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The authors' goals in this study are to use both the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and state accountability test score data to (1) provide a detailed description of the magnitude and trends of state-level academic achievement gaps among cohorts of students entering school in the 1990s and 2000s; (2) investigate the extent to which patterns and trends in gaps vary among states; and (3) provide preliminary evidence regarding the impact of NCLB (No Child Left Behind) on achievement gaps. The authors use Main NAEP test score data for 4th and 8th-graders in 1990-2009. They also use state-level categorical proficiency count data for students in grades 3-8 in 2001-2010, collected with the help of state department of education officials, as well as the Office of Education Evaluation, and Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Education. The authors are primarily interested in white-black and white-Hispanic gaps, though they also report female-male achievement gaps. Their findings indicate that, first, black-white and Hispanic-white achievement gaps have narrowed in the past 15-20 years or more. Male-female gaps appear largely unchanged over the same time period. Second, there is significant variation across states in both the magnitude and trend achievement gains. Finally, these findings do not suggest a strong effect of NCLB on achievement gaps (in tables and 3 figures.)

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Schizophrenia is one of the most debilitating mental illnesses, characterized by a range of symptoms that affect the way a person thinks, feels, and behaves. Research has shown that yoga therapy, as a complementary therapy, can help improve the quality of life of individuals suffering from schizophrenia. This article reviews the existing literature on yoga therapy for schizophrenia, with a focus on the mechanisms of action underlying the therapeutic effects. The findings suggest that yoga therapy can help reduce symptoms of schizophrenia, such as delusions, hallucinations, and negative symptoms. Furthermore, yoga therapy has been found to improve quality of life, as measured by various psychological and social indicators. The review also highlights the need for further research to establish the efficacy of yoga therapy as a treatment option for schizophrenia.

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Highlights

- One in two PhD students experiences psychological distress; one in three is at risk of a common psychiatric disorder.
- The prevalence of mental health problems is higher in PhD students than in the highly educated general population, highly educated employees and higher education students.
- Work and organizational context are significant predictors of PhD students' mental health.
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