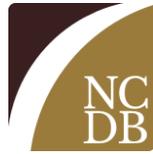


**The 2016 National Child Count of Children and
Youth who are Deaf-Blind**



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Introduction

This, the 31st annual National Child Count of Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind, is the first and longest running registry and knowledge base of children who are deaf-blind in the world. Begun in 1986 on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, it represents a thirty-plus year collaborative effort between the National Center on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB), its predecessors, and each state and multi-state deaf-blind project throughout the country, as well as projects funded in the Pacific Trust territories, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Initially requested by the U.S. Department of Education as an examination of the discrepancy between the National Deaf-Blind Child Count and the Office of Special Education Programs' (OSEP) annual December 1 counts of children and students with disabilities being served under IDEA Part C or Part B, the child count has expanded over time to inform the work of a range of OSEP-funded deaf-blind projects during the ensuing years, including the current national, state, and multi-state technical assistance and dissemination projects.

The National Deaf-Blind Child Count has been collaboratively designed, implemented, and revised to serve as the common vehicle to meet federal grant requirements for both the State and Multi-State Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Projects and the National Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Center, as well as serve as a common data collection and reporting mechanism for use across the country. Consistent with the priorities under which NCDB, its predecessors, and the state and multi-state deaf-blind projects are funded, this national child count is used to help identify national and state technical assistance needs for children and youth who are deaf-blind, their families, and the service providers and systems that serve them.

The National Deaf-Blind Child Count is conducted each year to supplement OSEP's Federal Part C and Part B child counts (December 1 Special Education Child Count), **which include children as deaf-blind only when deaf-blindness is their single disability**. In contrast to OSEP's December 1 Special Education Child Count, the National Deaf-Blind Child Count data is collected for children whose disability is solely deaf-blindness, as well as those who are identified with deaf-blindness and also have additional disabilities. This is a critical distinction given that nearly 90% (87.4%) of the children and youth on the National Deaf-Blind Child Count have one or more additional disabilities. Consequently, a majority of children who are deaf-blind or have deaf-blind intervention needs are not identified as such on OSEP's December 1 Special Education Child Count.

Between December 1, 2015 and December 1, 2016, state and multi-state deaf-blind projects reported 10,749 children and youth were eligible to receive services. On December 1, 2016, state and multi-state deaf-blind projects reported that 10,160 children and youth were eligible to receive services. Of these, 9,635 were both eligible to receive deaf-blind project services *and* were being served through either Part C or Part B of IDEA. **Therefore, a total of 9,635 children and youth are included on the December 1, 2016 Deaf-Blind Child Count.**

Across the United States, 564 infants (birth-2) and 8,979 children and young adults (3-21) were identified and reported as deaf-blind by the state and multi-state deaf-blind

projects on the December 1, 2016 Deaf-Blind Child Count. An additional 92 students were reported by those projects, who by their respective state's legislation or regulation, continue to provide services through the end of the school year in which the student turns 22 years of age. These individuals make up the total of 9,635 infants, children, and young adults identified as deaf-blind by the state and multi-state deaf-blind projects. This figure represents a slight increase from the previous year.

In contrast, the U.S. Department of Education (2016a) reports that 1,443 students (3-21) were identified as deaf-blind on OSEP's December 1, 2015 Part B Special Education Child Count. Due to the non-categorical nature of Part C, no infants or toddlers are reported as deaf-blind as they are all reported as developmentally delayed or at-risk by their state Part C lead agencies (2016b). This discrepancy of more than 80% between Part B and Part C reporting of children and youth who are deaf-blind and the National Deaf-Blind Child Count is significant. State and multi-state deaf-blind project directors consistently indicate that most Part C lead agencies and State Education Agencies report their children and students with deaf-blindness as being developmentally delayed, multiply disabled, and/or visually impaired or hearing impaired, rather than identifying them as deaf-blind. Concerns about the under-identification of deaf-blindness and its resulting unique intervention requirements have been a consistent problem and one that often results in a lack of or delay in receiving appropriate intervention and instruction critical to children's early development (Herbster, 2015; Mueller, 2006; Purvis & Schalock, 2014). The opportunity for early identification, intervention, and provision of instructional services aimed at the unique needs of young children and students who are deaf-blind is a critical component that should not be lost.

In reviewing the child count data submitted over the years, it is notable that children who are deaf-blind are highly diverse. Clearly, children who are deaf-blind are as varied as the number reported, and the nature and extent of deaf-blindness in children is often misunderstood (Malloy & Killoran, 2007; McCormick, 2015; Schalock, 2016). These children represent one of the lowest incidence yet most diverse group of learners receiving early intervention and special education services. They are an extremely heterogeneous group whose sensory losses are often accompanied by additional physical or cognitive disabilities, complex medical needs, and/or behavior challenges.

Data Elements in the National Deaf-Blind Child Count

Throughout the history of the child count, NCDB and its predecessors have continuously revised the child count language and reporting elements to a) remain current with IDEA Section 618 Part C and Part B data requirements, b) ease the data collection burden of the projects, and c) increase process and cost efficiencies.

Current data elements target both IDEA Section 618 requirements and the collection of information to guide state-specific and national technical assistance. Existing data elements have been broken out into specific Part B and Part C elements using Section 618 language. Reported data elements that are consistent with the IDEA mandated child counts include:

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- Race/Ethnicity
- Part B and C Category Codes
- Early Intervention Setting (Birth through 2)
- Educational Setting (3-5 and 6-21)
- Part C Exiting Status (Birth through 2)
- Part B Exiting Status (3-21)

Data elements have also been included to assist in developing state and national technical assistance initiatives (e.g., collection of demographic and needs assessment information). These include:

- Gender
- Etiology
- Documented Vision Loss
- Cortical Vision Impairment
- Documented Hearing Loss
- Central Auditory Processing Disorder
- Auditory Neuropathy
- Other Impairments or Conditions
- Living Setting
- Intervener Services
- Use of Corrective Lenses, Listening Devices, and/or Assistive Technology

Considerations for the Reader

When reading the information that follows, the reader should note that:

- Although the *IDEA* definition is used as the common definition of deaf-blindness, each state or multi-state deaf-blind project has the discretion of establishing criteria for their own project services.
- The National Deaf-Blind Child Count is collected in a timeline consistent with *IDEA* Section 618 data requirements. A point-in-time “snap shot” is used to reflect those infants, young children, and students identified and eligible for services from state and multi-state deaf-blind projects on December 1 of each year. Thus, in many instances, projects serve more infants, young children, and students over the course of the year than are reported on December 1.
- The language and reporting elements used in the National Deaf-Blind Child Count are consistent with those found in Section 618 of *IDEA*.
- The National Deaf-Blind Child Count data presented are based on aggregate data reported by each state and multi-state deaf-blind project. While the aggregated

counts provide a national perspective, there is substantial variability in the individual state project data reports.

Overall Population Demographics

The total December 1, 2016 “Snap Shot” count increased to 9,635; an increase of 61 from 2015. Overall, the total number of children and youth served during the year also increased from 10,671 to 10,749.

While 1,203 children and youth exited from the censuses of the state and multi-state projects, a total of 1,265 were added through child find and referral efforts.

Newly identified children and youth spanned the age range from birth through 21. Nearly half (47.9%) were birth through 5 years of age. In other ways, these newly identified individuals are consistent with the overall population on children and youth who are deaf-blind.

The distribution of children/youth across age groups has remained relatively stable over the past five to six years. The average age of children and youth reported has decreased slightly during this time from 14.09 years to 12.78 years, mostly due to a decline in the number of youth in the 18-21 age group.

Since 2010, the number of children from birth to 2 years of age first decreased from 698 to 552 in 2013, and then increased again to 571 this past year. The overall birthrate in the U.S. has also declined during this time period.

Since 2010 the number of children aged 3 to 5 consistently decreased, from 1271 in 2010 to 1160 in 2015. The number of children and youth aged 6 to 17 increased from 5,642 to 6,316. The number of those 18 years of age and older declined, from 1785 to 1543.

The overall distribution of children and youth by race and ethnicity continues to slowly evolve, reflecting broader population changes. The racial/ethnic makeup of the children and youth who are deaf-blind has remained fairly consistent over the past 7 years. There have been slight changes, but nothing significant. For example, the percentage of the population identified as white decreased from 56.8% to 53.6%. The percentage of the population identified as black or African American dipped slightly from 14.6% to 14.3%. The percentage identified as Latino or Hispanic showed a similar small dip from 20% to 19.6%. All of the other categories have experienced small increases.

The racial/ethnic makeup of the children and youth on the National Deaf-Blind Child Count mirrors fairly well the overall US population. Generally, children and youth who are white are slightly under-represented, while children and youth who are Black/African American or Latino/Hispanic are slightly over represented.

The distribution of children and youth by gender has remained very stable over time, with about 54% of children and youth being male and 46% female.

The apparent under-identification and referral to state and multi-state deaf-blind programs of very young infants and children remains an important issue. Infants and

toddlers benefit greatly from having access to expertise in deaf-blindness. They require appropriate services that address the impacts of dual sensory impairments. Further, parents and families of these infants and toddlers can benefit from supports established within states. Without such early identification and referral to state and multi-state deaf-blind programs, access to needed services and supports is compromised.

Trends demonstrate that what has historically been one of the lowest incidence, yet most heterogeneous populations, continues to become even more so. As our nation's population becomes more diverse ethnically, racially, culturally, and even linguistically, our national, state, and local systems need to continue to adapt to provide effective services to these children and youth and their families.

State Child Count Totals

State	Total Number Served by State During Year	Number Eligible to Receive Project Services on 12-1-2016 Regardless of Part C or Part B Status	12-1-16 Snap Shot: Number on Child Count ⁽¹⁾
Alabama	192	185	178
Alaska	22	17	17
Arizona	220	220	211
Arkansas	197	178	156
California	1030	1015	938
Colorado	150	137	135
Connecticut	51	51	51
Delaware	73	73	73
District of Columbia	20	20	20
Florida	601	601	556
Georgia	333	293	280
Hawaii	73	71	65
Idaho	69	67	67
Illinois	399	376	364
Indiana	243	219	199
Iowa	80	77	77
Kansas	130	113	112
Kentucky	134	134	111
Louisiana	101	101	97
Maine	40	40	40
Maryland	198	198	193
Massachusetts	246	246	244
Michigan	359	344	322
Minnesota	399	364	364
Mississippi	69	69	63
Missouri	297	246	223
Montana	56	46	48
Nebraska	119	114	110
Nevada	129	119	109
New Hampshire	67	67	67
New Jersey	198	198	191

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State	Total Number Served by State During Year	Number Eligible to Receive Project Services on 12-1-2016 Regardless of Part C or Part B Status	12-1-16 Snap Shot: Number on Child Count ⁽¹⁾
New Mexico	133	133	129
New York	349	331	331
North Carolina	306	289	289
North Dakota	36	35	34
Ohio	444	437	376
Oklahoma	178	169	151
Oregon	89	88	86
Pacific Basin	63	55	54
Pennsylvania	475	473	453
Puerto Rico	48	40	40
Rhode Island	48	43	39
South Carolina	136	129	129
South Dakota	33	33	33
Tennessee	290	284	250
Texas	864	706	685
Utah	145	135	132
Vermont	32	28	28
Virgin Islands	24	24	24
Virginia	198	189	183
Washington	269	251	233
West Virginia	103	99	93
Wisconsin	152	152	144
Wyoming	39	38	38
National Total	10749	10160	9635

(1) December 1 snap shot based on children/youth in Part C or Part B and eligible for project services.

