

US Department of Education Statistics On Autism

The following is taken from the statistics produced by the Department of Education in the United States, for numbers of children aged 6-21 served by IDEA (Individuals With Disabilities Discrimination Act) who have autism.

<i>State</i>	<i>1992-1993</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>	<i>% Increase</i>
Alabama	68	670	885
Alaska	8	165	2,053
Arizona	199	897	351
Arkansas	30	560	1,767
California	1,605	8,376	422
Colorado	14	350	2,400
Connecticut	164	1,032	529
Delaware	15	248	1,553
District of Columbia	0	65	(infinite)
Florida	582	3,114	435
Georgia	262	1,602	511
Hawaii	52	198	281
Idaho	39	239	513
Illinois	5	2,435	48,600
Indiana	273	2,080	442
Iowa	67	543	710
Kansas	74	471	636
Kentucky	38	739	1,845
Louisiana	409	1,032	152
Maine	37	358	868
Maryland	28	1,551	5,439
Massachusetts	493	543	10
Michigan	288	3,449	1,098
Minnesota	296	1,958	561
Mississippi	0	333	(infinite)
Missouri	336	1,361	306
Montana	20	127	535
Nebraska	4	289	7,125
Nevada	5	273	5,360
New Hampshire	0	268	(infinite)
New Jersey	446	2,378	433
New Mexico	16	193	1,106
New York	1,648	4,951	200
North Carolina	786	2,391	204
North Dakota	9	98	988
Ohio	22	1,574	7,055
Oklahoma	31	547	1,665
Oregon	37	2,218	5,895
Pennsylvania	346	2,707	682
Puerto Rico	266	408	53
Rhode Island	19	238	1,153
South Carolina	141	717	5,021
South Dakota	36	168	367
Tennessee	304	819	169
Texas	1,444	5,134	256
Utah	105	472	350
Vermont	6	160	2,567
Virginia	539	1,714	218
Washington	476	1,376	189
West Virginia	101	262	159

Wisconsin	18	1,445	7,928
Wyoming	15	83	453
Total	12,222	65,396	435

(Source: US Individuals With Disabilities Education Act data. Site address: http://www.IDEAdata.org/tables/ar_aa2.htm)

In round terms, for every two children registered through IDEA with autism in 1992-93, there were almost eleven by 1999-2000.

Note: the very latest New Jersey figure for 2000-2001 is 2,905, a further single-year increase of 527 children (+22%) over the 1999-2000 figure.