

**Table 255. Children and Youth With Disabilities Served by Selected Programs: 1995 to 2005**

[In thousands (5,078.8 represents 5,078,800). As of Fall. For children and youth ages 6 to 21 served under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B. Includes outlying areas]

Disability	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>5,078.8</b>	<b>5,677.9</b>	<b>5,773.9</b>	<b>5,861.4</b>	<b>5,959.1</b>	<b>6,045.4</b>	<b>6,116.4</b>	<b>6,109.6</b>
Specific learning disabilities . . . . .	2,601.8	2,867.7	2,881.6	2,878.3	2,878.6	2,867.1	2,839.3	2,780.2
Speech or language impairments. . .	1,026.9	1,087.8	1,093.4	1,093.2	1,110.9	1,128.1	1,149.6	1,157.2
Mental retardation. . . . .	585.6	614.3	613.4	605.0	591.7	582.6	567.6	545.5
Emotional disturbance . . . . .	439.2	469.8	474.3	477.8	482.0	484.5	484.5	472.4
Multiple disabilities . . . . .	94.5	113.0	122.9	128.7	130.8	132.7	133.4	133.9
Hearing impairments . . . . .	68.0	71.4	70.8	71.2	72.0	72.0	72.6	72.4
Orthopedic impairments . . . . .	63.2	71.4	73.0	73.7	74.0	68.2	65.4	63.1
Other health impairments . . . . .	134.2	255.3	294.0	341.3	393.0	452.7	512.2	561.0
Visual impairments . . . . .	25.5	26.4	26.0	25.8	26.1	25.9	26.1	26.0
Autism . . . . .	29.1	66.0	79.6	98.6	118.8	141.1	166.5	193.6
Deaf-blind . . . . .	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6
Traumatic brain injury . . . . .	9.6	13.9	14.9	20.8	21.5	22.5	23.3	23.5
Developmental delay <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	(X)	19.3	28.6	45.3	58.3	66.3	74.4	79.1

X Not applicable. <sup>1</sup> States had the option of reporting children ages 3 to 9 under developmental delay beginning 1997.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS). See Internet site <<http://www.ideadata.org/index.html>>.