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Age of Child

State	0 thru 2	3 thru 5	6 thru 11	12 thru 17	18 thru 21	Over 21	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	7	15	48	61	37	10	0	178
Alaska	0	0	6	10	1	0	0	17
Arizona	10	19	75	71	35	1	0	211
Arkansas	4	12	64	66	10	0	0	156
California	36	93	343	313	148	5	0	938
Colorado	15	24	38	41	17	0	0	135
Connecticut	0	5	17	15	14	0	0	51
Delaware	3	14	22	23	11	0	0	73
District of Columbia	1	6	7	3	3	0	0	20
Florida	6	61	207	183	98	1	0	556
Georgia	28	46	94	87	25	0	0	280
Hawaii	3	7	24	15	16	0	0	65
Idaho	1	6	28	18	13	1	0	67
Illinois	13	32	110	125	77	7	0	364
Indiana	4	14	65	76	40	0	0	199
Iowa	4	8	28	26	11	0	0	77
Kansas	8	18	45	34	7	0	0	112
Kentucky	1	9	41	43	17	0	0	111
Louisiana	7	6	18	36	23	0	7	97
Maine	2	3	17	13	5	0	0	40
Maryland	12	20	64	70	26	1	0	193
Massachusetts	4	26	87	82	45	0	0	244
Michigan	18	31	71	114	40	48	0	322
Minnesota	13	44	127	127	53	0	0	364
Mississippi	9	10	22	17	5	0	0	63
Missouri	28	48	62	68	17	0	0	223
Montana	6	5	20	14	3	0	0	48
Nebraska	5	11	38	34	22	0	0	110
Nevada	23	11	46	19	10	0	0	109
New Hampshire	2	10	24	20	11	0	0	67
New Jersey	4	31	53	49	54	0	0	191

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State	0 thru 2	3 thru 5	6 thru 11	12 thru 17	18 thru 21	Over 21	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
New Mexico	13	30	41	32	13	0	0	129
New York	11	22	94	119	80	5	0	331
North Carolina	16	29	99	93	52	0	0	289
North Dakota	4	6	10	11	3	0	0	34
Ohio	7	27	120	152	70	0	0	376
Oklahoma	11	22	49	42	27	0	0	151
Oregon	6	13	22	29	16	0	0	86
Pacific Basin	2	1	18	17	8	2	6	54
Pennsylvania	78	91	143	99	41	0	1	453
Puerto Rico	1	0	7	25	7	0	0	40
Rhode Island	2	4	9	15	8	1	0	39
South Carolina	13	23	38	43	12	0	0	129
South Dakota	2	5	7	13	6	0	0	33
Tennessee	38	45	75	68	24	0	0	250
Texas	30	85	243	239	83	5	0	685
Utah	13	32	31	31	24	1	0	132
Vermont	4	5	8	7	4	0	0	28
Virgin Islands	0	4	5	8	4	3	0	24
Virginia	6	23	51	76	27	0	0	183
Washington	22	30	64	81	35	1	0	233
West Virginia	2	10	35	39	7	0	0	93
Wisconsin	4	22	44	54	20	0	0	144
Wyoming	2	7	14	12	3	0	0	38
National Total	564	1181	3138	3178	1468	92	14	9635

Race/Ethnicity

State	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic/ Latino	White	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	4	6	53	12	98	1	2	2	178
Alaska	9	1	0	1	5	0	0	1	17
Arizona	14	2	13	97	85	0	0	0	211
Arkansas	0	1	30	13	104	1	7	0	156

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State	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic/Latino	White	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Unknown/Missing	State Total
California	10	83	45	450	233	17	34	66	938
Colorado	4	6	9	42	69	1	4	0	135
Connecticut	0	0	11	9	31	0	0	0	51
Delaware	3	4	16	20	30	0	0	0	73
District of Columbia	0	0	13	1	5	1	0	0	20
Florida	2	27	109	161	214	1	20	22	556
Georgia	1	7	92	37	131	0	11	1	280
Hawaii	0	31	2	1	7	13	3	8	65
Idaho	2	1	3	7	51	0	3	0	67
Illinois	0	19	72	78	190	0	2	3	364
Indiana	1	5	21	21	143	0	7	1	199
Iowa	0	2	4	4	64	0	3	0	77
Kansas	2	4	9	11	77	0	9	0	112
Kentucky	0	0	13	4	92	0	2	0	111
Louisiana	0	0	21	0	46	0	0	30	97
Maine	1	0	1	0	37	0	1	0	40
Maryland	0	8	60	23	88	7	0	7	193
Massachusetts	2	11	9	45	171	1	5	0	244
Michigan	2	17	42	23	230	0	8	0	322
Minnesota	11	32	41	32	234	0	14	0	364
Mississippi	0	0	26	2	35	0	0	0	63
Missouri	2	7	34	11	161	1	7	0	223
Montana	7	0	2	2	36	1	0	0	48
Nebraska	2	3	10	15	80	0	0	0	110
Nevada	1	4	15	34	41	4	10	0	109
New Hampshire	0	2	2	5	57	0	1	0	67
New Jersey	0	7	30	48	105	0	1	0	191
New Mexico	19	0	2	60	36	0	12	0	129
New York	3	20	43	81	139	0	1	44	331
North Carolina	3	10	81	27	148	1	19	0	289
North Dakota	4	1	3	2	24	0	0	0	34
Ohio	2	4	73	12	272	2	11	0	376
Oklahoma	27	4	17	15	88	0	0	0	151
Oregon	2	1	2	19	60	1	1	0	86

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State	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic/Latino	White	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Pacific Basin	0	0	0	0	0	53	1	0	54
Pennsylvania	1	25	68	29	316	0	14	0	453
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	40
Rhode Island	2	4	6	9	18	0	0	0	39
South Carolina	1	2	46	7	71	0	0	2	129
South Dakota	8	0	1	0	24	0	0	0	33
Tennessee	0	8	47	25	162	0	7	1	250
Texas	8	24	82	263	294	2	12	0	685
Utah	3	2	2	17	97	3	8	0	132
Vermont	0	1	1	1	23	0	2	0	28
Virgin Islands	0	0	20	2	2	0	0	0	24
Virginia	2	10	40	21	105	0	0	5	183
Washington	6	10	12	40	136	3	19	7	233
West Virginia	0	0	4	0	85	0	0	4	93
Wisconsin	7	5	16	7	94	0	5	10	144
Wyoming	4	0	5	4	25	0	0	0	38
National Total	182	421	1379	1890	5169	114	266	214	9635

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Gender

State	Male	Female	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	69	103	6	178
Alaska	9	8	0	17
Arizona	115	96	0	211
Arkansas	81	75	0	156
California	490	432	16	938
Colorado	81	54	0	135
Connecticut	30	21	0	51
Delaware	44	29	0	73
District of Columbia	8	11	1	20
Florida	295	259	2	556
Georgia	143	137	0	280
Hawaii	34	25	6	65
Idaho	34	33	0	67
Illinois	190	174	0	364
Indiana	103	96	0	199
Iowa	39	38	0	77
Kansas	60	52	0	112
Kentucky	57	54	0	111
Louisiana	45	49	3	97
Maine	25	15	0	40
Maryland	110	83	0	193
Massachusetts	133	111	0	244
Michigan	180	142	0	322
Minnesota	176	188	0	364
Mississippi	32	31	0	63
Missouri	126	96	1	223
Montana	28	20	0	48
Nebraska	65	45	0	110
Nevada	61	48	0	109
New Hampshire	40	27	0	67
New Jersey	117	74	0	191
New Mexico	64	65	0	129
New York	179	152	0	331
North Carolina	157	131	0	289
North Dakota	17	17	0	34
Ohio	214	162	0	376
Oklahoma	78	73	0	151
Oregon	49	37	0	86
Pacific Basin	31	21	2	54
Pennsylvania	248	205	0	453
Puerto Rico	17	23	0	40
Rhode Island	18	21	0	39
South Carolina	75	54	0	129
South Dakota	17	16	0	33
Tennessee	134	116	0	250
Texas	374	311	0	685
Utah	70	62	0	132

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State	Male	Female	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Vermont	13	15	0	28
Virgin Islands	10	14	0	24
Virginia	89	94	0	183
Washington	106	111	16	233
West Virginia	58	35	0	93
Wisconsin	90	54	0	144
Wyoming	20	18	0	38
National Total	5148	4433	53	9635

Documented Hearing and Vision Loss

The overall distribution of degree of vision loss has remained relatively consistent over time. A total of 7,578 or just under 80% of the children and youth were identified as having low vision, being legally blind, or having a documented functional vision loss in 2016. A total of 490, about 5% of the population, is totally blind. These distributions have remained fairly consistent over the past seven years, fluctuating between 1-3%. There has been a slight increase in the percentage of children and youth with low vision and a documented functional vision loss. The percentage of children who are legally blind has declined.

The number of children and youth who have an identified cortical vision impairment has grown slightly over the past seven years from 2,618 in 2010 to 2,808 in 2016 and represents about 30% of the population.

The documented degree of hearing loss is more evenly distributed from mild to profound. A total of 1,878 children and youth have a profound hearing loss and make up the largest group at nearly 20%. The number of children with a documented functional hearing loss (1,202) is about equal to the number of children and youth with a mild hearing loss (1,309). These distributions have remained very consistent over the past seven years, fluctuating only 1-2%. The percentage of children/youth identified as needing further hearing testing has fluctuated from 8.2% to 6.9% over the past seven years.

Relatively few children and youth have been identified as having a central auditory processing disorder (570) or auditory neuropathy (510). In both cases these numbers represent less than 6% of the population.

The number of children identified as having received cochlear implants has increased from 662 in 2010 (6.7%) to 1,027 in 2016 (10.7%). This increase is true for all ages, from infants to young adults.

In 2016, less than half of the children and youth made use of corrective lenses (41.6%) or assistive listening devices (48.1%) or additional assistive technology (44.4%). While there has been a significant increase over the past seven years in the percentage of children and youth with corrective lenses from 32.5% to 41.6% and assistive listening devices from 38.4% to 48.1%, there has been a smaller increase in the use of other assistive technologies from 41.9% to 44.4%.

The broad range and combinations of vision and hearing loss of the children and youth on the National Deaf-Blind Child Count provide evidence of the heterogeneous nature of this population and their needs. Only about 1% of the population has a profound hearing loss and is totally blind. The other 99% have some residual hearing or vision.

While the number of children and youth needing further vision and or hearing testing has decreased over time, there is still a need for increased access to pediatric audiologists and optometrists. The number of children and youth who have been identified as having a cortical vision impairment (30%) indicate continued work in this area is crucial.

The number of children/youth with cochlear implants has grown dramatically over the past five years. This increase may require significant program development within the Deaf-Blind Network to provide appropriate supports for this growing population.

Assistive technology has an increasingly important place in the lives of children and youth who are deaf-blind. The past several years however, has seen a leveling off in the use of assistive technology. The percentage of children and youth that use of assistive technologies has remained fairly constant over the past five years at about 45%.

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

Primary Classification of Vision Impairment

State	Low Vision	Legally Blind	Light Perception Only	Totally Blind	Diagnosed Progressive Vision Loss	Further Testing Needed (1 year only)	Documented Functional Vision Loss	State Total
Alabama	57	50	7	9	5	7	43	178
Alaska	8	4	1	0	2	1	1	17
Arizona	52	30	6	3	8	1	111	211
Arkansas	51	27	11	11	4	7	45	156
California	269	258	47	57	25	136	146	938
Colorado	73	31	10	6	10	5	0	135
Connecticut	14	27	2	3	1	0	4	51
Delaware	21	10	1	0	3	3	35	73
District of Columbia	3	0	0	0	1	2	14	20
Florida	244	98	37	25	20	0	132	556
Georgia	66	94	22	19	10	10	59	280
Hawaii	6	11	4	7	5	6	26	65
Idaho	17	13	4	3	6	4	20	67
Illinois	122	75	33	19	28	9	78	364
Indiana	70	39	18	11	4	2	55	199
Iowa	24	18	8	5	7	2	13	77
Kansas	24	47	6	3	5	6	21	112
Kentucky	38	37	25	3	1	0	7	111
Louisiana	13	25	4	7	5	33	10	97
Maine	19	6	0	1	1	5	8	40
Maryland	35	33	5	4	7	24	85	193
Massachusetts	91	73	14	9	10	21	26	244
Michigan	99	85	12	27	11	6	82	322
Minnesota	182	65	9	10	29	2	67	364
Mississippi	18	20	10	5	1	2	7	63
Missouri	58	46	13	9	11	5	81	223

