Men die earlier and women have higher morbidity – really? NZ evidence on subjective health

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Using data from the health module (Wave 3) of the longitudinal Survey of Family, Income and Employment (SoFIE) and two measures of health (self-assessed health and psychological stress (K-10)), this presentation revisits the apparent ‘morbidity paradox’ that ‘women are sicker but men die quicker’. This study shows that a gender difference in health varies depending on the measure of health. In contrast to other countries, women reported better self-assessed health in New Zealand. Gender differences are not completely explained by demographic, socioeconomic and health behaviour factors. The association of socioeconomic factors with health did vary by gender.

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