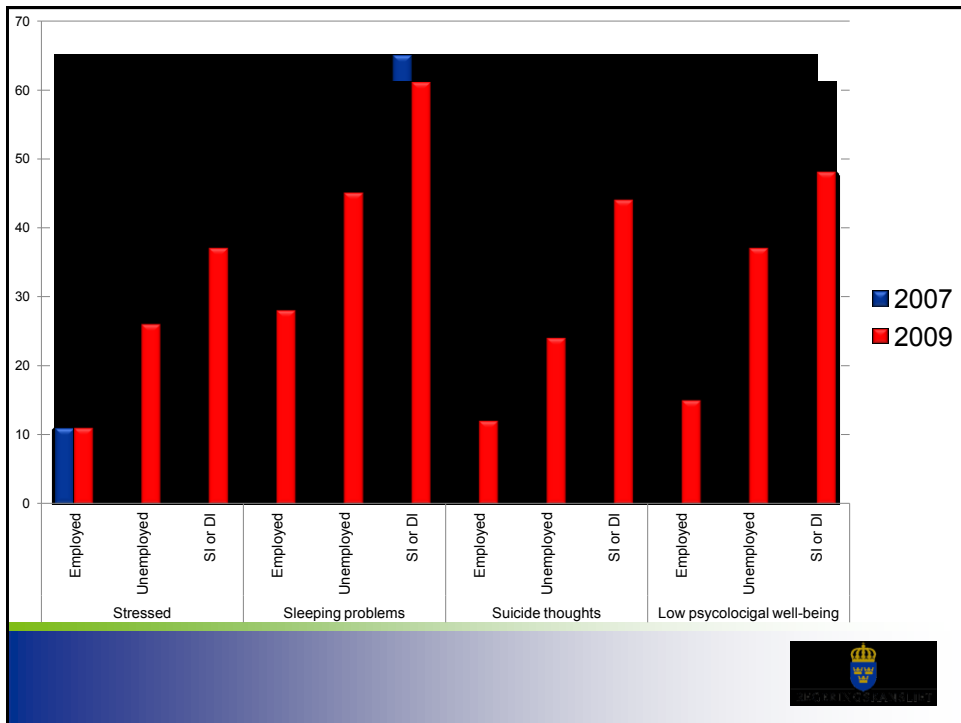


Effects of a economic downturn

- 1997, a year of economic prosperity
- 1999, affected by a world-wide recession
- Unemployment in Sweden increased from 6 to 9 percent
- Employed got in-work tax benefits and interest rates were low



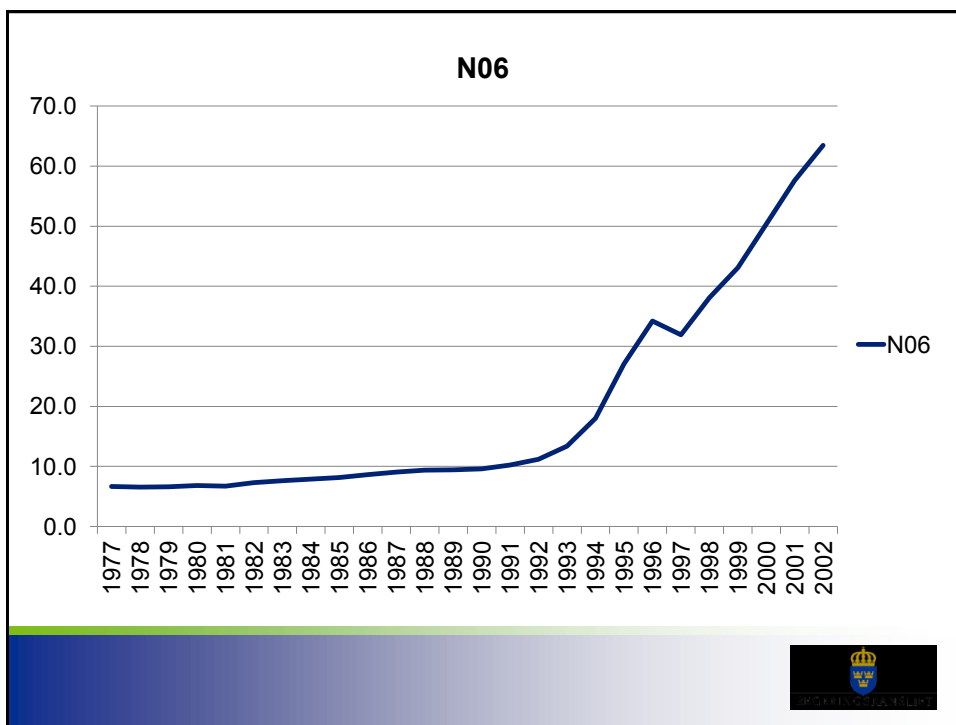


The super labour force

- Who wants to hire a sick or disabled person?
- Mental illness may signaling "weekness"
- High unemployment rates yields a large stock of potential employees
- The selection effect is higher during an economic down-turn

The super labour force

- A Swedish trade union survey reveals:
- 7 percent of the employers are positive to employ persons of SI or DI.
- 13 percent are willing to employ long-term unemployed
- 50-60 percent of the employers are unwilling to employ long-term unemployed or persons on SI or DI.



Conclusions

- An economic down-turn may not yield an overall increased mental illness
- Persons unemployed and on SI or DI are having worse mental health
- The million dollar question is: who wants to employ a mentaly ill person?