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Low Vision	Legally Blind	Light Perception Only	Totally Blind	Diagnosed Progressive Vision Loss	Further Testing Needed (1 year only)	Documented Functional Vision Loss	State Total
Montana	15	12	1	5	4	2	9	48
Nebraska	43	39	7	3	7	1	10	110
Nevada	18	25	7	5	6	15	33	109
New Hampshire	30	16	0	1	0	3	17	67
New Jersey	87	50	18	9	8	3	16	191
New Mexico	46	21	9	3	3	3	44	129
New York	46	111	24	26	4	92	28	331
North Carolina	75	91	22	15	7	13	66	289
North Dakota	16	3	1	0	3	4	7	34
Ohio	84	94	22	29	11	40	96	376
Oklahoma	56	33	13	10	3	8	28	151
Oregon	34	11	3	4	9	3	22	86
Pacific Basin	10	3	6	7	3	11	14	54
Pennsylvania	136	117	8	10	15	57	110	453
Puerto Rico	11	12	10	5	2	0	0	40
Rhode Island	14	12	4	0	0	2	7	39
South Carolina	34	28	6	3	3	8	47	129
South Dakota	9	4	1	4	1	1	13	33
Tennessee	102	44	19	14	8	2	61	250
Texas	224	308	28	35	14	3	73	685
Utah	65	29	7	7	7	2	15	132
Vermont	7	5	2	1	0	0	13	28
Virgin Islands	4	6	0	1	1	9	3	24
Virginia	55	32	12	10	16	0	58	183
Washington	74	44	16	14	14	11	60	233
West Virginia	43	16	7	3	6	0	18	93
Wisconsin	25	30	8	9	8	10	54	144
Wyoming	11	6	2	1	4	6	8	38
National Total	3048	2424	572	490	387	608	2106	9635

Cortical Visual Impairment

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	6	171	1	178
Alaska	2	14	1	17
Arizona	128	83	0	211
Arkansas	61	94	1	156
California	201	445	292	938
Colorado	37	91	7	135
Connecticut	18	33	0	51
Delaware	36	37	0	73
District of Columbia	7	13	0	20
Florida	75	339	142	556
Georgia	90	161	29	280
Hawaii	18	39	8	65
Idaho	34	25	8	67
Illinois	109	226	29	364
Indiana	28	111	60	199
Iowa	16	61	0	77
Kansas	60	28	24	112
Kentucky	67	44	0	111
Louisiana	19	34	44	97
Maine	12	25	3	40
Maryland	56	137	0	193
Massachusetts	59	168	17	244
Michigan	92	230	0	322
Minnesota	102	261	1	364
Mississippi	17	22	24	63
Missouri	60	162	1	223
Montana	19	25	4	48
Nebraska	19	67	24	110
Nevada	26	38	45	109
New Hampshire	24	43	0	67
New Jersey	69	121	1	191
New Mexico	71	26	32	129
New York	27	268	36	331
North Carolina	131	115	43	289
North Dakota	5	23	6	34
Ohio	115	117	144	376
Oklahoma	50	83	18	151
Oregon	29	37	20	86
Pacific Basin	6	8	40	54
Pennsylvania	125	328	0	453
Puerto Rico	13	26	1	40
Rhode Island	17	19	3	39
South Carolina	42	62	25	129
South Dakota	6	27	0	33
Tennessee	80	169	1	250
Texas	206	387	92	685

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Utah	50	70	12	132
Vermont	17	11	0	28
Virgin Islands	3	8	13	24
Virginia	46	137	0	183
Washington	83	87	63	233
West Virginia	52	41	0	93
Wisconsin	57	87	0	144
Wyoming	10	12	16	38
National Total	2808	5496	1331	9635

Corrective Lenses

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	84	93	1	178
Alaska	4	2	11	17
Arizona	67	104	40	211
Arkansas	67	84	5	156
California	389	325	224	938
Colorado	68	63	4	135
Connecticut	16	26	9	51
Delaware	38	29	6	73
District of Columbia	8	8	4	20
Florida	172	137	247	556
Georgia	131	144	5	280
Hawaii	12	36	17	65
Idaho	21	44	2	67
Illinois	194	156	14	364
Indiana	96	69	34	199
Iowa	28	36	13	77
Kansas	69	41	2	112
Kentucky	46	65	0	111
Louisiana	18	27	52	97
Maine	13	14	13	40
Maryland	88	86	19	193
Massachusetts	105	54	85	244
Michigan	156	166	0	322
Minnesota	201	139	24	364
Mississippi	21	34	8	63
Missouri	93	130	0	223
Montana	23	24	1	48
Nebraska	55	52	3	110
Nevada	50	57	2	109
New Hampshire	35	19	13	67
New Jersey	58	127	6	191
New Mexico	65	46	18	129
New York	41	33	257	331
North Carolina	123	159	7	289

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
North Dakota	15	15	4	34
Ohio	140	111	125	376
Oklahoma	66	79	6	151
Oregon	43	41	2	86
Pacific Basin	2	41	11	54
Pennsylvania	205	248	0	453
Puerto Rico	13	27	0	40
Rhode Island	16	22	1	39
South Carolina	51	58	20	129
South Dakota	17	15	1	33
Tennessee	80	136	34	250
Texas	310	0	375	685
Utah	62	70	0	132
Vermont	11	16	1	28
Virgin Islands	1	6	17	24
Virginia	83	81	19	183
Washington	108	115	10	233
West Virginia	51	34	8	93
Wisconsin	54	78	12	144
Wyoming	22	16	0	38
National Total	4005	3838	1792	9635

Primary Classification of Hearing Impairment

State	Mild	Moderate	Moderately Severe	Severe	Profound	Diagnosed Progressive Loss	Further Testing Needed (1 year only)	Documented Functional Hearing Loss	State Total
Alabama	14	29	23	19	49	2	2	40	178
Alaska	7	2	2	0	0	3	3	0	17
Arizona	24	48	43	22	58	0	1	15	211
Arkansas	15	18	8	13	18	2	14	68	156
California	76	139	131	109	216	5	168	94	938
Colorado	20	36	31	17	28	1	2	0	135
Connecticut	11	16	6	0	13	0	4	1	51
Delaware	11	20	12	6	8	0	4	12	73
District of Columbia	0	5	3	1	2	0	5	4	20
Florida	102	98	78	54	121	1	0	102	556
Georgia	52	60	59	30	57	0	7	15	280
Hawaii	5	7	5	2	10	1	10	25	65
Idaho	16	12	13	9	10	0	2	5	67
Illinois	112	72	31	38	56	7	9	39	364
Indiana	28	47	30	19	33	1	7	34	199
Iowa	11	22	7	12	17	0	4	4	77
Kansas	16	29	12	5	20	1	9	20	112
Kentucky	23	15	18	11	20	0	0	24	111
Louisiana	9	13	8	7	12	0	35	13	97
Maine	10	6	9	1	4	0	7	3	40
Maryland	26	35	23	20	44	1	15	29	193
Massachusetts	47	43	43	20	27	4	40	20	244
Michigan	44	58	46	41	63	5	5	60	322
Minnesota	40	108	64	38	82	7	2	23	364
Mississippi	9	5	12	11	12	1	8	5	63

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Mild	Moderate	Moderately Severe	Severe	Profound	Diagnosed Progressive Loss	Further Testing Needed (1 year only)	Documented Functional Hearing Loss	State Total
Missouri	25	48	45	24	34	2	11	34	223
Montana	8	8	5	1	5	4	11	6	48
Nebraska	9	25	20	23	28	0	0	5	110
Nevada	8	17	11	13	16	1	28	15	109
New Hampshire	16	13	7	7	7	0	8	9	67
New Jersey	21	59	35	23	34	0	6	13	191
New Mexico	19	30	20	17	23	3	8	9	129
New York	24	62	52	27	26	32	57	51	331
North Carolina	47	62	36	25	68	3	11	37	289
North Dakota	5	8	5	3	6	1	4	2	34
Ohio	36	36	33	26	58	1	109	77	376
Oklahoma	17	17	26	16	38	0	8	29	151
Oregon	10	27	22	13	12	0	1	1	86
Pacific Basin	12	7	3	2	6	0	11	13	54
Pennsylvania	62	89	60	45	71	6	67	53	453
Puerto Rico	10	6	8	4	8	1	1	2	40
Rhode Island	4	9	8	4	4	0	5	5	39
South Carolina	21	22	26	16	23	1	3	17	129
South Dakota	5	7	5	0	11	0	2	3	33
Tennessee	33	29	49	32	51	7	14	35	250
Texas	77	158	130	111	168	3	12	26	685
Utah	15	35	33	9	29	1	5	5	132
Vermont	6	8	2	0	7	0	4	1	28
Virgin Islands	3	5	0	2	3	0	9	2	24
Virginia	24	38	28	18	49	4	7	15	183
Washington	27	45	36	24	60	4	8	29	233
West Virginia	19	21	13	5	5	2	7	21	93
Wisconsin	13	22	13	17	37	3	10	29	144

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Mild	Moderate	Moderately Severe	Severe	Profound	Diagnosed Progressive Loss	Further Testing Needed (1 year only)	Documented Functional Hearing Loss	State Total
Wyoming	5	5	6	2	11	1	5	3	38
National Total	1309	1861	1454	1014	1878	122	795	1202	9635

Central Auditory Processing Disorder

State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	2	173	3	178
Alaska	3	12	2	17
Arizona	3	192	16	211
Arkansas	3	52	101	156
California	67	353	518	938
Colorado	1	112	22	135
Connecticut	2	29	20	51
Delaware	0	37	36	73
District of Columbia	1	10	9	20
Florida	19	308	229	556
Georgia	22	199	59	280
Hawaii	2	41	22	65
Idaho	21	34	12	67
Illinois	3	292	69	364
Indiana	2	96	101	199
Iowa	2	38	37	77
Kansas	22	35	55	112
Kentucky	36	74	1	111
Louisiana	8	42	47	97
Maine	1	14	25	40
Maryland	3	156	34	193
Massachusetts	6	76	162	244
Michigan	32	290	0	322
Minnesota	7	255	102	364
Mississippi	3	40	20	63
Missouri	12	210	1	223
Montana	17	24	7	48
Nebraska	6	80	24	110
Nevada	3	38	68	109
New Hampshire	6	28	33	67
New Jersey	6	130	55	191
New Mexico	6	75	48	129
New York	13	152	166	331
North Carolina	30	183	76	289
North Dakota	0	31	3	34
Ohio	60	132	184	376
Oklahoma	6	102	43	151
Oregon	1	53	32	86
Pacific Basin	1	13	40	54
Pennsylvania	26	427	0	453
Puerto Rico	13	25	2	40
Rhode Island	1	28	10	39
South Carolina	2	34	93	129
South Dakota	0	33	0	33
Tennessee	16	218	16	250

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Texas	25	0	660	685
Utah	0	125	7	132
Vermont	2	14	12	28
Virgin Islands	0	8	16	24
Virginia	5	76	102	183
Washington	25	107	101	233
West Virginia	5	47	41	93
Wisconsin	10	80	54	144
Wyoming	2	18	18	38
National Total	570	5451	3614	9635

Auditory Neuropathy

State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	7	168	3	178
Alaska	0	16	1	17
Arizona	2	196	13	211
Arkansas	6	83	67	156
California	31	328	579	938
Colorado	5	117	13	135
Connecticut	5	26	20	51
Delaware	7	33	33	73
District of Columbia	1	11	8	20
Florida	24	287	245	556
Georgia	30	193	57	280
Hawaii	3	17	45	65
Idaho	4	43	20	67
Illinois	18	289	57	364
Indiana	4	67	128	199
Iowa	1	27	49	77
Kansas	7	45	60	112
Kentucky	0	110	1	111
Louisiana	8	36	53	97
Maine	1	23	16	40
Maryland	14	149	30	193
Massachusetts	5	119	120	244
Michigan	14	308	0	322
Minnesota	7	89	268	364
Mississippi	0	39	24	63
Missouri	21	200	2	223
Montana	6	36	6	48
Nebraska	7	78	25	110
Nevada	3	42	64	109
New Hampshire	5	32	30	67
New Jersey	17	122	52	191

