

**The 2019 National Deaf-Blind Child Count
Report**



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INTRODUCTION

This report is the 34th edition of the annual National Deaf-Blind Child Count, the first and longest running count of children who are deaf-blind in the world. Begun in 1986 on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, it represents a collaborative effort between the National Center on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB), its predecessors, and state deaf-blind projects throughout the country, including multi-state projects and projects funded in the Pacific Trust territories, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

Each year, the state deaf-blind projects collect data on children in their states (birth through 21) who are deaf-blind and submit it to NCDB. Data is collected using a timeline aligned with one the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) uses to collect data on children (birth through 21) receiving special education services. For the OSEP data collection, each state designates a date between October 1st and December 1st on which they capture a point-in-time "snap shot" of children who are eligible for IDEA Part C or Part B services (U.S. Department of Education, 2020). Similarly, state deaf-blind projects use a point-in-time "snap shot" date of December 1st to capture the number of children eligible for their state deaf-blind project services. NCDB provides technical assistance to the projects to help them conduct their counts and compiles the data into this national report.

The National Deaf-Blind Child Count has been designed, implemented, and revised to serve as a common vehicle to meet federal grant requirements for the state deaf-blind projects and NCDB. Consistent with priorities under which NCDB and the projects are funded, it is used to help identify state and national technical assistance needs for children who are deaf-blind, their families, and the providers and systems that serve them.

The count also serves as an important point of comparison to OSEP's IDEA Part B child count, which categorizes children as having deaf-blindness only when it is their single disability. In contrast, the National Deaf-Blind Child Count includes children whose disability is solely deaf-blindness, as well as those with additional disabilities. This is a critical distinction given that 87% of the children on the National Deaf-Blind Child Count have one or more additional disabilities. Consequently, most children with deaf-blindness are not identified as such on the Part B child count.

In 2019, state deaf-blind projects reported that 11,335 children were eligible to receive services from their projects at some point between December 2, 2018 and December 1, 2019, and 10,716 were eligible for services on December 1, 2019. Of these, 10,627 were eligible to receive deaf-blind project services *and* were being served through either Part C or Part B of IDEA. This is the official National Deaf-Blind Child Count and data for these children are included in all sections of this report, except for "Exiting Information," which incorporates data from the cumulative total of 11,335 children

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served at any time during the year.

The 10,627 total includes:

- 658 infants and toddlers (birth-2)
- 9,867 children and youth (3-21)
- 65 (age 22) from states that provide services through the end of the school year in which students turn 22 years of age
- 37 (ages 23-26) from Michigan, which allows for the provision of services up to age 26 for students who meet state administrative rules eligibility criteria

In contrast to the 9,867 children aged 3 through 21 identified on the National Deaf-Blind Child Count, the U.S. Department of Education (2019a) reported that only 1,606 students in that age range had deaf-blindness. [Note: Due to the non-categorical nature of Part C, no infants or toddlers are reported as deaf-blind. Instead, they are reported as developmentally delayed or at-risk (2019b).]

The discrepancy between OSEP's IDEA Part B child count and the National Deaf-Blind Child Count is significant. State deaf-blind projects consistently demonstrate through their reporting that most state education agencies report students with deaf-blindness as developmentally delayed, multiply disabled, and/or visually impaired or hearing impaired, rather than deaf-blind. Concerns about the under-identification of deaf-blindness have been a consistent problem that often results in a lack of or delay in receiving appropriate intervention and instruction critical to children's early development and learning (Herbster, 2015; Muller, 2006; Purvis & Schalock, 2014).

Overview of Deaf-Blindness

Deaf-blindness is defined in [IDEA regulations](#) as:

Concomitant hearing and visual impairments, the combination of which causes such severe communication and other developmental and educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for children with deafness or children with blindness.

This is a common definition of deaf-blindness used by state deaf-blind projects, but the projects also have the discretion to establish additional criteria for their services.

The population of children who are deaf-blind is one of the lowest incidence yet most diverse group of learners receiving early intervention and special education services (Muller, 2006). Their sensory losses are often accompanied by additional physical or cognitive disabilities, complex medical needs, and/or behavior challenges. Children are as varied as the number reported, and the nature and extent of deaf-blindness is often misunderstood (National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness, 2007; McCormick, 2015; National Center on Deaf-Blindness, 2018). The complexity of needs associated with this

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disability requires continued evolution and adaptation of local, state, and national services.

Data Elements

Throughout the history of the National Deaf-Blind Child Count, NCDB and its predecessors have continuously revised the language and reporting elements to a) remain current with IDEA Section 618 Part B and Part C data requirements, b) ease the data collection burden on state deaf-blind projects, and c) increase process and cost efficiencies.

Current data elements target both IDEA Section 618 requirements and information to guide state-specific and national technical assistance. Data elements aligned with IDEA Part B and Part C child counts include:

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

Additional data elements collected to inform state and national technical assistance services and initiatives include:

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

Data Collection during the COVID-19 Pandemic

In 2020, many state deaf-blind projects found themselves abruptly removed from their work locations due to COVID-19, which limited their access to data systems and files. This created challenges for finalizing December 1, 2019 child count collection and

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reporting activities. Some projects were unable to obtain records needed to verify current details about children on their state counts. Thus, the National Deaf-Blind Child Count includes 2018 data for some children that was not confirmed in 2019.

