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The purpose of this study was to determine the prevalence of mental health problems among ordinary bus drivers of Bangkok Mass Transit Authority (BMTA.) and to study basic information for further study in mental health. The sample used in this study was composed of 270 ordinary bus drivers. The instruments employed were interview form and symptom distress checklist-90 (SCL-90). The data were analyzed by percentage, arithmetic mean, standard deviation, t-test, F-test and  $\alpha$ -statistic of Cheffe with the SPSS<sup>x</sup> program.

The major findings were as follows :

1. The prevalence of mental health problems of ordinary bus drivers was 37 percent and was lower than other population who live in Bangkok statistically significant at 0.05 level. The somatization dimension was the most prominent mental health problems (21.1 percent).

2. The mental health problems were statistically significant different at 0.001-0.05 level depending on 6 variables :- educational, substance use behavior, age, marital status, income and home-background.