	7.10 (5.24, 8.96)	2.18
131	19276	1991	urban	Random case finding	6.80 (5.64, 7.96)	3.21
87	16109	1991	rural	Random case finding	5.40 (4.27, 6.53)	3.26
15	3923	1994	urban	Random case finding	3.80 (1.87, 5.73)	2.10
367	123572	1994	rural	Random case finding	3.00 (2.69, 3.31)	4.49
60	14090	1994	rural	Random case finding	4.30 (3.22, 5.38)	3.35
22	5224	1994	rural	Key informant or unclear	4.20 (2.44, 5.96)	2.31
12	1542	1995	urban	Random case finding	7.80 (3.39, 12.21)	0.63
617	190683	1995	urban	Random case finding	★ 3.20 (2.95, 3.45)	4.53
14	1778	1995	rural	Random case finding	A 7.90 (3.77, 12.03)	0.71
188	40461	1998	urban	Key informant or unclear	4.60 (3.94, 5.26)	4.05
53	8104	1999	urban	Random case finding	6.50 (4.74, 8.26)	2.31
42	9677	1999	rural	Random case finding	4.30 (2.99, 5.61)	2.98
10	1310	2000	urban	Random case finding	7.60 (2.88, 12.32)	0.56
10	1599	2000	rural	Random case finding	<b>→</b> 6.30 (2.41, 10.19)	0.78
	(I-squared				4.77 (4.09, 5.44)	39.81
			,			
2001-20						
78	11632	2001	urban	Key informant or unclear	6.70 (5.21, 8.19)	2.69
59	21700	2001	rural	Key informant or unclear	2.70 (2.01, 3.39)	4.00
15	3794	2002	urban	Random case finding	4.00 (1.99, 6.01)	2.00
2	485	2002	urban	Random case finding	4.10 (0.10, 9.80)	0.54
77	12145	2002	rural	Random case finding	6.30 (4.89, 7.71)	2.81
16	2168	2002	rural	Random case finding	A 7.40 (3.78, 11.02)	0.88
933	267192	2002.5	rural	Random case finding	▲ 3.50 (3.28, 3.72)	4.55
60	9338	2003	urban	Random case finding	6.40 (4.78, 8.02)	2.50
26	5355	2003	urban	Random case finding	4.90 (3.03, 6.77)	2.16
49	8835	2003	rural	Random case finding	5.50 (3.95, 7.05)	2.61
22	6585	2003	rural	Random case finding	3.30 (1.91, 4.69)	2.85
10	2669	2004	urban	Random case finding	3.70 (1.39, 6.01)	1.70
96	18047	2004	rural	Random case finding	5.30 (4.24, 6.36)	3.39
1186	368026	2004	rural	Random case finding	▲ 3.20 (3.02, 3.38)	4.57
23	5544	2006	urban	Random case finding	4.10 (2.41, 5.79)	2.41
34	7546	2006	urban	Random case finding	4.50 (2.99, 6.01)	2.65
29	6878	2006	rural	Random case finding	4.20 (2.67, 5.73)	2.63
12	1874	2006	rural	Random case finding	<b>6.40 (2.78, 10.02) 6.40 (2.78, 10.02)</b>	0.88
9	1243	2007	urban	Random case finding	7.20 (2.48, 11.92)	0.56
61	7028	2007	urban	Random case finding	→ 8.70 (6.52, 10.88)	1.82
14	2200	2007	rural	Random case finding	6.40 (3.06, 9.74)	1.00
31	4743	2007	rural	Random case finding	6.50 (4.21, 8.79)	1.71
62	12876	2007	rural	Random case finding	4.80 (3.60, 6.00)	3.16
90	11191	2007	rural	Random case finding	8.00 (6.34, 9.66)	2.45
33	12581	2009	rural	Key informant or unclear	2.60 (1.71, 3.49)	3.68
Subtota	(I-squared	= 85.1%, p	= 0.000)		4.83 (4.32, 5.34)	60.19
Overall	(I-squared =	85.3%, p =	= 0.000)		4.76 (4.38, 5.13)	100.00
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# Figure s1c

#### eMethods. Statistical analyses of the data.

# **1.** Bayesian analysis to estimate the prevalence in urban and rural regions at different time points

The results here are based on a Bayesian analysis. Based on the data available, we have used a binomial logistic regression model. As we have used the same approach for all four datasets, we describe it for the lifetime urban studies.