OVERALL POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

The total December 1, 2019 point-in-time deaf-blind “snap shot” count of 10,627 is an increase of 723 from the 2018 total of 9,904. The cumulative number of children served by state deaf-blind projects during the year increased from 11,081 to 11,335.

The age group distribution has remained relatively stable over the past five years:

- Birth through 2 – 571 (2015) to 658 (2019)
- 3 through 5 – 1,160 (2015) to 1,299 (2019)
- 6 through 17 – 6,277 (2015) to 6,757 (2019)
- 18 and older – 1,566 (2015) to 1,913 (2019)

Race/ethnicity and gender have also remained consistent. The percentage of the population identified as white decreased from 53.5% to 52.7% between 2015 and 2019. The percentage identified as black or African American rose slightly from 14.2% to 14.3%. The percentage identified as Latino or Hispanic decreased from 20.1% to 19.9%. Gender, over this time period, has been approximately 55% males and 45% female.

State Child Count Totals

State	Total Number Served by State During Year	Number Eligible to Receive Project Services on 12/1/19 Regardless of Part C or Part B Status	12/1/19 Snap Shot: Number on Child Count
Alabama	336	327	323
Alaska	19	16	16
Arizona	204	202	202
Arkansas	225	220	220
California	1009	966	954
Colorado	168	154	154
Connecticut	73	71	65
Delaware	64	64	64
District of Columbia	25	25	25
Florida	636	609	609
Georgia	347	325	325
Hawaii	59	57	56
Idaho	59	57	57
Illinois	357	317	317
Indiana	231	231	231
Iowa	99	97	97

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State	Total Number Served by State During Year	Number Eligible to Receive Project Services on 12/1/19 Regardless of Part C or Part B Status	12/1/19 Snap Shot: Number on Child Count
Kansas	115	109	109
Kentucky	158	141	141
Louisiana	112	103	103
Maine	50	49	47
Maryland	212	211	208
Massachusetts	259	236	214
Michigan	340	335	331
Minnesota	378	353	353
Mississippi	77	74	74
Missouri	260	245	242
Montana	43	37	37
Nebraska	103	103	103
Nevada	138	123	123
New Hampshire	95	92	81
New Jersey	196	196	194
New Mexico	137	137	137
New York	441	441	438
North Carolina	314	298	295
North Dakota	37	36	36
Ohio	420	376	376
Oklahoma	184	176	176
Oregon	100	97	97
Pacific Basin	73	69	69
Pennsylvania	737	737	728
Puerto Rico	43	38	38
Rhode Island	45	44	44
South Carolina	152	148	148
South Dakota	33	29	29
Tennessee	284	239	239
Texas	935	819	819
Utah	144	128	128
Vermont	25	25	25
Virgin Islands	21	21	21
Virginia	200	165	165
Washington	271	268	264
West Virginia	91	91	91
Wisconsin	155	143	143
Wyoming	46	46	46
National Total	11335	10716	10627

Notes:

December 1st snap shot based on children in IDEA Part C or Part B and eligible for state deaf-blind project services. Some states continue to provide services through the end of the school year in which the individual turns 22 years old. Michigan provides services to age 26.

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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	58	39	82	88	56	0	0	323
Alaska	1	3	4	8	0	0	0	16
Arizona	19	22	66	70	24	1	0	202
Arkansas	5	15	68	86	40	6	0	220
California	24	96	269	377	184	4	0	954
Colorado	14	28	52	48	12	0	0	154
Connecticut	3	10	17	18	13	4	0	65
Delaware	1	5	21	24	13	0	0	64
District of Columbia	0	6	14	3	2	0	0	25
Florida	26	36	198	200	149	0	0	609
Georgia	17	47	108	118	35	0	0	325
Hawaii	0	4	24	19	9	0	0	56
Idaho	1	5	24	18	9	0	0	57
Illinois	12	23	92	113	77	0	0	317
Indiana	13	15	68	65	70	0	0	231
Iowa	8	12	36	33	8	0	0	97
Kansas	11	21	39	30	8	0	0	109
Kentucky	7	16	31	42	45	0	0	141
Louisiana	6	13	19	40	23	2	0	103
Maine	4	5	17	11	10	0	0	47
Maryland	5	27	65	79	31	1	0	208
Massachusetts	5	19	55	88	47	0	0	214
Michigan	5	36	88	102	52	48	0	331
Minnesota	14	29	124	130	56	0	0	353
Mississippi	7	15	23	20	9	0	0	74
Missouri	11	35	69	63	62	2	0	242
Montana	2	5	14	15	1	0	0	37
Nebraska	1	4	34	46	18	0	0	103
Nevada	16	30	43	27	7	0	0	123
New Hampshire	4	12	30	19	14	2	0	81
New Jersey	2	14	79	57	42	0	0	194
New Mexico	11	26	51	41	8	0	0	137
New York	20	38	117	154	90	19	0	438
North Carolina	11	29	106	111	36	2	0	295

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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
North Dakota	2	8	12	9	5	0	0	36
Ohio	10	21	95	147	103	0	0	376
Oklahoma	12	25	53	56	30	0	0	176
Oregon	7	10	33	25	22	0	0	97
Pacific Basin	4	4	25	25	11	0	0	69
Pennsylvania	132	191	192	136	74	3	0	728
Puerto Rico	4	5	5	17	7	0	0	38
Rhode Island	3	7	10	19	5	0	0	44
South Carolina	13	31	40	44	20	0	0	148
South Dakota	3	1	9	12	4	0	0	29
Tennessee	29	39	80	63	28	0	0	239
Texas	44	108	280	296	88	3	0	819
Utah	11	16	44	36	18	3	0	128
Vermont	0	4	11	5	4	1	0	25
Virgin Islands	2	0	8	7	4	0	0	21
Virginia	4	14	54	64	28	1	0	165
Washington	20	35	66	83	60	0	0	264
West Virginia	7	9	30	30	15	0	0	91
Wisconsin	6	22	50	45	20	0	0	143
Wyoming	1	9	14	17	5	0	0	46
National Total	658	1299	3258	3499	1811	102	0	10627

Note: Some states continue to provide services through the end of the school year in which the individual turns 22 years old. Michigan provides services to age 26.