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
New Mexico	5	69	55	129
New York	19	66	246	331
North Carolina	26	172	91	289
North Dakota	0	30	4	34
Ohio	60	133	183	376
Oklahoma	10	98	43	151
Oregon	2	57	27	86
Pacific Basin	2	11	41	54
Pennsylvania	29	424	0	453
Puerto Rico	2	34	4	40
Rhode Island	1	36	2	39
South Carolina	6	65	58	129
South Dakota	1	32	0	33
Tennessee	9	215	26	250
Texas	28	0	657	685
Utah	5	115	12	132
Vermont	0	24	4	28
Virgin Islands	1	6	17	24
Virginia	10	77	96	183
Washington	14	115	104	233
West Virginia	5	47	41	93
Wisconsin	9	71	64	144
Wyoming	3	17	18	38
National Total	510	5243	3882	9635

Cochlear Implant

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	19	158	1	178
Alaska	1	14	2	17
Arizona	20	190	1	211
Arkansas	4	141	11	156
California	62	642	234	938
Colorado	11	122	2	135
Connecticut	7	34	10	51
Delaware	3	36	34	73
District of Columbia	2	9	9	20
Florida	43	377	136	556
Georgia	25	250	5	280
Hawaii	4	51	10	65
Idaho	7	57	3	67
Illinois	56	296	12	364
Indiana	27	154	18	199
Iowa	17	55	5	77
Kansas	21	87	4	112

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Kentucky	13	98	0	111
Louisiana	13	45	39	97
Maine	3	24	13	40
Maryland	22	148	23	193
Massachusetts	8	115	121	244
Michigan	36	286	0	322
Minnesota	45	312	7	364
Mississippi	5	42	16	63
Missouri	26	191	6	223
Montana	5	42	1	48
Nebraska	13	97	0	110
Nevada	9	94	6	109
New Hampshire	0	45	22	67
New Jersey	18	168	5	191
New Mexico	3	107	19	129
New York	40	105	186	331
North Carolina	46	236	7	289
North Dakota	8	26	0	34
Ohio	53	229	94	376
Oklahoma	23	125	3	151
Oregon	6	70	10	86
Pacific Basin	0	49	5	54
Pennsylvania	46	407	0	453
Puerto Rico	1	39	0	40
Rhode Island	2	37	0	39
South Carolina	13	90	26	129
South Dakota	3	30	0	33
Tennessee	32	211	7	250
Texas	110	0	575	685
Utah	15	116	1	132
Vermont	3	24	1	28
Virgin Islands	1	11	12	24
Virginia	24	123	36	183
Washington	32	190	11	233
West Virginia	1	74	18	93
Wisconsin	15	117	12	144
Wyoming	5	32	1	38
National Total	1027	6828	1780	9635

Assistive Listening Devices

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	71	106	1	178
Alaska	5	4	8	17
Arizona	92	79	40	211
Arkansas	47	103	6	156

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
California	405	254	279	938
Colorado	99	34	2	135
Connecticut	28	14	9	51
Delaware	42	25	6	73
District of Columbia	9	7	4	20
Florida	201	108	247	556
Georgia	169	106	5	280
Hawaii	16	31	18	65
Idaho	36	29	2	67
Illinois	245	106	13	364
Indiana	93	69	37	199
Iowa	44	19	14	77
Kansas	45	66	1	112
Kentucky	65	46	0	111
Louisiana	17	26	54	97
Maine	15	8	17	40
Maryland	107	74	12	193
Massachusetts	87	46	111	244
Michigan	144	178	0	322
Minnesota	224	118	22	364
Mississippi	29	29	5	63
Missouri	137	86	0	223
Montana	20	26	2	48
Nebraska	70	38	2	110
Nevada	48	59	2	109
New Hampshire	34	18	15	67
New Jersey	93	88	10	191
New Mexico	68	37	24	129
New York	52	25	254	331
North Carolina	146	134	9	289
North Dakota	22	8	4	34
Ohio	126	119	131	376
Oklahoma	85	60	6	151
Oregon	53	26	7	86
Pacific Basin	6	38	10	54
Pennsylvania	248	205	0	453
Puerto Rico	13	27	0	40
Rhode Island	25	14	0	39
South Carolina	71	45	13	129
South Dakota	17	14	2	33
Tennessee	112	109	29	250
Texas	415	0	270	685
Utah	70	62	0	132
Vermont	17	11	0	28
Virgin Islands	4	3	17	24
Virginia	91	75	17	183
Washington	132	90	11	233
West Virginia	37	47	9	93
Wisconsin	70	58	16	144

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Wyoming	18	19	1	38
National Total	4635	3226	1774	9635

Additional Assistive Technology

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	61	115	2	178
Alaska	3	8	6	17
Arizona	36	99	76	211
Arkansas	38	98	20	156
California	240	283	415	938
Colorado	68	60	7	135
Connecticut	15	23	13	51
Delaware	40	27	6	73
District of Columbia	6	10	4	20
Florida	116	81	359	556
Georgia	144	126	10	280
Hawaii	14	28	23	65
Idaho	24	41	2	67
Illinois	247	104	13	364
Indiana	71	67	61	199
Iowa	25	36	16	77
Kansas	80	27	5	112
Kentucky	92	19	0	111
Louisiana	37	8	52	97
Maine	10	9	21	40
Maryland	70	99	24	193
Massachusetts	52	61	131	244
Michigan	164	158	0	322
Minnesota	179	145	40	364
Mississippi	15	34	14	63
Missouri	121	102	0	223
Montana	28	20	0	48
Nebraska	74	33	3	110
Nevada	69	39	1	109
New Hampshire	17	29	21	67
New Jersey	67	116	8	191
New Mexico	40	53	36	129
New York	25	38	268	331
North Carolina	165	110	13	289
North Dakota	18	9	7	34
Ohio	140	96	140	376
Oklahoma	56	70	25	151
Oregon	33	42	11	86
Pacific Basin	10	33	11	54
Pennsylvania	262	191	0	453
Puerto Rico	38	1	1	40

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Rhode Island	18	20	1	39
South Carolina	50	44	35	129
South Dakota	13	17	3	33
Tennessee	74	140	36	250
Texas	641	0	44	685
Utah	87	39	6	132
Vermont	24	4	0	28
Virgin Islands	3	2	19	24
Virginia	97	51	35	183
Washington	96	115	22	233
West Virginia	57	26	10	93
Wisconsin	71	56	17	144
Wyoming	33	5	0	38
National Total	4274	3267	2093	9635

Etiologies

Over 75 specific etiologies are identified in the 2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count. Some are exceedingly rare, with less than five cases. Others are much more prevalent. There are 13 etiologies with at least 100 cases, including Goldenhar syndrome, added this year.

Complications from prematurity continues to be the most commonly identified etiology. The prevalence of CHARGE syndrome continues to increase. In 2016 there were 924 children and youth identified as having CHARGE syndrome. While still relatively rare, the prevalence of children with Stickler syndrome and Dandy Walker syndrome has also increased. About 18.5% of the children and youth have no determined etiology.

Overall, the total number of children and youth identified with a prenatal congenital or postnatal non-congenital etiology has declined from 2,870 to 2,516 over the past seven years, while the number with hereditary syndromes and disorders has increased from 3,584 to 4,277. Hereditary syndrome and disorders now account for 44.4% of all identified etiologies. Prenatal congenital complications account for 14.3% of identified etiologies and postnatal non-congenital complications account for 11.8% of identified etiologies. Complications from prematurity account for 10.7% of identified etiologies and 18.8% of the children and youth have no identified etiology.

Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS), which has long been associated with the development of the deaf-blind technical assistance system, is no longer a prevalent etiology. In 2016, there were 47 individuals whose etiology was identified as CRS, down from 89 in 2010. Over 75% of these individuals are over 10 years of age and over 50% are 15 years of age or older.

The heterogeneous nature of the population cannot be overstated. The etiologies or causes of deaf-blindness bring unique issues and challenges. Some are relatively more common, such as CHARGE syndrome, Down syndrome, Usher syndrome, and

Cytomegalovirus. Some are very rare, with less than five individuals reported nationally, such as Batten disease, Prader-Willi, and Kearns-Sayre syndrome.

Primary Identified Etiology

Hereditary Syndromes/Disorders	Total
CHARGE syndrome	924
Usher syndrome (I,II,III)	296
Down syndrome (Trisomy 21 syndrome)	305
Stickler syndrome	133
Dandy Walker syndrome	111
Goldenhar syndrome	107
OTHER: Hereditary Syndrome/Disorders	2401
Prenatal/Congenital Complications	
Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	292
Hydrocephaly	213
Microcephaly	208
OTHER: Pre-Natal/Congenital Complications	666
Postnatal/Non-Congenital	
Asphyxia	199
Severe Head Injury	161
Meningitis	135
OTHER: Post-Natal/ Non-Congenital	642
Complication of Prematurity	1028
No Determination of Etiology	1814

More detail about etiology is provided in the following four tables.

Etiology Detail: Hereditary Syndromes/Disorders

State	CHARGE Syndrome	Dandy Walker Syndrome	Down Syndrome	Goldenhar Syndrome	Stickler Syndrome	Usher Syndrome (I,II,III)	OTHER: Hereditary Syndromes/ Disorders
Alabama	9	3	11	2	3	3	50
Alaska	2	0	3	0	0	1	3
Arizona	22	5	4	5	3	6	59
Arkansas	7	2	7	1	0	1	44
California	92	7	33	9	13	28	181
Colorado	9	4	6	2	3	7	44
Connecticut	8	0	1	0	0	0	15
Delaware	2	3	2	0	0	0	10
District of Columbia	2	0	0	0	1	1	2
Florida	54	2	16	6	4	9	103
Georgia	24	4	8	4	8	7	57
Hawaii	2	0	2	0	2	0	14
Idaho	8	1	4	2	1	4	14
Illinois	39	4	11	6	5	24	84
Indiana	31	5	2	3	5	7	34
Iowa	21	0	3	0	1	5	14
Kansas	4	0	4	1	2	3	45
Kentucky	16	0	2	0	1	2	13
Louisiana	5	1	2	1	2	8	15
Maine	8	0	0	1	0	0	12
Maryland	23	2	4	3	3	3	41
Massachusetts	20	1	10	0	2	9	92
Michigan	36	3	8	4	5	10	73
Minnesota	42	2	16	5	20	14	114
Mississippi	3	1	2	0	0	1	28
Missouri	26	2	10	2	6	4	57
Montana	2	0	2	1	1	4	21
Nebraska	10	0	2	2	1	5	30
Nevada	8	4	5	0	1	4	35

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State	CHARGE Syndrome	Dandy Walker Syndrome	Down Syndrome	Goldenhar Syndrome	Stickler Syndrome	Usher Syndrome (I,II,III)	OTHER: Hereditary Syndromes/ Disorders
New Hampshire	5	2	3	0	0	2	21
New Jersey	30	3	6	1	0	10	30
New Mexico	6	0	8	1	2	1	46
New York	52	2	11	2	2	12	71
North Carolina	28	4	7	2	0	8	60
North Dakota	5	2	2	0	0	3	7
Ohio	29	4	1	4	6	9	66
Oklahoma	4	2	9	1	0	6	31
Oregon	11	2	0	1	3	3	34
Pacific Basin	1	0	2	0	0	0	1
Pennsylvania	31	1	8	8	5	11	117
Puerto Rico	2	2	0	1	0	1	12
Rhode Island	1	2	3	1	0	1	9
South Carolina	22	2	4	5	5	3	35
South Dakota	3	0	2	1	0	1	3
Tennessee	21	4	8	1	4	7	77
Texas	73	10	26	13	2	23	234
Utah	7	2	5	1	1	2	38
Vermont	1	0	1	0	0	0	10
Virgin Islands	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Virginia	15	1	4	1	2	9	46
Washington	16	6	6	0	6	9	79
West Virginia	4	1	4	2	2	2	23
Wisconsin	18	2	1	1	0	2	24
Wyoming	3	1	4	0	0	1	20
National Total	924	111	305	107	133	296	2401

