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## Depression in the workplace in Brazil

Workplace depression is a major issue across different cultures and economies, with devastating consequences.

Lifetime prevalence of depression in Brazil: 18% or 34 million<sup>1,2</sup>

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## Depression costs Brazil more than US\$78 billion in lost productivity

(absence from work, and attending work while unwell)<sup>1</sup>



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The cognitive symptoms of depression, for instance difficulties in concentrating, making decisions and remembering, are present up to 94% of the time during an episode

of depression<sup>1</sup>, causing significant impairment in work function and productivity<sup>2</sup>



Cognitive symptoms are a crucial factor affecting workplace performance in people with depression

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## Depression-related presenteeism\* costs Brazil US\$63.3 billion<sup>1</sup> (\*attending work while unwell)



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Brazilian employees are **likely to keep working** during an episode of depression, impacting their productivity and performance at work



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