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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	5	7	85	28	192	1	4	1	323
Alaska	2	0	1	0	10	0	3	0	16
Arizona	17	2	14	86	82	1	0	0	202
Arkansas	1	2	42	18	146	1	10	0	220
California	6	88	43	465	218	16	39	79	954
Colorado	3	10	10	46	79	2	4	0	154
Connecticut	0	2	11	10	41	0	1	0	65
Delaware	3	3	15	15	28	0	0	0	64
District of Columbia	0	1	15	2	6	1	0	0	25
Florida	2	26	151	170	237	3	19	1	609
Georgia	0	14	97	48	146	0	20	0	325
Hawaii	0	18	2	1	6	26	3	0	56
Idaho	2	2	3	6	41	1	2	0	57
Illinois	0	24	63	65	158	0	6	1	317
Indiana	1	6	22	19	174	0	9	0	231
Iowa	0	2	6	7	74	1	7	0	97
Kansas	1	8	3	9	82	0	6	0	109
Kentucky	0	4	17	6	111	0	3	0	141
Louisiana	1	0	21	6	46	0	0	29	103
Maine	1	1	1	0	44	0	0	0	47
Maryland	0	13	56	33	96	5	0	5	208
Massachusetts	2	14	9	44	135	0	10	0	214
Michigan	5	15	50	19	232	0	10	0	331
Minnesota	14	29	44	28	224	1	13	0	353
Mississippi	0	1	26	5	41	0	1	0	74
Missouri	1	6	31	11	177	1	13	2	242
Montana	3	1	0	2	29	1	1	0	37
Nebraska	2	4	8	14	74	0	1	0	103
Nevada	1	3	18	38	47	3	13	0	123
New Hampshire	1	1	3	7	65	0	2	2	81
New Jersey	0	17	27	49	95	0	4	2	194
New Mexico	19	2	4	69	36	0	7	0	137

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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
New York	5	38	58	119	124	79	11	4	438
North Carolina	2	12	70	33	153	1	24	0	295
North Dakota	5	0	2	1	28	0	0	0	36
Ohio	1	4	67	14	275	2	13	0	376
Oklahoma	33	4	21	18	100	0	0	0	176
Oregon	1	1	1	19	71	1	2	1	97
Pacific Basin	0	0	0	0	0	68	1	0	69
Pennsylvania	2	29	122	63	483	0	29	0	728
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	38
Rhode Island	0	5	6	10	23	0	0	0	44
South Carolina	0	3	49	10	86	0	0	0	148
South Dakota	5	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	29
Tennessee	0	4	45	21	155	0	13	1	239
Texas	5	33	101	340	319	2	19	0	819
Utah	0	3	5	24	85	1	10	0	128
Vermont	0	1	0	0	21	0	2	1	25
Virgin Islands	1	0	8	4	6	0	0	2	21
Virginia	1	10	43	12	98	0	0	1	165
Washington	3	10	9	48	154	8	22	10	264
West Virginia	0	0	5	0	86	0	0	0	91
Wisconsin	1	4	11	8	112	0	5	2	143
Wyoming	5	0	2	8	30	0	1	0	46
National Total	163	487	1523	2116	5605	226	363	144	10627

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Gender

State	Male	Female	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	146	177	0	323
Alaska	8	8	0	16
Arizona	188	14	0	202
Arkansas	121	99	0	220
California	498	439	17	954
Colorado	84	70	0	154
Connecticut	41	24	0	65
Delaware	39	25	0	64
District of Columbia	12	12	1	25
Florida	319	290	0	609
Georgia	162	163	0	325
Hawaii	31	25	0	56
Idaho	30	27	0	57
Illinois	159	158	0	317
Indiana	126	105	0	231
Iowa	55	42	0	97
Kansas	58	51	0	109
Kentucky	72	69	0	141
Louisiana	50	53	0	103
Maine	31	16	0	47
Maryland	109	99	0	208
Massachusetts	123	91	0	214
Michigan	188	143	0	331
Minnesota	172	181	0	353
Mississippi	35	39	0	74
Missouri	142	100	0	242
Montana	19	18	0	37
Nebraska	56	47	0	103
Nevada	65	58	0	123
New Hampshire	51	30	0	81
New Jersey	111	82	1	194
New Mexico	66	71	0	137
New York	231	207	0	438
North Carolina	165	130	0	295
North Dakota	18	18	0	36
Ohio	217	159	0	376
Oklahoma	96	80	0	176
Oregon	66	31	0	97
Pacific Basin	45	24	0	69
Pennsylvania	390	338	0	728
Puerto Rico	23	15	0	38
Rhode Island	20	23	1	44
South Carolina	82	66	0	148
South Dakota	13	16	0	29
Tennessee	157	81	1	239
Texas	448	371	0	819
Utah	62	66	0	128
Vermont	12	11	2	25

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State	Male	Female	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Virgin Islands	8	13	0	21
Virginia	92	73	0	165
Washington	125	130	9	264
West Virginia	55	36	0	91
Wisconsin	84	59	0	143
Wyoming	30	16	0	46
National Total	5806	4789	32	10627

DOCUMENTED HEARING AND VISION LOSS

The range and types of hearing and vision loss provide evidence of the heterogeneous nature of the population of children with deaf-blindness. Only about 1% have both profound hearing loss and total blindness. The other 99% have some residual hearing or vision.