Etiology Detail: Prenatal/Congenital Complications

State	Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	Hydrocephaly	Microcephaly	OTHER: Prenatal/ Congenital Complications
Alabama	10	0	0	15
Alaska	0	0	1	2
Arizona	17	0	3	16
Arkansas	6	7	7	24
California	12	21	21	58
Colorado	7	5	1	6
Connecticut	1	0	0	3
Delaware	3	3	3	7
District of Columbia	1	1	0	3
Florida	8	8	9	31
Georgia	8	6	4	17
Hawaii	1	1	1	7
Idaho	1	2	1	5
Illinois	11	11	5	33
Indiana	11	4	4	11
Iowa	3	2	3	3
Kansas	3	3	3	8
Kentucky	9	1	0	14
Louisiana	2	4	1	3
Maine	1	1	1	0
Maryland	7	1	2	11
Massachusetts	6	5	12	9
Michigan	7	7	13	24
Minnesota	15	7	4	18
Mississippi	1	3	1	3
Missouri	9	7	7	14
Montana	2	0	0	1
Nebraska	4	4	3	7
Nevada	1	2	3	16
New Hampshire	6	0	5	5
New Jersey	4	2	4	21
New Mexico	5	6	1	13
New York	9	8	4	22
North Carolina	7	8	11	17
North Dakota	1	0	1	1
Ohio	6	7	10	17
Oklahoma	9	6	4	9
Oregon	9	1	2	7
Pacific Basin	0	0	1	6
Pennsylvania	4	8	3	71
Puerto Rico	0	7	1	1
Rhode Island	0	3	1	2
South Carolina	4	3	1	9
South Dakota	1	0	0	0

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State	Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	Hydrocephaly	Microcephaly	OTHER: Prenatal/ Congenital Complications
Tennessee	7	3	7	9
Texas	24	16	13	35
Utah	4	9	1	5
Vermont	1	1	1	2
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0
Virginia	6	1	2	14
Washington	9	2	14	18
West Virginia	2	4	4	10
Wisconsin	7	2	4	3
Wyoming	0	0	0	0
National Total	292	213	208	666

Etiology Detail: Postnatal/Non-Congenital Complications

State	Asphyxia	Meningitis	Severe Head Injury	OTHER: Postnatal/Non-Congenital
Alabama	4	1	0	9
Alaska	0	0	0	1
Arizona	0	4	2	7
Arkansas	3	3	9	12
California	18	14	9	55
Colorado	2	3	0	17
Connecticut	2	2	1	4
Delaware	3	1	2	12
District of Columbia	1	1	0	3
Florida	1	4	1	41
Georgia	15	2	4	13
Hawaii	1	4	1	7
Idaho	0	0	3	3
Illinois	6	8	9	19
Indiana	1	3	6	2
Iowa	2	1	2	4
Kansas	1	2	6	12
Kentucky	4	2	4	11
Louisiana	2	0	0	6
Maine	2	1	0	4
Maryland	1	0	3	15
Massachusetts	3	1	4	11
Michigan	14	5	6	24
Minnesota	7	6	5	17
Mississippi	0	2	1	3
Missouri	1	4	2	22
Montana	1	0	1	5
Nebraska	1	5	2	5
Nevada	4	0	2	9

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State	Asphyxia	Meningitis	Severe Head Injury	OTHER: Postnatal/Non-Congenital
New Hampshire	2	1	1	2
New Jersey	8	2	4	17
New Mexico	7	1	2	2
New York	7	2	1	24
North Carolina	4	2	9	23
North Dakota	1	1	1	2
Ohio	8	0	4	21
Oklahoma	7	4	4	14
Oregon	1	0	1	4
Pacific Basin	0	3	2	1
Pennsylvania	5	4	9	44
Puerto Rico	0	0	3	2
Rhode Island	3	1	0	0
South Carolina	0	1	1	4
South Dakota	1	2	4	0
Tennessee	7	8	9	18
Texas	5	10	7	42
Utah	6	2	0	11
Vermont	3	2	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	2
Virginia	7	4	3	20
Washington	8	3	5	11
West Virginia	3	1	0	16
Wisconsin	6	2	6	9
Wyoming	0	0	0	0
National Total	199	135	161	642

Etiology Detail: Other

State	Complication of Prematurity	No Determination of Etiology	Combined Etiology Detail State Total
Alabama	10	48	178
Alaska	2	2	17
Arizona	18	40	211
Arkansas	11	12	156
California	85	282	938
Colorado	2	17	135
Connecticut	10	4	51
Delaware	13	9	73
District of Columbia	2	2	20
Florida	55	204	556
Georgia	59	40	280
Hawaii	4	18	65
Idaho	9	9	67
Illinois	46	43	364
Indiana	22	48	199

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State	Complication of Prematurity	No Determination of Etiology	Combined Etiology Detail State Total
Iowa	6	7	77
Kansas	8	7	112
Kentucky	19	13	111
Louisiana	12	33	97
Maine	1	8	40
Maryland	29	45	193
Massachusetts	18	41	244
Michigan	34	49	322
Minnesota	37	35	364
Mississippi	9	5	63
Missouri	23	27	223
Montana	2	5	48
Nebraska	17	12	110
Nevada	6	9	109
New Hampshire	5	7	67
New Jersey	20	29	191
New Mexico	13	15	129
New York	36	66	331
North Carolina	47	52	289
North Dakota	3	4	34
Ohio	28	156	376
Oklahoma	22	19	151
Oregon	2	5	86
Pacific Basin	0	37	54
Pennsylvania	44	80	453
Puerto Rico	8	0	40
Rhode Island	10	2	39
South Carolina	12	18	129
South Dakota	3	12	33
Tennessee	36	24	250
Texas	97	55	685
Utah	12	26	132
Vermont	1	5	28
Virgin Islands	2	16	24
Virginia	15	33	183
Washington	23	18	233
West Virginia	8	7	93
Wisconsin	12	45	144
Wyoming	0	9	38
National Total	1028	1814	9635

Additional Disabilities

The nature and prevalence of additional challenges faced by the children and youth on the National Deaf-Blind Child Count have remained stable during the past 7 years. Approximately 90% have been identified as having one or more additional disabilities.

Most common are cognitive impairments, orthopedic impairments, and complex health care needs.

The percentage of children and youth experiencing orthopedic or physical challenges has fluctuated between 59% and 61% during this time frame. Similarly, the percentage of children and youth experiencing intellectual/cognitive challenges has fluctuated between 66% and 69%. Slightly fewer children and youth have experienced complex health care needs, fluctuating between 51% and 52%.

The number of additional disabilities experienced by children and youth has increased over time. In 2005, just 13.1% of the children and youth on the count had four or more additional disabilities. In 2016, almost 43% had four or more additional disabilities.

The population continues to be diverse in terms of experiencing additional disabilities. Almost 90% have one or more additional disabilities, and over 40% have four or more. The increasing level of complexity in the needs and challenges faced by this population requires continued evolution and adaptation in national, state, and local systems to provide needed services effectively.

Other (Additional) Disabilities

State	Orthopedic Physical Impairments	Cognitive Impairments	Behavioral Disorders	Complex Health Care Needs	Speech Language Impairments	Other Impairments	State Total One or More Additional Disabilities
Alabama	77	106	25	57	131	39	145
Alaska	1	4	9	13	4	7	14
Arizona	118	151	5	79	181	29	189
Arkansas	130	146	13	120	148	32	151
California	450	597	148	456	637	308	812
Colorado	85	1	77	86	86	30	119
Connecticut	24	31	6	21	40	4	41
Delaware	38	34	1	29	38	0	42
District of Columbia	8	9	1	9	15	0	15
Florida	222	252	40	193	337	95	410
Georgia	104	231	11	89	151	108	268
Hawaii	37	48	4	42	42	3	60
Idaho	51	53	13	46	59	13	60
Illinois	236	226	16	152	220	24	317
Indiana	95	124	14	89	143	31	169
Iowa	44	48	18	48	56	8	67
Kansas	92	98	19	86	100	53	105
Kentucky	82	93	3	81	109	2	110
Louisiana	53	54	9	46	57	14	66
Maine	22	18	4	20	27	7	30
Maryland	126	132	20	98	149	23	172
Massachusetts	99	101	23	105	133	32	153
Michigan	224	256	53	191	270	321	322
Minnesota	245	251	70	212	298	13	331
Mississippi	49	44	6	42	47	14	60
Missouri	163	157	10	148	198	15	217
Montana	28	35	4	21	45	10	48
Nebraska	64	75	9	60	98	38	107
Nevada	80	86	18	70	100	9	104
New Hampshire	39	36	10	33	46	13	50
New Jersey	120	119	34	104	150	29	175

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State	Orthopedic Physical Impairments	Cognitive Impairments	Behavioral Disorders	Complex Health Care Needs	Speech Language Impairments	Other Impairments	State Total One or More Additional Disabilities
New Mexico	93	97	15	76	107	37	120
New York	172	170	37	124	72	69	246
North Carolina	184	231	38	169	246	21	273
North Dakota	17	16	0	20	26	6	29
Ohio	173	190	36	160	190	49	253
Oklahoma	97	128	10	68	140	24	151
Oregon	64	64	4	39	68	8	79
Pacific Basin	17	33	4	15	46	6	48
Pennsylvania	313	350	51	294	394	61	428
Puerto Rico	25	29	4	29	34	12	37
Rhode Island	33	34	1	27	38	7	38
South Carolina	81	90	8	73	100	15	116
South Dakota	15	23	3	12	29	3	30
Tennessee	181	185	10	154	224	46	241
Texas	417	435	34	330	576	172	630
Utah	101	120	9	76	125	3	128
Vermont	25	27	2	19	28	0	28
Virgin Islands	8	7	1	4	9	1	10
Virginia	97	117	11	96	133	36	152
Washington	171	180	16	165	214	92	224
West Virginia	56	41	5	45	68	9	72
Wisconsin	99	96	14	85	114	14	125
Wyoming	25	31	12	26	35	9	37
National Total	5670	6310	1018	4952	7131	2024	8424

Part C Information

Because Part C is non-categorical, the vast majority of infants and toddlers are identified as developmentally delayed. Some states provide an “at risk” category. About 18% of infants and toddlers were identified as at risk.

Almost all infants and toddlers receive intervention services in the home.

The apparent continued under-identification and referral to deaf-blind programs of very young children remains an important need. Infants and toddlers greatly benefit from having access to expertise in deaf-blindness and must receive appropriate services that address the impact of dual sensory impairments. Further, parents and families of these infants and toddlers can benefit from supports established within states. Without such early identification and referral to state deaf-blind programs, access to needed services and supports is compromised.

As Part C agencies continue to appropriately serve children and families, there are increased needs for early interventionists with knowledge of deaf-blind intervention and instruction.

IDEA Part C Reported Category

State	At-Risk	Developmentally Delayed	Not Reported Under Part C	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	2	5	0	0	7
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	7	3	0	0	10
Arkansas	0	4	0	0	4
California	1	15	2	18	36
Colorado	0	13	2	0	15
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	3	0	0	3
District of Columbia	0	1	0	0	1
Florida	0	6	0	0	6
Georgia	26	1	1	0	28
Hawaii	0	3	0	0	3
Idaho	0	1	0	0	1
Illinois	2	11	0	0	13
Indiana	0	4	0	0	4
Iowa	2	2	0	0	4
Kansas	2	5	1	0	8
Kentucky	0	1	0	0	1
Louisiana	0	7	0	0	7
Maine	2	0	0	0	2
Maryland	4	8	0	0	12
Massachusetts	0	4	0	0	4
Michigan	1	17	0	0	18

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State	At-Risk	Developmentally Delayed	Not Reported Under Part C	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Minnesota	5	8	0	0	13
Mississippi	0	9	0	0	9
Missouri	11	17	0	0	28
Montana	6	0	0	0	6
Nebraska	0	5	0	0	5
Nevada	0	22	1	0	23
New Hampshire	0	2	0	0	2
New Jersey	0	4	0	0	4
New Mexico	0	12	1	0	13
New York	5	6	0	0	11
North Carolina	2	13	1	0	16
North Dakota	1	2	0	1	4
Ohio	0	7	0	0	7
Oklahoma	2	8	1	0	11
Oregon	0	6	0	0	6
Pacific Basin	0	2	0	0	2
Pennsylvania	5	73	0	0	78
Puerto Rico	0	1	0	0	1
Rhode Island	0	2	0	0	2
South Carolina	3	10	0	0	13
South Dakota	0	2	0	0	2
Tennessee	3	35	0	0	38
Texas	1	25	4	0	30
Utah	1	12	0	0	13
Vermont	0	4	0	0	4
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	6	0	0	6
Washington	7	15	0	0	22
West Virginia	0	2	0	0	2
Wisconsin	3	1	0	0	4
Wyoming	0	2	0	0	2
National Total	104	427	14	19	564

