According to the National Comorbidity Study, the lifetime frequency of bipolar disorder is approximately 4%.

It is more widespread in women than men with an average age of onset of 25 years.

Bipolar patients had a 39.1% inpatient hospitalization rate compared to 4.5% for all other patients with behavioral health care diagnoses.

According to the CDC bipolar disorder is the most expensive behavioral health care diagnosis.

It costs twice as much as depression for each affected person.

Currently, the FDA has approved only three drugs (Olanzapine, Quetiapine and Lurasidone) for the treatment of bipolar disorder.

### References