Just under 80% (8,453) of children were identified as having low vision, being legally blind, or having a documented functional vision loss in 2019. An additional 4.4% were totally blind. These distributions have fluctuated by only 1% over the past five years.

The percentage with low vision increased from 31.4% in 2015 to 33.4% in 2019. Documented functional vision loss increased from 21.8% to 23.4%. Legally blind decreased from 25.6% to 22.6%. The number of children with cortical visual impairment increased from 2,844 in 2015 to 3,082 in 2019, which is 29% of the total population.

Profound hearing loss is the most common primary classification of hearing impairment reported, occurring in 20.2% of children. Moderate hearing loss accounts for 18.5%, moderately severe for 15.3%, mild for 13.3%, and severe for 10.2%. Another 13.1% have a documented functional hearing loss. The percentage identified as needing further hearing testing was 7.6%. These distributions have remained stable over the past five years, fluctuating only 1-2%.

Relatively few children were identified as having central auditory processing disorder (493) or auditory neuropathy (577) in 2019. In both cases, these numbers represent less than 6% of the population.

There has been a significant increase over the past five years in the percentage of children with corrective lenses (40.3% to 45.3%) and assistive listening devices (47.4% to 50.8%). The number of children of all ages (infants to young adults) identified as having cochlear implants increased from 1,085 (10.5%) in 2015 to 1,283 (12.0%) in 2019.

Over the past five years, the percentage of children that use assistive technology has remained constant at about 44%. Of these, 51% with four or more additional disabilities use assistive technology, while only 32% with no additional disabilities use assistive technology.

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	128	45	8	7	10	44	81	323
Alaska	5	4	0	1	2	0	4	16
Arizona	50	21	5	2	6	12	106	202
Arkansas	90	40	18	12	9	0	51	220
California	275	231	43	48	21	178	158	954
Colorado	82	42	8	7	7	8	0	154
Connecticut	13	31	4	5	6	3	3	65
Delaware	16	8	0	0	1	1	38	64
District of Columbia	3	1	0	0	0	1	20	25
Florida	233	101	36	27	28	0	184	609
Georgia	76	102	20	21	11	10	85	325
Hawaii	7	8	3	3	4	0	31	56
Idaho	17	13	3	1	6	5	12	57
Illinois	115	63	31	15	19	3	71	317
Indiana	80	50	17	10	10	9	55	231
Iowa	34	17	9	7	9	1	20	97
Kansas	30	30	2	2	1	3	41	109
Kentucky	64	43	23	4	1	0	6	141
Louisiana	24	19	2	6	8	31	13	103
Maine	23	5	0	4	3	6	6	47
Maryland	51	26	8	6	8	6	103	208
Massachusetts	86	65	10	8	15	13	17	214
Michigan	100	89	13	26	19	2	82	331
Minnesota	186	56	9	11	24	4	63	353
Mississippi	20	16	15	3	1	9	10	74
Missouri	67	51	13	9	16	2	84	242
Montana	7	12	0	2	9	0	7	37
Nebraska	43	36	6	2	8	0	8	103

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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
Nevada	25	25	11	6	5	18	33	123
New Hampshire	35	16	1	2	2	12	13	81
New Jersey	92	47	17	7	7	8	16	194
New Mexico	55	24	4	5	4	2	43	137
New York	149	138	9	20	26	32	64	438
North Carolina	85	67	14	15	4	17	93	295
North Dakota	11	5	2	0	5	5	8	36
Ohio	92	97	20	26	16	1	124	376
Oklahoma	68	36	18	9	5	4	36	176
Oregon	35	22	3	5	11	2	19	97
Pacific Basin	10	4	4	11	4	0	36	69
Pennsylvania	207	136	20	16	26	134	189	728
Puerto Rico	13	7	5	7	1	3	2	38
Rhode Island	17	12	4	1	1	2	7	44
South Carolina	42	29	6	3	6	9	53	148
South Dakota	5	4	0	4	5	1	10	29
Tennessee	89	65	23	10	10	0	42	239
Texas	265	285	31	33	98	11	96	819
Utah	76	21	4	8	10	2	7	128
Vermont	7	4	0	1	0	0	13	25
Virgin Islands	1	1	0	0	0	0	19	21
Virginia	54	24	7	7	13	1	59	165
Washington	80	52	10	14	16	18	74	264
West Virginia	39	10	3	3	8	5	23	91
Wisconsin	49	38	2	9	8	1	36	143
Wyoming	16	10	2	0	2	5	11	46
National Total	3542	2404	526	471	555	644	2485	10627