Early Intervention Setting (Ages Birth through 2)

State	Home	Community-based Setting	Other Setting	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	5	0	2	0	7
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	10	0	0	0	10
Arkansas	0	1	3	0	4
California	23	0	0	13	36
Colorado	10	0	3	2	15
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	3	0	0	0	3
District of Columbia	1	0	0	0	1
Florida	6	0	0	0	6
Georgia	27	0	0	1	28

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State	Home	Community-based Setting	Other Setting	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Hawaii	3	0	0	0	3
Idaho	1	0	0	0	1
Illinois	13	0	0	0	13
Indiana	3	1	0	0	4
Iowa	4	0	0	0	4
Kansas	8	0	0	0	8
Kentucky	1	0	0	0	1
Louisiana	7	0	0	0	7
Maine	2	0	0	0	2
Maryland	12	0	0	0	12
Massachusetts	3	1	0	0	4
Michigan	13	5	0	0	18
Minnesota	12	1	0	0	13
Mississippi	7	2	0	0	9
Missouri	28	0	0	0	28
Montana	6	0	0	0	6
Nebraska	3	2	0	0	5
Nevada	23	0	0	0	23
New Hampshire	2	0	0	0	2
New Jersey	4	0	0	0	4
New Mexico	9	2	0	2	13
New York	6	4	1	0	11
North Carolina	12	3	1	0	16
North Dakota	3	1	0	0	4
Ohio	7	0	0	0	7
Oklahoma	6	0	1	4	11
Oregon	6	0	0	0	6
Pacific Basin	1	1	0	0	2
Pennsylvania	74	3	1	0	78
Puerto Rico	0	1	0	0	1
Rhode Island	2	0	0	0	2
South Carolina	12	0	1	0	13
South Dakota	2	0	0	0	2
Tennessee	33	5	0	0	38
Texas	28	1	1	0	30
Utah	13	0	0	0	13
Vermont	3	1	0	0	4
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	6	0	0	0	6
Washington	22	0	0	0	22
West Virginia	2	0	0	0	2
Wisconsin	4	0	0	0	4
Wyoming	2	0	0	0	2
National Total	493	35	14	22	564

Part B Information

The distribution of Part B Disability Categories has remained fairly stable over the past 7 years. No significant shifts have occurred. About two-thirds of all the children and youth in Part B have one of 4 designations: Multiple Disability (36.2%), Deaf-Blind (16.5%), Hearing Impaired (10%), or Visually Impaired (5.5%). This distribution has remained essentially unchanged for the past seven years. The designation of Developmentally Delayed has increased.

The percentage of young children, aged 3 to 5, educated in a regular early childhood education setting some portion of the day has doubled in the past decade from less than 15% to 30%. Over 61% of school-age children and youth in special education are being served at least a portion of their day in a regular classroom in their local school. This is consistent across the age span.

One quarter (25%) of children and youth on the 2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count participate in the regular curriculum as indicated by participating in statewide assessments tied to regular grade level standards. This is up slightly from 2015.

While educational placement does not determine access to the regular curriculum, nearly 74% of students taking state assessments tied to regular grade level standards were in a regular classroom some portion of their day.

The continued trend toward educational placement in inclusive settings, especially at the pre-school level, is significant and positive for children and families. The trend does, however, have profound implications on the need for information, resources, and access to expertise in deaf-blindness being available at a local level. Concurrently, as schools and Part C agencies continue to appropriately place and serve children locally, there are increased needs for more interventionists and teachers with knowledge of deaf-blind intervention and instruction, and for individualized supports, including the provision of intervener services.

While access to the general curriculum and graduation from high school has improved for the population of children and youth who are deaf-blind, significant efforts are needed to expand these opportunities.

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IDEA Part B Reported Category (Part 1 of 2)

State	Intellectual Disability	Hearing Impairment	Speech Language Impairment	Visual Impairment	Emotional Disturbance	Orthopedic Impairment	Other Health Impairment	Specific Learning Disability
Alabama	5	35	4	6	16	1	3	0
Alaska	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
Arizona	0	13	0	5	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	7	7	0	3	0	0	6	0
California	44	142	6	65	2	46	17	2
Colorado	0	4	0	3	0	3	7	0
Connecticut	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Delaware	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Florida	61	77	1	24	0	2	12	1
Georgia	80	20	2	9	1	1	25	2
Hawaii	1	4	0	1	0	0	2	0
Idaho	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Illinois	61	54	4	21	0	1	43	0
Indiana	4	19	1	20	0	2	6	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	0	5	0	1	0	0	9	0
Kentucky	0	10	0	3	0	0	0	1
Louisiana	4	5	0	1	0	1	2	0
Maine	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Maryland	1	17	0	1	0	0	17	0
Massachusetts	3	10	3	4	0	0	2	0
Michigan	13	33	2	10	1	2	16	2
Minnesota	11	27	0	7	1	1	12	0
Mississippi	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Missouri	6	9	2	8	0	0	20	0
Montana	0	4	1	5	0	0	4	0
Nebraska	2	8	0	3	0	0	19	0
Nevada	3	8	0	0	0	0	5	0

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State	Intellectual Disability	Hearing Impairment	Speech Language Impairment	Visual Impairment	Emotional Disturbance	Orthopedic Impairment	Other Health Impairment	Specific Learning Disability
New Hampshire	2	5	1	0	0	2	3	0
New Jersey	1	11	0	2	0	0	2	0
New Mexico	2	11	1	5	0	0	5	1
New York	5	47	83	19	2	0	11	4
North Carolina	12	15	0	8	0	0	11	2
North Dakota	3	5	0	2	0	2	7	0
Ohio	5	25	2	34	1	2	11	2
Oklahoma	1	11	0	7	0	0	2	0
Oregon	11	13	0	15	0	7	6	0
Pacific Basin	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	19	47	3	45	1	0	17	3
Puerto Rico	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	13	28	0	7	0	3	9	0
South Dakota	2	5	2	2	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	9	19	1	8	0	0	14	0
Texas	60	80	2	70	0	8	94	1
Utah	0	2	0	2	1	0	3	1
Vermont	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Virgin Islands	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	9	12	0	14	2	1	11	0
Washington	4	8	0	3	0	1	24	1
West Virginia	12	5	0	13	0	2	8	0
Wisconsin	11	19	1	5	0	3	24	0
Wyoming	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	0
National Total	494	897	122	469	29	92	503	23

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IDEA Part B Reported Category (Part 2 of 2)

State	Deaf-Blindness	Multiple Disabilities	Autism	Traumatic Brain Injury	Developmentally Delayed (optional age 3 - 9)	Non-Categorical	Unknown/ Not Reported Under Part B	State Total
Alabama	42	46	0	2	5	0	6	171
Alaska	5	7	0	0	0	0	1	17
Arizona	0	181	0	1	0	0	1	201
Arkansas	4	106	0	4	10	0	5	152
California	106	81	14	12	10	0	355	902
Colorado	35	59	3	0	1	0	5	120
Connecticut	12	19	1	1	17	0	0	51
Delaware	65	0	0	0	0	0	4	70
District of Columbia	3	9	0	0	2	0	1	19
Florida	53	262	1	7	31	0	18	550
Georgia	29	4	5	1	67	1	5	252
Hawaii	5	43	0	0	0	0	6	62
Idaho	12	34	0	1	13	0	1	66
Illinois	25	116	6	0	9	0	11	351
Indiana	27	110	1	1	3	0	1	195
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	73
Kansas	19	58	1	2	8	0	1	104
Kentucky	18	66	1	0	11	0	0	110
Louisiana	6	40	0	1	0	0	30	90
Maine	5	18	0	0	8	1	0	38
Maryland	17	105	2	0	14	1	6	181
Massachusetts	84	64	3	0	56	6	5	240
Michigan	22	182	6	2	10	2	1	304
Minnesota	116	132	4	1	39	0	0	351
Mississippi	9	32	0	0	6	0	5	54
Missouri	24	90	0	1	31	3	1	195
Montana	8	11	0	1	7	1	0	42
Nebraska	23	40	0	2	8	0	0	105
Nevada	8	53	1	1	5	0	2	86

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State	Deaf-Blindness	Multiple Disabilities	Autism	Traumatic Brain Injury	Developmentally Delayed (optional age 3 - 9)	Non-Categorical	Unknown/ Not Reported Under Part B	State Total
New Hampshire	11	12	0	1	28	0	0	65
New Jersey	21	109	0	1	27	4	9	187
New Mexico	18	59	1	0	3	0	10	116
New York	24	26	0	3	12	0	84	320
North Carolina	33	175	2	5	10	0	0	273
North Dakota	3	1	1	0	0	1	5	30
Ohio	30	181	5	7	11	53	0	369
Oklahoma	19	70	2	0	25	0	3	140
Oregon	11	3	1	0	13	0	0	80
Pacific Basin	10	28	2	0	0	0	9	52
Pennsylvania	70	144	2	1	17	0	6	375
Puerto Rico	19	14	0	0	0	0	0	39
Rhode Island	4	30	0	0	0	0	0	37
South Carolina	8	33	0	0	10	0	5	116
South Dakota	2	15	0	1	1	0	1	31
Tennessee	10	121	3	1	23	0	3	212
Texas	300	21	7	3	5	4	0	655
Utah	13	88	0	0	6	0	3	119
Vermont	4	5	3	0	8	0	0	24
Virgin Islands	1	1	0	0	0	0	18	24
Virginia	27	86	3	1	8	1	2	177
Washington	25	122	1	3	18	0	1	211
West Virginia	24	14	0	0	12	1	0	91
Wisconsin	17	32	0	4	11	2	11	140
Wyoming	0	29	0	1	0	0	0	36
National Total	1486	3387	82	73	619	154	641	9071

Educational Setting: ECSE (3 to 5) Settings

State	Regular EC Setting 80% of Time	Regular EC Setting 40 to 79% of Time	Regular EC Setting < 40% of Time	Separate Class	Separate School	Residential Facility	Service Provider Location	Home	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	7	15
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	2	2	4	3	7	0	0	0	1	19
Arkansas	0	0	0	1	7	1	1	2	0	12
California	2	2	5	22	14	0	4	5	39	93
Colorado	14	0	1	2	2	0	0	5	0	24
Connecticut	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	5
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
District of Columbia	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	6
Florida	3	1	0	18	4	2	2	1	30	61
Georgia	0	1	3	33	3	0	0	3	3	46
Hawaii	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
Idaho	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Illinois	5	1	6	10	3	0	1	2	4	32
Indiana	2	2	0	4	1	0	1	4	0	14
Iowa	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	8
Kansas	5	7	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	18
Kentucky	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Louisiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	6
Maine	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
Maryland	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	15	20
Massachusetts	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	3	15	26
Michigan	8	3	1	5	11	0	0	3	0	31
Minnesota	11	13	3	8	3	3	0	3	0	44
Mississippi	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	3	0	10
Missouri	7	8	2	6	12	0	1	12	0	48
Montana	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
Nebraska	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	11
Nevada	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	4	1	11

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State	Regular EC Setting 80% of Time	Regular EC Setting 40 to 79% of Time	Regular EC Setting < 40% of Time	Separate Class	Separate School	Residential Facility	Service Provider Location	Home	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	7	10
New Jersey	11	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	14	31
New Mexico	2	1	0	0	8	0	1	2	16	30
New York	6	1	1	1	5	0	0	0	8	22
North Carolina	2	0	0	9	9	3	1	5	0	29
North Dakota	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	6
Ohio	8	1	4	2	8	0	0	4	0	27
Oklahoma	3	3	4	4	3	0	1	2	2	22
Oregon	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	13
Pacific Basin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pennsylvania	7	2	1	18	34	2	3	24	0	91
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
South Carolina	1	0	4	1	4	0	2	2	9	23
South Dakota	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	5
Tennessee	1	1	5	16	8	0	2	4	8	45
Texas	48	7	4	5	18	2	0	1	0	85
Utah	2	1	3	11	9	0	0	3	3	32
Vermont	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Virginia	5	1	7	6	1	0	0	1	2	23
Washington	4	0	5	14	1	1	1	4	0	30
West Virginia	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	10
Wisconsin	4	3	2	1	2	0	0	5	5	22
Wyoming	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	7
National Total	192	79	85	223	199	16	22	140	225	1181

