Supplementary table 2. Summary of included studies in the meta-analysis. *excluded in quantitative synthesis

| Leading author | Year | Country | Period of data collecting (Data Source) | Sample size (Before vs. During) | Outcome reported | Assessment tool | Category of outcome | etc. |
|-----------------|------|-------------|--|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Ettman | 2020 | USA | 2017 to 2018 vs. March 31, 2020 - April 13, 2020 (National Health & Nutrition Examination Survey) | 5,065 vs. 1,441 | Increase in depression prevalence (>3-fold) | PHQ-9 ≥ 10 | Depression | |
| Twenge | 2020 | USA | January - June 2019 vs. April 23 - May 26, 2020 (National Health Interview Survey & Household Pulse Survey) | 336,525 | Increase in depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, or one or both (>3-fold) | PHQ-2 ≥ 3 GAD-2 ≥ 3 | Depression Anxiety | |
| Castellini | 2020 | Italy | December 1, 2019 - January 15, 2020 vs. April 22 - May 3, 2020 | 130 | Increase in depressive symptoms, but no changes in anxiety | BSI | Depression Anxiety | |
| *Ramiz | 2021 | France | November 2014 and December 2019 vs. April 15, 2020 and May 4, 2020 (MAVIE cohort) | 1,237 | Depression remained unchanged from 27.0% at recruitment to 27.6% at lockdown. Anxiety symptoms increased from 17.3 to 20.1% | PHQ-9 > 4 GAD-7 > 4 | Depression Anxiety | No. with PHQ-9 ≥ 10 not indicated No. with GAD-7 ≥ 10 not indicated |
| *van der Velden | 2020 | Netherlands | March 2019 vs. March 2020 (Dutch longitudinal population-based LISS panel) | 3,983 | No increase in depression and anxiety symptoms | MHI-5 < 60 | Depression Anxiety | No value specific to depression and anxiety |
| *van der Velden | 2021 | Netherlands | November 2019, March 2020, and June 2020 | 4,084 | Lower prevalence of anxiety and depression after the outbreak (June 2 020, 15.3%) than before (16.8%) and during the outbreak (17.2%) | MHI-5 < 60 | Depression Anxiety | No value specific to depression and anxiety |
| Winkler | 2020 | Czech | November 2017 (Czech Mental Health Study) vs. May 6 - 20, 2020 | 3,306 vs. 3,021 | Increase in depression (3-fold) and anxiety symptoms (2-fold) | MINI | Depression Anxiety | uninoty |
| Brailovskala | 2020 | Germany | October 2019 vs. March 20, 2020 (Bochum Optimism and Mental Health project) | 436 | Depression and anxiety at baseline (October 2019) did not predict burden at follow-up (March 2020). But, stress symptoms assessed at baseline were a significant predictor of higher burden at follow-up | DASS-21 | Depression Anxiety Stress | |
| Ruggieri | 2020 | Italy | March 7 - 9, 2020 (pre-quarantine) March 25 - 27, 2020 (post-quarantine) April 12 - 14, 2020 (post-quarantine) | March 7 - 9, 2020 : 113 March 25 - 27, 2020 : 75 April 12 - 14, 2020 : 80 | Increase in depression, anxiety, and stress | DASS-21 | Depression Anxiety Stress | |
| Hallwa | 2021 | USA | September - December 2019 vs. April - June 2020 Sample 1 : December 4 - 10, 2019 vs. April 3 - 15, 2020 Sample 2 : October 6 - 13, 2019 vs. May 14 - 25, 2020 Sample 3 : September 18 - 26, 2019 vs. June 10 - 19, 2020 (Amazon's Mechanical Turk) | Sample 1 : 300 Sample 2 : 146 Sample 3 : 142 | Significant increases in anxiety and stress. But no change in depression | Depression: - Sample 1 & 3 : PHQ-8 ≥ 10 - Sample 2 : DASS-21 Anxiety: - Sample 1 & 3 : GAD-7 ≥ 10 - Sample 2 : DASS-21 Stress: - Sample 1 & 3 : PSS - Sample 2 : DASS-21 | Depression Anxiety Stress | Analysis with sample 1 and sample 3 for depression and anxiety; sample 2 for psychological distress |