Cortical Visual Impairment

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	13	282	28	323
Alaska	5	11	0	16
Arizona	111	66	25	202
Arkansas	80	139	1	220
California	197	451	306	954
Colorado	49	96	9	154
Connecticut	18	42	5	65
Delaware	31	33	0	64
District of Columbia	14	11	0	25
Florida	79	336	194	609
Georgia	112	175	38	325
Hawaii	17	34	5	56
Idaho	25	19	13	57
Illinois	98	187	32	317
Indiana	33	127	71	231
Iowa	27	70	0	97
Kansas	60	31	18	109
Kentucky	72	69	0	141
Louisiana	14	40	49	103
Maine	9	31	7	47
Maryland	72	134	2	208
Massachusetts	65	135	14	214
Michigan	81	250	0	331
Minnesota	107	245	1	353
Mississippi	18	29	27	74
Missouri	71	163	8	242
Montana	21	16	0	37
Nebraska	21	57	25	103
Nevada	25	39	59	123
New Hampshire	24	50	7	81
New Jersey	71	103	20	194
New Mexico	84	21	32	137
New York	118	186	134	438
North Carolina	104	147	44	295
North Dakota	7	17	12	36
Ohio	112	127	137	376
Oklahoma	61	94	21	176
Oregon	33	41	23	97
Pacific Basin	7	15	47	69
Pennsylvania	193	535	0	728
Puerto Rico	11	21	6	38
Rhode Island	17	22	5	44
South Carolina	41	71	36	148
South Dakota	7	22	0	29
Tennessee	86	151	2	239
Texas	247	465	107	819
Utah	58	69	1	128
Vermont	16	5	4	25

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State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Virgin Islands	1	0	20	21
Virginia	48	113	4	165
Washington	89	93	82	264
West Virginia	38	50	3	91
Wisconsin	52	62	29	143
Wyoming	12	18	16	46
National Total	3082	5816	1729	10627

Corrective Lenses

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	155	158	10	323
Alaska	7	9	0	16
Arizona	67	89	46	202
Arkansas	92	122	6	220
California	444	322	188	954
Colorado	80	67	7	154
Connecticut	19	34	12	65
Delaware	26	24	14	64
District of Columbia	10	9	6	25
Florida	180	134	295	609
Georgia	164	156	5	325
Hawaii	11	43	2	56
Idaho	18	37	2	57
Illinois	165	139	13	317
Indiana	113	114	4	231
Iowa	47	44	6	97
Kansas	76	33	0	109
Kentucky	66	73	2	141
Louisiana	36	27	40	103
Maine	13	21	13	47
Maryland	94	97	17	208
Massachusetts	103	69	42	214
Michigan	164	167	0	331
Minnesota	187	147	19	353
Mississippi	31	37	6	74
Missouri	111	126	5	242
Montana	22	15	0	37
Nebraska	55	47	1	103
Nevada	53	66	4	123
New Hampshire	42	23	16	81
New Jersey	57	131	6	194
New Mexico	73	49	15	137
New York	111	103	224	438
North Carolina	135	146	14	295
North Dakota	20	15	1	36
Ohio	158	113	105	376
Oklahoma	75	98	3	176
Oregon	52	40	5	97

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State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Pacific Basin	5	60	4	69
Pennsylvania	328	400	0	728
Puerto Rico	15	23	0	38
Rhode Island	22	21	1	44
South Carolina	108	31	9	148
South Dakota	17	12	0	29
Tennessee	190	37	12	239
Texas	416	0	403	819
Utah	63	64	1	128
Vermont	6	17	2	25
Virgin Islands	0	1	20	21
Virginia	67	81	17	165
Washington	124	129	11	264
West Virginia	49	38	4	91
Wisconsin	62	74	7	143
Wyoming	27	18	1	46
National Total	4831	4150	1646	10627

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	39	34	52	25	71	3	40	59	323
Alaska	0	4	6	3	2	0	0	1	16
Arizona	21	44	42	16	66	0	3	10	202
Arkansas	27	29	16	14	22	3	14	95	220
California	82	153	164	96	228	3	148	80	954
Colorado	30	36	32	20	32	1	3	0	154
Connecticut	15	14	7	1	22	1	4	1	65
Delaware	7	19	14	4	6	0	1	13	64
District of Columbia	3	5	4	1	4	0	2	6	25
Florida	99	109	82	62	120	3	10	124	609
Georgia	59	72	66	36	65	1	9	17	325
Hawaii	5	8	4	2	8	0	0	29	56
Idaho	11	13	11	7	10	0	4	1	57
Illinois	97	58	36	29	50	6	2	39	317
Indiana	33	49	34	23	41	0	7	44	231
Iowa	12	24	12	17	21	1	2	8	97
Kansas	15	16	12	11	21	0	7	27	109
Kentucky	23	28	24	16	30	0	0	20	141
Louisiana	13	8	15	10	20	1	28	8	103
Maine	7	10	11	1	6	1	7	4	47
Maryland	32	33	38	18	50	1	5	31	208
Massachusetts	38	48	40	19	36	4	18	11	214
Michigan	41	57	48	35	71	6	0	73	331
Minnesota	52	114	50	40	65	5	1	26	353
Mississippi	10	9	11	12	18	0	8	6	74
Missouri	27	49	54	22	48	5	3	34	242