Educational Setting: School Aged (6 to21) Settings

State	Regular Class > 80%	Regular Class 40 to 79%	Regular Class < 40%	Separate School	Residential Facility	Homebound Hospital	Parentally Placed Private School	Unknown /Missing	State Total
Alabama	22	2	44	40	43	3	2	0	156
Alaska	0	3	6	2	0	4	1	1	17
Arizona	13	21	95	46	0	5	1	1	182
Arkansas	5	7	79	4	15	27	0	3	140
California	134	48	337	128	11	39	20	92	809
Colorado	15	16	43	11	6	5	0	0	96
Connecticut	9	2	10	20	2	3	0	0	46
Delaware	7	1	10	27	1	5	0	5	56
District of Columbia	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	8	13
Florida	88	28	181	80	4	21	11	76	489
Georgia	26	11	130	26	0	11	0	2	206
Hawaii	3	2	35	4	1	3	2	5	55
Idaho	10	3	29	5	0	6	2	5	60
Illinois	40	26	150	56	19	16	7	5	319
Indiana	36	23	81	13	18	7	2	1	181
Iowa	11	12	31	10	0	0	1	0	65
Kansas	19	11	41	4	0	10	0	1	86
Kentucky	15	22	46	7	5	5	1	0	101
Louisiana	4	2	28	6	10	8	5	21	84
Maine	6	7	9	7	2	1	2	1	35
Maryland	2	3	6	26	0	0	6	118	161
Massachusetts	35	32	77	47	2	8	5	8	214
Michigan	56	20	26	141	6	3	21	0	273
Minnesota	57	44	140	30	15	20	1	0	307
Mississippi	1	0	26	5	2	10	0	0	44
Missouri	23	27	38	48	0	7	4	0	147
Montana	4	5	19	4	3	2	0	0	37
Nebraska	20	24	33	12	1	2	2	0	94
Nevada	5	3	39	17	0	10	0	1	75
New Hampshire	13	9	13	7	2	8	3	0	55
New Jersey	12	16	17	86	2	3	7	13	156

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State	Regular Class > 80%	Regular Class 40 to 79%	Regular Class < 40%	Separate School	Residential Facility	Homebound Hospital	Parentally Placed Private School	Unknown /Missing	State Total
New Mexico	10	2	30	20	1	10	1	12	86
New York	41	11	102	49	30	8	3	54	298
North Carolina	24	14	81	47	54	19	5	0	244
North Dakota	7	6	4	1	3	1	0	2	24
Ohio	40	59	19	173	15	27	9	0	342
Oklahoma	15	13	70	5	4	11	0	0	118
Oregon	13	9	36	0	2	3	4	0	67
Pacific Basin	3	14	17	1	0	5	2	9	51
Pennsylvania	48	39	73	107	3	2	11	1	284
Puerto Rico	6	2	13	4	0	12	2	0	39
Rhode Island	3	1	14	11	3	1	0	0	33
South Carolina	6	5	39	14	11	12	5	1	93
South Dakota	8	3	5	1	4	2	3	0	26
Tennessee	23	9	74	31	5	19	3	3	167
Texas	91	63	309	30	21	54	2	0	570
Utah	9	6	25	44	0	1	2	0	87
Vermont	2	7	5	3	0	1	1	0	19
Virgin Islands	1	0	6	2	0	0	0	11	20
Virginia	9	7	38	12	5	0	2	81	154
Washington	25	9	123	3	3	7	10	1	181
West Virginia	6	10	22	0	9	1	5	28	81
Wisconsin	16	16	61	5	2	7	3	8	118
Wyoming	2	2	23	0	0	2	0	0	29
National Total	1099	737	3008	1487	345	457	179	578	7890

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State Assessments

State	Regular Grade-Level State Assessment	Regular with Accommodations	Alternative Assessments	Not Required at Age/Grade Level or Parent Opt Out	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	3	32	107	34	2	178
Alaska	0	0	2	14	1	17
Arizona	24	1	118	66	2	211
Arkansas	1	11	72	69	3	156
California	16	83	348	337	154	938
Colorado	6	4	59	66	0	135
Connecticut	0	3	23	24	1	51
Delaware	3	5	21	38	6	73
District of Columbia	0	1	4	11	4	20
Florida	16	85	135	181	139	556
Georgia	18	32	104	123	3	280
Hawaii	0	2	21	33	9	65
Idaho	3	5	24	28	7	67
Illinois	7	52	137	165	3	364
Indiana	5	46	109	38	1	199
Iowa	1	21	39	16	0	77
Kansas	1	10	46	53	2	112
Kentucky	0	20	74	17	0	111
Louisiana	1	3	37	34	22	97
Maine	2	1	13	24	0	40
Maryland	0	35	95	57	6	193
Massachusetts	7	4	126	107	0	244
Michigan	4	45	198	75	0	322
Minnesota	4	60	187	113	0	364
Mississippi	0	2	27	34	0	63
Missouri	2	38	79	104	0	223
Montana	1	9	20	18	0	48
Nebraska	2	20	48	40	0	110
Nevada	0	5	42	62	0	109
New Hampshire	4	0	18	45	0	67
New Jersey	2	14	70	98	7	191
New Mexico	3	13	44	68	1	129

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State	Regular Grade-Level State Assessment	Regular with Accommodations	Alternative Assessments	Not Required at Age/Grade Level or Parent Opt Out	Unknown/Missing	State Total
New York	7	24	48	94	158	331
North Carolina	2	39	146	102	0	289
North Dakota	0	4	10	18	2	34
Ohio	28	76	175	97	0	376
Oklahoma	1	4	81	65	0	151
Oregon	1	8	28	47	2	86
Pacific Basin	0	1	27	18	8	54
Pennsylvania	10	46	142	255	0	453
Puerto Rico	0	5	20	15	0	40
Rhode Island	0	1	22	16	0	39
South Carolina	2	21	41	64	1	129
South Dakota	4	6	14	9	0	33
Tennessee	3	22	69	156	0	250
Texas	0	0	0	347	338	685
Utah	0	10	48	74	0	132
Vermont	0	1	14	13	0	28
Virgin Islands	0	1	3	5	15	24
Virginia	8	17	91	62	5	183
Washington	6	24	96	106	1	233
West Virginia	1	9	26	57	0	93
Wisconsin	3	17	63	54	7	144
Wyoming	0	2	21	15	0	38
National Total	212	1000	3632	3881	910	9635

Educational Supports

Data on children and youth receiving intervener services was collected on a pilot basis during the 2014 child count, with some state deaf-blind projects collecting the information. A total of 394 children and youth were reported as receiving intervener services during that year. The category was fully implemented in 2015, during which 587 children and youth were reported as receiving intervener services. This year (2016), 668 children and youth were reported as receiving intervener services.

Interveners are key players in providing access to a child or youth who is deaf-blind. They provide access to information, the environment, communication, and conceptual learning. While it is encouraging to see that 668 children and youth are receiving intervener services, it is also discouraging that this accounts for only 7% of the population. Continued efforts are needed to implement the [2012 Intervener Service Recommendations](#).

Intervener Services

State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	11	166	1	178
Alaska	0	17	0	17
Arizona	14	196	1	211
Arkansas	0	156	0	156
California	60	248	630	938
Colorado	6	128	1	135
Connecticut	2	47	2	51
Delaware	0	73	0	73
District of Columbia	1	19	0	20
Florida	9	49	498	556
Georgia	14	227	39	280
Hawaii	0	0	65	65
Idaho	0	67	0	67
Illinois	8	340	16	364
Indiana	6	97	96	199
Iowa	0	76	1	77
Kansas	8	101	3	112
Kentucky	1	110	0	111
Louisiana	0	89	8	97
Maine	5	35	0	40
Maryland	12	181	0	193
Massachusetts	3	208	33	244
Michigan	27	295	0	322
Minnesota	90	274	0	364
Mississippi	0	63	0	63
Missouri	34	187	2	223
Montana	0	48	0	48
Nebraska	18	63	29	110
Nevada	5	34	70	109

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State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
New Hampshire	1	62	4	67
New Jersey	11	166	14	191
New Mexico	0	129	0	129
New York	10	321	0	331
North Carolina	35	248	6	289
North Dakota	0	30	4	34
Ohio	2	332	42	376
Oklahoma	6	145	0	151
Oregon	0	85	1	86
Pacific Basin	0	54	0	54
Pennsylvania	63	264	126	453
Puerto Rico	0	40	0	40
Rhode Island	0	39	0	39
South Carolina	9	95	25	129
South Dakota	3	30	0	33
Tennessee	3	247	0	250
Texas	48	637	0	685
Utah	66	66	0	132
Vermont	7	21	0	28
Virgin Islands	0	15	9	24
Virginia	21	162	0	183
Washington	21	135	77	233
West Virginia	3	82	8	93
Wisconsin	23	121	0	144
Wyoming	2	23	13	38
National Total	668	7143	1824	9635

Living Setting

The vast majority of children and youth live at home with their parents or extended family (91.6%). This percentage has gone up slightly over the past seven years. Fewer children and youth are living with foster parents, in state or private residential facilities, or in group homes or apartments.

Given that almost all children and youth who are deaf-blind live in a home setting, providing supports to families (nuclear, extended, and foster) is critical. Supports that include access to parent networks and leadership/self-advocacy skills training are important components of the umbrella of services needed for children who are deaf-blind and their families.

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Living Setting (Part 1 of 2)

State	Home: Parents	Home: Extended Family	Home: Foster Parents	State Residential Facility	Private Residential Facility	Group Home (less than 6 residents)
Alabama	161	2	1	9	1	0
Alaska	14	2	1	0	0	0
Arizona	199	5	6	1	0	0
Arkansas	131	8	0	0	16	0
California	825	13	13	0	1	6
Colorado	129	4	2	0	0	0
Connecticut	45	1	0	1	1	1
Delaware	67	1	1	0	0	0
District of Columbia	15	1	1	0	0	0
Florida	447	11	6	1	1	1
Georgia	249	14	14	0	0	0
Hawaii	52	5	0	0	0	0
Idaho	62	4	1	0	0	0
Illinois	310	8	8	16	6	0
Indiana	173	11	4	1	8	0
Iowa	72	2	0	0	2	0
Kansas	107	2	3	0	0	0
Kentucky	99	7	5	0	0	0
Louisiana	60	9	0	8	2	0
Maine	37	1	0	0	2	0
Maryland	178	1	1	0	0	1
Massachusetts	215	4	2	0	1	0
Michigan	309	5	2	0	0	5
Minnesota	337	14	9	0	0	2
Mississippi	55	4	1	1	1	0
Missouri	212	7	2	0	0	1
Montana	40	3	0	3	0	1
Nebraska	97	5	5	0	1	1
Nevada	102	4	1	0	1	0
New Hampshire	65	0	1	0	0	0
New Jersey	182	3	2	1	2	0
New Mexico	115	5	7	0	1	0
New York	269	11	6	0	1	4
North Carolina	221	7	1	8	45	2
North Dakota	25	0	1	0	0	0
Ohio	340	12	8	1	11	1
Oklahoma	126	11	6	5	1	0
Oregon	76	2	6	2	0	0
Pacific Basin	41	6	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	429	7	7	1	4	0
Puerto Rico	39	0	0	1	0	0
Rhode Island	29	3	0	0	4	0
South Carolina	116	8	3	0	0	0
South Dakota	26	1	1	1	4	0
Tennessee	225	14	8	2	0	0
Texas	638	28	9	0	4	1
Utah	128	1	2	0	0	0

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State	Home: Parents	Home: Extended Family	Home: Foster Parents	State Residential Facility	Private Residential Facility	Group Home (less than 6 residents)
Vermont	28	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	23	0	0	0	1	0
Virginia	163	2	2	3	5	0
Washington	210	6	8	2	0	1
West Virginia	75	2	1	12	0	0
Wisconsin	116	2	4	2	0	0
Wyoming	34	2	2	0	0	0
National Total	8538	291	174	82	127	28

Living Setting (Part 2 of 2)

