

Table 184. Learning Disability or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder for Children 3 to 17 Years of Age by Selected Characteristics: 2008

[In thousands, except percent (61,907 represents 61,907,000). Learning disability is based on the question, "Has a representative from a school or a health professional ever told you that (child's name) has a learning disability?" Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder is based on the question, "Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that (child's name) had Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Disorder?"]

Selected characteristic	Total	Ever told had—			
		Learning disability		Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	
		Number ¹	Percent ²	Number ¹	Percent ²
Total ³	61,907	5,012	8.2	4,968	8.1
SEX ⁴					
Male	31,724	3,174	10.1	3,508	11.2
Female	30,183	1,839	6.2	1,459	4.9
AGE					
3 to 4 years old	8,848	206	2.3	171	1.9
5 to 11 years old	28,250	2,485	8.8	2,059	7.3
12 to 17 years old	24,809	2,321	9.4	2,738	11.1
RACE					
Race Alone ^{4, 5}	59,721	4,841	8.2	4,807	8.1
White	46,514	3,853	8.3	3,922	8.5
Black or African American	9,596	860	9.2	792	8.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	983	⁶ 91	⁶ 9.1	(B)	(B)
Asian	2,491	⁶ 30	⁶ 1.2	(B)	(B)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	137	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Two or more races ^{4, 7}	2,186	171	⁶ 8.7	161	8.1
Black or African American and White	777	⁶ 61	⁶ 8.7	⁶ 75	⁶ 11.0
American Indian or Alaska Native and White	475	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE: ^{4, 8}					
Hispanic or Latino	12,922	750	5.9	535	4.2
Mexican or Mexican American	8,729	482	5.6	276	3.3
Not Hispanic or Latino	48,985	4,262	8.8	4,433	9.1
White, single race	34,836	3,158	9.1	3,425	9.8
Black or African American, single race	9,209	844	9.4	774	8.5

B Base figure too small to meet statistical standards for reliability of a derived figure. ¹ Unknowns for the columns are not included in the frequencies, but they are included in the "Total" column. ² Unknowns for the column variables are not included in the denominators when calculating percentages. ³ Includes other races not shown separately. ⁴ Percents are age-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using age groups 3–4 years, 5–11 years, and 12–17 years. ⁵ Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group. ⁶ Figures do not meet standard of reliability or precision. ⁷ Refers to all persons who indicated more than one race group. ⁸ Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be any race or combination of races.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, *Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Children: National Health Interview Survey, 2008*, Vital and Health Statistics, Series 10, Number 244, 2009. See also <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_244.pdf>.

Table 185. Children and Youth With Disabilities Served by Selected Programs: 1995 to 2008

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

Disability	1995	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total	5,078.8	5,773.9	6,045.4	6,116.4	6,113.5	6,085.6	5,999.2	5,889.8
Specific learning disabilities	2,601.8	2,881.6	2,867.1	2,839.3	2,782.8	2,711.8	2,616.3	2,525.9
Speech or language impairments	1,026.9	1,093.4	1,128.1	1,149.6	1,156.9	1,162.1	1,151.9	1,122.0
Mental retardation	585.6	613.4	582.6	567.6	546.0	523.5	497.5	476.1
Emotional disturbance	439.2	474.3	484.5	484.5	472.5	458.8	439.7	418.1
Multiple disabilities	94.5	122.9	132.7	133.4	134.0	133.8	132.5	124.1
Hearing impairments	68.0	70.8	72.0	72.6	72.4	72.8	72.0	70.8
Orthopedic impairments	63.2	73.0	68.2	65.4	63.1	62.0	60.5	62.4
Other health impairments	134.2	294.0	452.7	512.2	561.6	600.4	630.7	648.4
Visual impairments	25.5	26.0	25.9	26.1	26.0	26.5	26.4	25.8
Autism	29.1	79.6	141.1	166.5	193.8	224.6	258.0	292.8
Deaf-blind	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.7
Traumatic brain injury	9.6	14.9	22.5	23.3	23.5	23.8	23.9	24.9
Developmental delay ¹	(X)	28.6	66.3	74.4	79.1	84.0	88.6	96.9

X Not applicable. ¹ States had the option of reporting children aged 3 to 9 under developmental delay beginning 1997.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education, <<http://www.ideadata.org/index.html>>.