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State	Mild	Moderate	Moderately Severe	Severe	Profound	Diagnosed Progressive Loss	Further Testing Needed (1 year only)	Documented Functional Hearing Loss	State Total
Montana	6	3	6	3	6	5	1	7	37
Nebraska	7	24	18	20	30	0	0	4	103
Nevada	15	19	11	11	20	1	33	13	123
New Hampshire	15	17	11	10	7	0	12	9	81
New Jersey	4	13	8	3	19	1	143	3	194
New Mexico	22	42	15	18	27	2	4	7	137
New York	60	68	86	39	68	30	25	62	438
North Carolina	32	51	43	27	74	4	22	42	295
North Dakota	1	7	6	3	13	2	3	1	36
Ohio	31	41	37	31	67	3	0	166	376
Oklahoma	24	28	32	19	43	1	8	21	176
Oregon	15	29	18	14	17	0	1	3	97
Pacific Basin	10	5	4	2	13	0	0	35	69
Pennsylvania	99	136	85	48	109	8	166	77	728
Puerto Rico	5	7	7	7	10	0	0	2	38
Rhode Island	7	7	7	5	7	0	6	5	44
South Carolina	20	23	28	24	27	1	7	18	148
South Dakota	4	5	4	4	5	1	1	5	29
Tennessee	34	34	50	30	53	4	11	23	239
Texas	88	185	133	121	185	60	19	28	819
Utah	32	32	19	13	25	3	4	0	128
Vermont	7	5	1	3	8	0	0	1	25
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	19	21
Virginia	25	29	25	18	43	6	3	16	165
Washington	30	51	40	34	71	1	9	28	264
West Virginia	2	25	23	22	14	1	1	3	91
Wisconsin	15	34	18	13	35	2	4	22	143
Wyoming	6	8	6	3	16	0	2	5	46
National Total	1414	1971	1626	1085	2146	181	812	1392	10627

Central Auditory Processing Disorder

State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	3	291	29	323
Alaska	2	13	1	16
Arizona	2	164	36	202
Arkansas	5	79	136	220
California	57	357	540	954
Colorado	2	135	17	154
Connecticut	1	34	30	65
Delaware	0	28	36	64
District of Columbia	0	16	9	25
Florida	14	326	269	609
Georgia	16	211	98	325
Hawaii	0	41	15	56
Idaho	15	28	14	57
Illinois	3	240	74	317
Indiana	3	119	109	231
Iowa	2	55	40	97
Kansas	14	60	35	109
Kentucky	26	115	0	141
Louisiana	9	34	60	103
Maine	1	19	27	47
Maryland	2	165	41	208
Massachusetts	4	91	119	214
Michigan	28	303	0	331
Minnesota	5	258	90	353
Mississippi	2	49	23	74
Missouri	18	210	14	242
Montana	10	18	9	37
Nebraska	2	75	26	103
Nevada	4	43	76	123
New Hampshire	11	28	42	81
New Jersey	8	124	62	194
New Mexico	5	78	54	137
New York	14	192	232	438
North Carolina	19	187	89	295
North Dakota	2	28	6	36
Ohio	44	143	189	376
Oklahoma	8	123	45	176
Oregon	3	62	32	97
Pacific Basin	3	21	45	69
Pennsylvania	20	708	0	728
Puerto Rico	10	22	6	38
Rhode Island	1	29	14	44
South Carolina	4	45	99	148
South Dakota	0	29	0	29
Tennessee	9	213	17	239
Texas	24	0	795	819
Utah	3	120	5	128

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State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Vermont	3	11	11	25
Virgin Islands	0	1	20	21
Virginia	5	68	92	165
Washington	18	109	137	264
West Virginia	2	66	23	91
Wisconsin	21	62	60	143
Wyoming	4	21	21	46
National Total	491	6067	4069	10627

Auditory Neuropathy

State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	9	286	28	323
Alaska	1	14	1	16
Arizona	2	160	40	202
Arkansas	6	122	92	220
California	40	352	562	954
Colorado	6	133	15	154
Connecticut	5	34	26	65
Delaware	7	25	32	64
District of Columbia	3	16	6	25
Florida	26	300	283	609
Georgia	31	202	92	325
Hawaii	3	30	23	56
Idaho	5	31	21	57
Illinois	16	242	59	317
Indiana	12	85	134	231
Iowa	1	52	44	97
Kansas	8	63	38	109
Kentucky	0	141	0	141
Louisiana	7	37	59	103
Maine	1	25	21	47
Maryland	12	167	29	208
Massachusetts	6	116	92	214
Michigan	16	315	0	331
Minnesota	28	220	105	353
Mississippi	0	45	29	74
Missouri	18	209	15	242
Montana	4	23	10	37
Nebraska	6	71	26	103
Nevada	6	48	69	123
New Hampshire	6	30	45	81
New Jersey	15	88	91	194
New Mexico	10	78	49	137
New York	23	135	280	438
North Carolina	24	202	69	295
North Dakota	0	30	6	36
Ohio	44	146	186	376

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State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Oklahoma	16	118	42	176
Oregon	7	60	30	97
Pacific Basin	3	21	45	69
Pennsylvania	35	693	0	728
Puerto Rico	2	31	5	38
Rhode Island	1	39	4	44
South Carolina	8	70	70	148
South Dakota	1	28	0	29
Tennessee	7	198	34	239
Texas	38	0	781	819
Utah	9	113	6	128
Vermont	0	16	9	25
Virgin Islands	0	0	21	21
Virginia	9	68	88	165
Washington	12	109	143	264
West Virginia	3	70	18	91
Wisconsin	16	64	63	143
Wyoming	2	20	24	46
National Total	576	5991	4060	10627