Let  $y_i$  denote the number of cases of schizophrenia for study i = 1, 2, ..., 28 (because 28 of 42 studies contained information on urban areas and lifetime prevalence), and N<sub>i</sub> denote the total population size. Then the model states that

$$y_i \sim \text{Binomial}(N_i, p_i).$$

The unknown parameters  $p_i$  are the unknown probabilities of an individual selected at random having schizophrenia for each study. These would be modeled on the number of years since the earliest study using the logistic link. This means

$$\operatorname{logit}(p_i) = \log\left(\frac{p_i}{1-p_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times \operatorname{time}_i,$$

or equivalently

$$p_i = \frac{\exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 \times \text{time}_i\}}{1 + \exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 \times \text{time}_i\}}.$$

In this equation, time<sub>*i*</sub> is 0 for any of the studies in 1990 (in this case) and represents the number of years since 1990 and  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  represent unknown parameters to make inference on. The Bayesian approach allows prior knowledge (if any) to be incorporated. As we didn't have any prior knowledge, we express this lack of knowledge using independent normal distributions on  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  both having a huge variance of  $10^6$ :

$$\beta_0 \sim \text{Normal}(0, 10^6),$$
  
 $\beta_1 \sim \text{Normal}(0, 10^6).$ 

Now using Bayes theorem, it was possible to find the joint distribution of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  given the data that was observed. This is called the posterior distribution and is denoted as

$$\Pr(\beta_0,\beta_1|y_1,y_2,\ldots,y_{28})$$

or as  $Pr(\beta_0, \beta_1|y)$  for short. Of particular interest were the marginal posterior distributions  $Pr(\beta_0|y)$  and  $Pr(\beta_1|y)$  which can be obtained from  $Pr(\beta_0, \beta_1|y)$  by integration.

Given the marginal posterior distribution, appropriate summaries could be obtained. These could include point estimates such as the posterior mean, median or mode as well as uncertainty measures including the standard deviation and the 95% credible interval defined for  $\beta_0$  as the interval (I, u) such that

$$\Pr(l < \beta_0 < u | \mathbf{y}) = 0.95.$$

To obtain the quantities above, it was necessary to use Markov chain Monte Carlo sampling, because the relevant marginal posterior distributions were not available in closed form. Given

some initial values, this sampling scheme runs through 2 stages: the "burn in", which must be discarded, and the "post burn in" which can be retained as approximate samples from the marginal posterior distributions of interest. The relevant quantities can then be calculated on these samples.

We have used a Markov chain Monte Carlo sampler called a Gibbs sampler. Based on 3 independent chains, we found no evidence of lack of convergence after 1,000 iterations, so this part of the sample was discarded. The results in **Table S1** were based on pooling the samples from each chain after discarding 3,000 burn in samples (1,000 per chain) and leaving a total sample of 30,000 samples. We used the sample posterior median as the estimate.

It is often of interest to compare two or more competing models. There are a number of approaches to do this in a Bayesian framework. One popular approach is based on the deviance information criterion (DIC) introduced in Spiegelhalter et al. (2002). This popularity is in part due to the fact that it can be estimated from a sample from the posterior distribution. In common with other model selection criteria, it consists of a measure of fit to the data (the deviance) and a penalty on model complexity to guard against over-fitting. In comparing two or more models, the 'best' model is the one with the smallest value of the DIC. The results in **Table S2** are the difference in DIC between the model with time as a covariate and the intercept only model.

The results suggested that for studies in the 'lifetime' category, the log odds ratio for both rural and urban studies was positive. The credible intervals did not contain 0 and the deviance information criterion was lower for the model including time, implying that there was indeed an increase in probability of schizophrenia as time increases. For the studies in the 'point' category, the probability of schizophrenia in urban areas also appeared to increase over the years, but for rural areas, the credible interval included 0 and the DIC for the intercept only model was smaller, suggesting that the model stated that the probability of schizophrenia is constant in rural areas.

