

THE NUMBERS BEHIND SPECIAL EDUCATION

DISABILITY BY THE NUMBERS

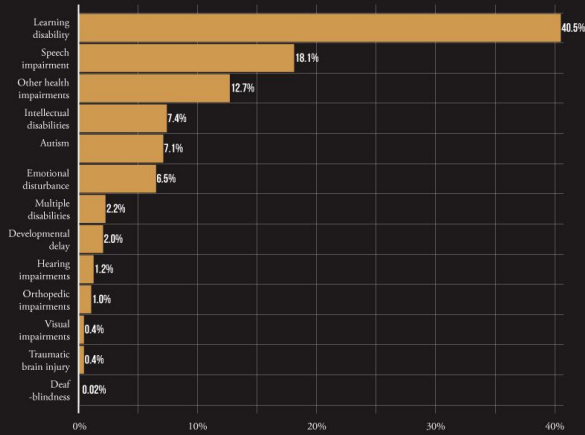
As of 2011, there were
5,670,680
students ages 6-21 who received
special education services in the U.S.



Children with disabilities
cost public schools
2-3X MORE
than those without disabilities

— THE — PREVALENCE OF DISABILITY

by percentage of students ages 6-21



MENTAL DISORDERS

Mental disorders in
children have risen
35 FOLD
in two decades



1 IN 5 kids has some form
of mental disorder

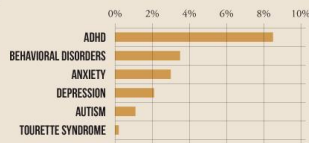
\$247 Billion

is spent every year in medical
bills, special education, and
juvenile justice



MOST COMMON PARENT-REPORTED DISORDERS IN CHILDREN 3-17

by percentage



COUNTING THE COST

Factors contributing to high
costs in special education:

- Identifying disabled students
- Identifying the type of disability
- Determining appropriate services for disabled students
- Determining the right program
- Providing multiple services for one child

1974 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act adopted

Provision for free and
appropriate education
for disabled children
is mandatory for all
public schools. The
act also ensures that
schools implement
individualized
education for each
child's needs.



The federal government
has committed to paying
40%
per student

That's up
about
20%
from today

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