| Ayuso-Mateos | 2021 | Spain | June 17, 2019 - March 14, 2020 May 21, 2020 - June 30, 2020 (Edad con Salud project) | 1,103 | No change in depression and suicidal ideation | CIDI 3.0 | Depression Suicidal ideation | |
| *Sueki and Ueda | 2021 | Japan | January 24, 2020 vs. April 27 and 30, 2020 | 6,683 | Decrease in suicidal ideation | Suicidal ideation scale | Suicidal ideation | |
| *Savolainen | 2021 | Finland | September 16 and October 15, 2019 vs. September 15 and October 22, 2020 (Social Media at Work in Finland survey) | 1,044 | Increase in psychological distress Women and young people experienced higher anxiety | STAI-6 GHQ-12 | Psychological distress Anxiety | Not suitable measure in anxiety (post-pandemic anxiety as dependent variable). No. with psychological distress not indicated (GHQ values not given) |
| McGinty | 2020 | USA | 2018 (National Health Interview Survey) vs. April 7 - 13, 2020 (Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Civic Life & Public Health Survey) | 25,417 vs. 1,468 | Increase in psychological distress | Kessler 6 ≥ 13 | Psychological distress | *************************************** |
| Pierce | 2020 | UK | 2018-19 vs. April 2020 (UK household longitudinal study) | 17,452 | Increase in psychological distress | GHQ-12 ≥ 4 | Psychological distress | |
| Niedzwiedz | 2020 | UK | 2017–2019 vs. April 23-30, 2020 (UK household longitudinal study) | 9,748 | Increase in psychological distress | GHQ-12 ≥ 4 | Psychological distress | |
| Ferry | 2020 | UK | January 2017- December 2018 vs. April 2020 (UK household longitudinal study) | 8,708 | Increase in psychological distress | GHQ-12 ≥ 4 | Psychological distress | |
| Canady | 2021 | USA | February 2019 vs. May 2020 (Rand American Life Panel) | 2,555 vs. 1,870 | No change in psychological distress | Kessler 6 | Psychological distress | |
| Kuhn | 2021 | Switzerland | September 2, 2019 - March 3, 2020 vs. May 12 - June 30, 2020 (Swiss Household Panel) | 5,859 | Reduced stress levels significantly | Stress was captured with the question how often respondents felt stressed during the last 2 weeks, with answers ranging from never (1) to very often (5) | Perceived stress | |
| Novotny | 2020 | Czech | December 19, 2014 vs. April 24 to May 27, 2020 | 715 | Increase in stress (1.4-fold) and depressive symptoms (5.5-fold) | PSS PHQ-9 (before COVID-19) + PHQ-4 (during COVID-19) ≥ 3 | Depression Perceived stress | No. with PHQ-9 ≥ 10 not indicated No. with GAD-7 ≥ 10 not indicated |
| *Paschke | 2021 | Germany | September 13 - 27, 2019 vs. April 20 - 30, 2020 | 824 adolescents 824 respective parents | Increase in psychological stress during COVID-19 | PSS-4≥8 | Perceived Stress | No. with psychological distress not indicated (PSS values not given) |
| *Daly | 2020 | UK | 2017–2019 vs. April, May, and June 2020 (UK household longitudinal study) | 14,393 | Prevalence of mental health problems (GHQ-12 ≥ 3) increased from 24.3% in 2017-2019 to 37.8% in April 2020 and remained elevated in May (34.7%) and June (31.9%) 2020 | GHQ-12≥3 | Psychological distress | Same sample as Niedzwiedz et al., 2020 |