Outcome	Residency	Covariate	Estimate	95% Credible Interval
Lifetime	Urban	Intercept	-5.555	(-5.608, -5.486)
prevalence		Year	0.038	(0.031, 0.045)
	Rural	Intercept	-5.597	(-5.683, -5.513)
		Year	0.015	(0.009, 0.022)
Point	Urban	Intercept	-5.738	(-5.846, -5.682)
prevalence		Year	0.038	(0.025, 0.051)
	Rural	Intercept	-5.582	(-5.696, -5.479)
		Year	-0.003	(-0.010, 0.005)

eMethods Table 1. Results from Bayesian analysis of schizophrenia studies. The estimate is based on the posterior median. The covariate "Year (of study)" is included as number of years since the earliest study.

eMethods Table 2. The deviance information criterion (DIC) difference relative to the intercept only model (i.e. DIC for model with year of study as a covariate - DIC for intercept only model).

Outcome	Residency	DIC difference
Lifetime prevalence	Urban	105.50
	Rural	19.87
Point prevalence	Urban	28.81
	Rural	-1.54

Based on the samples, it was possible to estimate the probabilities of having schizophrenia in 1990, 2000 and 2010, together with a 95% credible intervals, as presented in **Table 2** in the main text. Credible intervals did not take into account the likely effect of sampling uncertainty, which - if taken into account - would slightly expand the credible interval.

# 2. Additional sensitivity analysis to investigate the potential effects of age and sex distribution of the study sample on the prevalence of schizophrenia

Our primary interest in this study was to explore the effects of the year of study and urban/rural residency on the prevalence of schizophrenia. We based our analysis on 42 large studies, all of which provided the information on predictor variables - year of study and urban/rural setting. Our primary analysis resulted in robust and internally consistent estimates, with narrow confidence intervals, which was expected given a very large overall sample size (2.28 million examinees).

Following the completion of our primary analysis (above), we run an additional sensitivity analysis to explore a potential bias that could have arisen from possible differences in age and sex distribution of the examinees between the samples of different studies. We did not include mean age or male-to-female ratio in the primary analysis for three reasons:

- i. We did not have complete information on age and/or sex distribution of the sample from a number of studies;
- ii. Reports on prevalence specifically by gender were available only from a handful of studies; and
- iii. Adding of additional covariates to the Bayesian analysis described above leads to large increase in the complexity of computations and demand for computer time and capacity.

We did not expect the effect of internal age-sex structure of the samples to be a major confounding factor in our study because:

- i. The samples in all studies were large (or very large) and broadly representative of the underlying population; male-to-female ratio from the samples was therefore similar to that expected in the population, which meant that the observed prevalence could not be dramatically affected by male-to-female ratio of the sample, even if there were significant differences in prevalence between two sexes;
- ii. Lifetime morbid risk for schizophrenia does not have dramatic peaks at particular ages, so it was unlikely that the mean age of the sample would be a striking predictor of the prevalence, necessitating adjustments in the observed reports before the final analysis.

We used the same analysis described above, based on the deviance information criterion (DIC) (Spiegelhalter et al., 2002), to explore the role of the mean age of the sample and the sex on the prevalence of schizophrenia in a limited sub-sample where this information was available. The results are shown in **Table S3**:

	Deviance	Penalty	DIC	
DIC - effect of mean age on lifetime prevalence				
Full model	293-61	2.97	296-58	
No [Age]	300-14	2.01	302-15	
DIC - effect of mean age on point p	prevalence			
Full model	277.52	3.01	280.52	
No [Age]	278-16	2.01	280-17	
DIC - effect of gender on lifetime prevalence				
Full Model	601.4	8-0	609.4	
No [Sex]	701.7	3.9	705.7	
No [Res]	672-1	3.9	676-1	
No [YoS]	772.0	4.0	776-1	
DIC - effect of gender on point prevalence				

# Table s3. The deviance information criterion (DIC) for full model, including the information on age of examinees (Age), year of study (YoS), urban/rural residency (Res) and gender (Sex).

Full Model	280.7	8.0	288.7
No [Sex]	370.6	4.0	374.5
No [Res]	391.7	3.9	395.6
No [YoS]	356.5	4.1	360.6

The analysis shows that DIC does not increase when mean age is dropped as a predictor, meaning that mean age of the sample has no effect on the reported prevalence. However, the analysis in a sub-sample of studies where the prevalence was reported differentially by sex indicates that there are differences in prevalence by sex, with males having higher rates. However, this does not affect our population-based estimates for China, because the male-to-female ratio in our samples was comparable to the male-to-female ratio in Chinese population aged 15 years or more, to which we applied the estimates of the prevalence, meaning that no further adjustments were necessary.

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