State	Group Home (6 or more residents)	Apartment (w/ non-family person(s))	Pediatric Nursing Home	Other	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	0	0	0	4	0	178
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	17
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	211
Arkansas	0	0	0	1	0	156
California	1	1	16	1	61	938
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	135
Connecticut	2	0	0	0	0	51
Delaware	0	0	1	0	3	73
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	3	20
Florida	0	0	0	1	88	556
Georgia	1	0	0	0	2	280
Hawaii	0	0	2	2	4	65
Idaho	0	0	0	0	0	67
Illinois	0	0	12	0	4	364
Indiana	1	0	0	0	1	199
Iowa	1	0	0	0	0	77
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0	112
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	111
Louisiana	0	0	0	1	17	97
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	40
Maryland	0	0	0	1	11	193
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	22	244
Michigan	1	0	0	0	0	322
Minnesota	0	0	0	1	1	364
Mississippi	0	0	0	1	0	63
Missouri	1	0	0	0	0	223
Montana	0	0	0	1	0	48
Nebraska	0	0	1	0	0	110
Nevada	0	0	0	1	0	109
New Hampshire	0	0	1	0	0	67
New Jersey	0	0	1	0	0	191
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	1	129
New York	1	0	4	0	35	331
North Carolina	4	0	0	1	0	289

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Group Home (6 or more residents)	Apartment (w/ non-family person(s))	Pediatric Nursing Home	Other	Unknown/Missing	State Total
North Dakota	4	0	0	0	4	34
Ohio	0	1	0	2	0	376
Oklahoma	0	0	0	2	0	151
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0	86
Pacific Basin	0	0	0	0	7	54
Pennsylvania	1	0	4	0	0	453
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0	40
Rhode Island	0	0	3	0	0	39
South Carolina	0	0	0	1	1	129
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	33
Tennessee	1	0	0	0	0	250
Texas	0	0	1	4	0	685
Utah	0	0	0	1	0	132
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	28
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	24
Virginia	1	0	2	0	5	183
Washington	2	0	1	0	3	233
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	3	93
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	20	144
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	38
National Total	22	2	49	26	296	9635

Exiting Information

The vast majority of children who exit Part C are eligible for Part B (93.5%). This percentage has remained relatively constant over the past seven years, varying between 90% and 93%. The balance have moved out of state, been withdrawn by parents, were not able to be contacted, or died.

An analysis to determine whether kids are “lost” in the transition from Part C to Part B revealed that about 10% of two-year-old children eligible for Part B on the 2015 National Deaf-Blind Child Count were not included on the 2016 child count as three year olds.

Children and youth exit Part B for a number of reasons. They graduate, age out, transfer to regular education, drop out, or die. From 2010 to 2015, there was a large and steady increase (134%) in the number of youth graduating with a regular diploma, from 94 to 220. In 2016, this decreased to 185. There has also been a large increase (127%) in the number of youth dropping out of school, from 75 in 2010 to 170 in 2015. This decreased in 2016 to 145. Overall, the population described in the National Deaf-Blind Child Count was trending older until this past year. This may have contributed to the declines in diploma and dropout rates seen in 2016.

Ensuring seamless transition between Part C and Part B is critical for maintaining appropriate services for children as they enter preschool. The number of children who seem to be “lost” in this transition warrants attention.

While access to the general curriculum and graduation from high school has improved for the population of children and youth who are deaf-blind, significant efforts are needed to expand these opportunities.

The need for post-secondary education or employment has important implications for the continued development of effective post-secondary supports for students who are exiting Part B every year, whether through having received a diploma or certificate, simply aging out, or transitioning to adult services. The growing number of youth who drop out of school also has important implications for effective educational programming and the continued development of effective post-secondary supports.

Part C Exiting Status (Part 1 of 2)

State	In EI Program	Completion of IFSP Prior to Maximum Age	Eligible for Part B	Not Eligible for Part B, Referrals to Other Programs	Part B Eligibility Not Determined	Died
Alabama	7	0	5	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	10	0	8	0	0	0
Arkansas	4	0	3	0	0	0
California	36	0	28	0	0	0
Colorado	15	0	8	0	0	0
Connecticut	0	0	2	0	0	0
Delaware	3	0	4	0	0	0
District of Columbia	1	0	2	0	0	0
Florida	6	0	22	0	0	0
Georgia	28	0	16	0	0	0
Hawaii	3	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	1	0	2	0	0	0
Illinois	13	0	12	0	0	0
Indiana	4	0	4	0	0	0
Iowa	4	0	2	0	0	0
Kansas	8	0	9	1	0	0
Kentucky	1	0	3	0	0	0
Louisiana	7	0	4	0	0	0
Maine	2	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	12	0	6	0	0	0
Massachusetts	4	0	8	0	0	0
Michigan	18	0	5	0	0	1
Minnesota	13	0	10	0	0	0
Mississippi	9	0	5	0	0	0
Missouri	27	0	12	0	0	1

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	In EI Program	Completion of IFSP Prior to Maximum Age	Eligible for Part B	Not Eligible for Part B, Referrals to Other Programs	Part B Eligibility Not Determined	Died
Montana	5	0	1	0	0	1
Nebraska	5	0	2	0	0	0
Nevada	23	0	3	0	1	0
New Hampshire	2	0	1	0	0	0
New Jersey	4	0	7	0	0	0
New Mexico	13	0	10	0	0	0
New York	11	0	3	0	0	0
North Carolina	16	0	6	0	0	1
North Dakota	4	0	3	0	0	0
Ohio	7	0	3	0	0	0
Oklahoma	11	0	10	0	0	0
Oregon	6	0	7	0	0	0
Pacific Basin	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	77	0	27	0	0	1
Puerto Rico	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	2	0	4	0	0	0
South Carolina	13	0	10	0	0	0
South Dakota	2	0	1	0	0	0
Tennessee	39	0	24	0	0	0
Texas	37	1	31	0	0	0
Utah	12	1	14	0	0	1
Vermont	4	0	2	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	3	0	0	0
Virginia	6	0	6	0	0	0
Washington	22	0	8	0	0	0
West Virginia	2	0	1	0	0	1
Wisconsin	4	0	5	0	0	0
Wyoming	2	0	1	0	0	0
National Total	568	2	373	1	1	7

Part C Exiting Status (Part 2 of 2)

State	Moved Out of State	Withdrawn by Parent	Unable to Contact Parent	Unknown/Missing/Not in Part C	State Total
Alabama	0	0	0	0	12
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0	18
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	7
California	0	0	1	1	66
Colorado	0	0	0	0	23
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	2
Delaware	0	0	0	0	7
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	3
Florida	0	0	0	0	28
Georgia	0	0	0	0	44

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Moved Out of State	Withdrawn by Parent	Unable to Contact Parent	Unknown/Missing/Not in Part C	State Total
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	3
Idaho	0	0	0	0	3
Illinois	1	0	0	0	26
Indiana	0	0	0	0	8
Iowa	0	0	0	0	6
Kansas	0	0	0	0	18
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	4
Louisiana	0	0	0	0	11
Maine	0	0	0	0	2
Maryland	0	0	0	0	18
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	12
Michigan	0	0	0	1	25
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	23
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	14
Missouri	1	1	0	0	42
Montana	1	0	0	0	8
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	7
Nevada	0	0	1	0	28
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	3
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	11
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	23
New York	0	0	0	0	14
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	23
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	7
Ohio	0	0	0	0	10
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	21
Oregon	0	0	0	0	13
Pacific Basin	0	0	0	0	2
Pennsylvania	1	0	0	0	106
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	1
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	6
South Carolina	1	0	0	0	24
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	3
Tennessee	1	1	0	0	65
Texas	0	0	0	0	69
Utah	1	0	0	0	29
Vermont	0	0	0	0	6
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	3
Virginia	0	0	0	1	13
Washington	0	0	0	0	30
West Virginia	1	0	0	0	5
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	9
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	3
National Total	8	2	2	3	967

Part B Exiting Status (Part 1 of 2)

State	In Special Education Program	Transferred to Regular Education	Graduated with Regular Diploma	Received a Certificate	Reached Maximum Age for Part B Services
Alabama	171	0	1	2	5
Alaska	17	0	1	0	4
Arizona	201	0	5	0	0
Arkansas	148	0	13	8	2
California	799	13	29	9	17
Colorado	120	7	2	0	0
Connecticut	50	0	0	0	0
Delaware	70	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	19	0	0	0	0
Florida	547	4	4	0	37
Georgia	265	8	7	2	5
Hawaii	63	1	3	0	1
Idaho	68	0	0	0	0
Illinois	349	1	4	2	13
Indiana	190	1	6	6	11
Iowa	73	1	0	0	0
Kansas	116	0	1	1	1
Kentucky	103	1	8	4	0
Louisiana	90	3	0	1	0
Maine	38	0	0	0	0
Maryland	181	4	1	0	0
Massachusetts	238	1	0	0	0
Michigan	306	5	9	2	5
Minnesota	351	0	17	3	2
Mississippi	54	0	0	6	0
Missouri	196	7	4	5	13
Montana	44	0	0	0	1
Nebraska	104	0	7	1	0
Nevada	85	9	0	0	2
New Hampshire	65	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	186	1	0	3	0
New Mexico	114	2	0	0	0
New York	320	0	0	0	17
North Carolina	273	0	0	0	5
North Dakota	30	0	0	0	1
Ohio	369	2	28	0	34
Oklahoma	141	0	5	0	6
Oregon	80	0	2	0	0
Pacific Basin	56	1	0	0	1
Pennsylvania	372	1	14	0	3
Puerto Rico	41	0	0	1	1
Rhode Island	35	2	0	0	4
South Carolina	115	1	0	0	0
South Dakota	31	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	211	5	3	3	1
Texas	785	26	1	1	12

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	In Special Education Program	Transferred to Regular Education	Graduated with Regular Diploma	Received a Certificate	Reached Maximum Age for Part B Services
Utah	119	1	1	0	3
Vermont	25	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	24	0	0	0	0
Virginia	173	0	1	4	5
Washington	220	4	7	0	2
West Virginia	91	0	1	5	1
Wisconsin	140	3	0	1	0
Wyoming	36	0	0	0	0
National Total	9108	115	185	70	215

Part B Exiting Status (Part 2 of 2)

State	Died	Moved: Known to be Continuing	Dropped Out	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	0	1	5	0	185
Alaska	0	0	0	0	22
Arizona	0	0	4	0	210
Arkansas	4	8	9	1	193
California	0	105	20	0	992
Colorado	5	0	1	0	135
Connecticut	0	1	0	0	51
Delaware	0	0	0	0	70
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	19
Florida	0	3	0	0	595
Georgia	3	4	11	0	305
Hawaii	2	0	0	0	70
Idaho	0	0	0	0	68
Illinois	2	7	7	1	386
Indiana	3	5	17	0	239
Iowa	0	1	1	0	76
Kansas	1	2	0	0	122
Kentucky	0	7	10	0	133
Louisiana	0	0	0	0	94
Maine	0	0	0	0	38
Maryland	0	0	0	0	186
Massachusetts	0	2	1	0	242
Michigan	9	3	1	0	340
Minnesota	4	9	0	0	386
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	60
Missouri	4	25	14	0	268
Montana	2	3	0	0	50
Nebraska	1	1	0	0	114
Nevada	4	0	4	2	106
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	65
New Jersey	0	1	3	0	194
New Mexico	0	2	2	0	120

2016 National Deaf-Blind Child Count Summary (Ages Birth – 21)

State	Died	Moved: Known to be Continuing	Dropped Out	Unknown/Missing	State Total
New York	0	0	1	0	338
North Carolina	3	4	4	0	289
North Dakota	0	0	1	0	32
Ohio	0	3	1	0	437
Oklahoma	5	0	1	9	167
Oregon	1	0	0	0	83
Pacific Basin	2	1	0	0	61
Pennsylvania	1	3	2	0	396
Puerto Rico	1	3	0	0	47
Rhode Island	1	2	2	0	46
South Carolina	3	3	0	0	122
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	31
Tennessee	1	16	9	0	249
Texas	0	1	0	0	826
Utah	6	1	0	0	131
Vermont	2	1	0	0	28
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	24
Virginia	1	5	2	0	191
Washington	1	6	7	0	247
West Virginia	1	0	1	0	100
Wisconsin	0	0	4	0	148
Wyoming	1	0	0	0	37
National Total	74	239	145	13	10164

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