Cochlear Implant

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	37	264	22	323
Alaska	3	13	0	16
Arizona	21	173	8	202
Arkansas	5	205	10	220
California	70	645	239	954
Colorado	18	134	2	154
Connecticut	12	36	17	65
Delaware	1	27	36	64
District of Columbia	4	15	6	25
Florida	47	401	161	609
Georgia	26	297	2	325
Hawaii	2	53	1	56
Idaho	8	47	2	57
Illinois	53	256	8	317
Indiana	33	197	1	231
Iowa	23	69	5	97
Kansas	17	91	1	109
Kentucky	20	121	0	141
Louisiana	20	47	36	103
Maine	3	30	14	47
Maryland	28	166	14	208
Massachusetts	16	122	76	214
Michigan	47	284	0	331
Minnesota	43	303	7	353
Mississippi	10	50	14	74

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State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Missouri	38	195	9	242
Montana	4	31	2	37
Nebraska	15	88	0	103
Nevada	11	106	6	123
New Hampshire	1	54	26	81
New Jersey	26	163	5	194
New Mexico	6	112	19	137
New York	55	207	176	438
North Carolina	45	248	2	295
North Dakota	10	25	1	36
Ohio	56	241	79	376
Oklahoma	32	139	5	176
Oregon	12	74	11	97
Pacific Basin	0	66	3	69
Pennsylvania	87	641	0	728
Puerto Rico	1	37	0	38
Rhode Island	3	41	0	44
South Carolina	15	91	42	148
South Dakota	4	25	0	29
Tennessee	32	201	6	239
Texas	147	0	672	819
Utah	22	105	1	128
Vermont	3	21	1	25
Virgin Islands	0	1	20	21
Virginia	20	95	50	165
Washington	35	211	18	264
West Virginia	3	85	3	91
Wisconsin	25	105	13	143
Wyoming	4	41	1	46
National Total	1279	7495	1853	10627

Assistive Listening Devices

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	126	187	10	323
Alaska	13	3	0	16
Arizona	91	63	48	202
Arkansas	62	149	9	220
California	480	244	230	954
Colorado	112	38	4	154
Connecticut	39	16	10	65
Delaware	33	17	14	64
District of Columbia	10	8	7	25
Florida	209	105	295	609
Georgia	191	133	1	325
Hawaii	14	39	3	56
Idaho	37	19	1	57
Illinois	218	90	9	317
Indiana	109	117	5	231

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State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Iowa	63	26	8	97
Kansas	50	58	1	109
Kentucky	86	55	0	141
Louisiana	26	33	44	103
Maine	21	10	16	47
Maryland	122	69	17	208
Massachusetts	94	59	61	214
Michigan	152	179	0	331
Minnesota	213	123	17	353
Mississippi	35	35	4	74
Missouri	161	76	5	242
Montana	19	16	2	37
Nebraska	68	34	1	103
Nevada	49	73	1	123
New Hampshire	45	21	15	81
New Jersey	91	95	8	194
New Mexico	67	47	23	137
New York	150	72	216	438
North Carolina	136	146	13	295
North Dakota	23	10	3	36
Ohio	160	100	116	376
Oklahoma	94	74	8	176
Oregon	73	18	6	97
Pacific Basin	6	58	5	69
Pennsylvania	396	332	0	728
Puerto Rico	17	21	0	38
Rhode Island	29	15	0	44
South Carolina	81	52	15	148
South Dakota	19	9	1	29
Tennessee	126	95	18	239
Texas	489	0	330	819
Utah	70	57	1	128
Vermont	15	9	1	25
Virgin Islands	0	1	20	21
Virginia	85	62	18	165
Washington	165	91	8	264
West Virginia	53	36	2	91
Wisconsin	93	45	5	143
Wyoming	27	19	0	46
National Total	5413	3559	1655	10627

Additional Assistive Technology

State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	64	250	9	323
Alaska	11	5	0	16
Arizona	4	15	183	202
Arkansas	57	134	29	220
California	256	313	385	954
Colorado	79	70	5	154

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State	Yes	No	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Connecticut	19	28	18	65
Delaware	29	21	14	64
District of Columbia	5	9	11	25
Florida	118	83	408	609
Georgia	177	147	1	325
Hawaii	9	40	7	56
Idaho	19	35	3	57
Illinois	208	94	15	317
Indiana	92	136	3	231
Iowa	34	52	11	97
Kansas	79	27	3	109
Kentucky	113	28	0	141
Louisiana	39	23	41	103
Maine	1	45	1	47
Maryland	90	94	24	208
Massachusetts	57	76	81	214
Michigan	178	153	0	331
Minnesota	182	151	20	353
Mississippi	14	45	15	74
Missouri	139	96	7	242
Montana	26	10	1	37
Nebraska	71	30	2	103
Nevada	63	57	3	123
New Hampshire	21	35	25	81
New Jersey	61	120	13	194
New Mexico	32	67	38	137
New York	82	113	243	438
North Carolina	138	136	21	295
North Dakota	21	9	6	36
Ohio	159	99	118	376
Oklahoma	55	98	23	176
Oregon	42	44	11	97
Pacific Basin	13	52	4	69
Pennsylvania	365	363	0	728
Puerto Rico	31	7	0	38
Rhode Island	23	19	2	44
South Carolina	49	60	39	148
South Dakota	13	16	0	29
Tennessee	68	149	22	239
Texas	781	0	38	819
Utah	94	32	2	128
Vermont	20	4	1	25
Virgin Islands	0	8	13	21
Virginia	102	39	24	165
Washington	106	132	26	264
West Virginia	56	29	6	91
Wisconsin	93	41	9	143
Wyoming	40	6	0	46
National Total	4698	3945	1984	10627

ETIOLOGIES

There are many causes of deaf-blindness, each associated with its own unique characteristics and challenges. Over 70 were identified in 2019. Some, such as Alport syndrome, Marfan syndrome, and Hunter syndrome (MPS II), are exceedingly rare, with fewer than five reported cases. Others, such as CHARGE syndrome, Down syndrome, Usher syndrome, and Congenital Cytomegalovirus (CMV), are more prevalent. The number of children with Cornelia de Lange syndrome increased to 103 in 2019, bringing the number of etiologies with at least 100 cases to 13.

