

Data Brief 97: Diagnostic History and Treatment of School-aged Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Special Health Care Needs

Data table for Figure 1. Percent distribution of child's age when parent or guardian was first told that child had autism spectrum disorder, among children aged 6–17 years with special health care needs and autism spectrum disorder: United States, 2011

Age when first told	Percent (standard error)
2 years and under	18.67 (1.77)
3 years	16.96 (1.80)
4 years	13.00 (1.60)
5 years	11.47 (1.39)
6 years and over	39.91 (2.30)
Total	100.00 (...)

... Category not applicable.

Data Source: CDC/NCHS, Survey of Pathways to Diagnosis and Services, 2011.

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Data table for Figure 2. Percent distribution of type of doctor or health care provider who first told parent or guardian that child had autism spectrum disorder, by child's age when parent or guardian was first told, among children aged 6–17 years with special health care needs and autism spectrum disorder: United States, 2011

Type of provider	Child's age when parent or guardian was first told child had ASD		
	0–4 years	5 years and over	Total
	Percent (standard error)		
Generalist	19.50 (2.76)	12.44 (2.17)	15.83 (1.75)
Psychologist (includes school psychologist)	18.53 (2.41)	28.81 (2.70)	23.78 (1.81)
Other health care provider	18.34 (2.84)	16.32 (2.62)	17.26 (1.93)
Developmental pediatrician or other specialist pediatrician	14.69 (2.00)	8.17 (1.66)	11.32 (1.29)
Neurologist	12.38 (2.25)	6.96 (1.51)	9.69 (1.35)
Multidisciplinary team	8.67 (2.13)	3.46 (1.30)	5.98 (1.24)
Psychiatrist	7.89 (1.95)	23.85 (2.99)	16.13 (1.86)
Total	100.00 (...)	100.00 (...)	100.00 (...)

... Category not applicable.

NOTE: ASD is autism spectrum disorder.

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Data table for Figure 3. Percentage of children aged 6–17 years with special health care needs and autism spectrum disorder who currently use selected health care services, by age: United States, 2011

Type of service and number of services used	Age		
	6–11 years	12–17 years	Total
	Percent (standard error)		
Type of service			
Social skills training	60.05 (3.22)	57.26 (3.25)	58.79 (2.30)
Speech or language therapy	68.36 (2.98)	44.91 (3.27)	57.68 (2.26)
Occupational therapy	51.33 (3.32)	32.10 (3.10)	42.72 (2.34)
Behavioral intervention or modification	40.21 (3.23)	38.87 (3.36)	39.66 (2.33)
Cognitive based therapy	28.78 (3.19)	26.02 (3.12)	27.52 (2.25)
Sensory integration therapy	23.10 (2.90)	16.70 (2.66)	20.16 (2.00)
Physical therapy	19.65 (2.41)	15.66 (2.54)	17.84 (1.74)
Complementary and alternative medicine	16.36 (2.27)	18.53 (2.60)	17.35 (1.71)
Number of services used			
Any of these services	91.14 (1.67)	84.21 (2.40)	88.03 (1.43)
Three or more of these services	60.99 (3.16)	46.99 (3.35)	54.57 (2.32)

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Data table for Figure 4. Percentage of children aged 6–17 years with special health care needs and autism spectrum disorder who currently use selected medication types: United States, 2011

Type of medication	Percent (standard error)
Stimulant medication	31.63 (2.29)
Anti-anxiety or mood-stabilizing medication	25.64 (2.12)
Antidepressant medication	20.13 (2.05)
Sleep medication	19.39 (1.98)
Antipsychotic medication	14.00 (1.89)
Antiseizure medication	8.21 (1.26)
Any of these medications	55.95 (2.30)

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