Complications from prematurity is the most common cause of deaf-blindness in children represented on the child count, accounting for 10%. The etiology was undetermined in 17%.

The number of children with CHARGE syndrome has increased from 926 in 2015 to 1,033 in 2019. The prevalence of Stickler syndrome and Dandy Walker syndrome have also increased, but are still relatively rare.

The number of children with hereditary syndromes and disorders increased from 4,241 to 5,042 over the past five years and in 2019 accounted for 47.4% of all etiologies. Prenatal congenital complications accounted for 13.8% and postnatal non-congenital complications for 11.7%. Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS), which has long been associated with deaf-blindness, is no longer common in the U.S. In 2019, there were 34 children with CRS, which is down from 83 in 2010. Of these, 76% are older than 10 years of age and 50% are 15 or older.

Primary Identified Etiology

Hereditary Syndromes/Disorders	Total
CHARGE syndrome	1,033
Usher syndrome (I,II,III)	383
Down syndrome (Trisomy 21 syndrome)	350
Stickler syndrome	137
Dandy Walker syndrome	121
Goldenhar syndrome	108
Cornelia de Lange syndrome	103
OTHER: Hereditary Syndromes/Disorders	2,807
TOTAL Hereditary Syndromes/Disorders	5,042

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Prenatal/Congenital Complications

Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	307
Hydrocephaly	243
Microcephaly	232
OTHER: Prenatal/Congenital Complications	683

TOTAL Prenatal/Congenital Complications 1,465

Postnatal/Non-Congenital

Asphyxia	187
Severe Head Injury	143
Meningitis	138
OTHER: Postnatal/Non-Congenital	772

TOTAL Postnatal/Non-Congenital 1,240

Complication of Prematurity 1,050

No Determination of Etiology 1,830

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

Hereditary Syndromes/Disorders

State	CHARGE Syndrome	Cornelia de Lange Syndrome	Dandy Walker Syndrome	Down Syndrome	Goldenhar Syndrome	Stickler Syndrome	Usher Syndrome (I,II,III)	OTHER: Hereditary Syndromes/ Disorders
Alabama	6	0	3	26	4	0	8	174
Alaska	5	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
Arizona	25	1	5	1	4	1	7	57
Arkansas	9	1	3	9	1	0	1	66
California	106	3	8	38	7	10	29	220
Colorado	9	0	4	11	2	4	7	52
Connecticut	9	2	0	1	0	0	5	18
Delaware	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	10
District of Columbia	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Florida	60	6	2	21	4	4	20	104
Georgia	25	4	7	9	4	9	8	83
Hawaii	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	9
Idaho	5	0	1	4	2	1	3	13
Illinois	38	5	4	12	5	5	18	69
Indiana	22	3	7	2	2	7	8	43
Iowa	16	2	1	5	1	0	10	18
Kansas	6	3	0	7	1	0	0	48
Kentucky	19	1	0	2	1	3	5	20
Louisiana	7	1	0	4	0	1	10	17
Maine	10	1	0	0	1	0	1	13
Maryland	25	5	2	5	2	3	5	47
Massachusetts	26	1	0	9	0	1	14	52
Michigan	38	6	4	12	2	6	16	80
Minnesota	38	3	3	14	2	15	14	111
Mississippi	5	3	1	3	0	0	1	14
Missouri	29	4	2	5	4	11	6	67
Montana	3	1	0	0	0	1	4	16
Nebraska	9	1	0	2	2	1	6	32
Nevada	9	3	6	5	1	1	3	39
New Hampshire	4	2	2	5	0	0	2	27
New Jersey	30	2	3	4	1	0	11	39

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State	CHARGE Syndrome	Cornelia de Lange Syndrome	Dandy Walker Syndrome	Down Syndrome	Goldenhar Syndrome	Stickler Syndrome	Usher Syndrome (I,II,III)	OTHER: Hereditary Syndromes/ Disorders
New Mexico	4	1	0	8	2	2	1	51
New York	61	7	5	5	3	3	23	95
North Carolina	34	0	4	8	2	2	4	67
North Dakota	4	0	1	1	0	0	4	12
Ohio	38	1	5	1	5	7	11	75
Oklahoma	7	0	2	9	1	0	10	38
Oregon	11	0	1	2	1	3	3	42
Pacific Basin	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Pennsylvania	46	4	4	22	11	10	13	189
Puerto Rico	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	9
Rhode Island	1	0	2	2	4	0	2	9
South Carolina	27	1	3	3	3	3	8	26
South Dakota	4	0	0	3	1	0	5	2
Tennessee	33	4	2	4	1	5	9	57
Texas	93	7	8	33	13	5	29	287
Utah	9	0	2	4	1	0	5	44
Vermont	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	7
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Virginia	15	2	1	3	1	1	5	38
Washington	18	6	6	8	2	3	14	105
West Virginia	4	1	1	3	1	3	2	26
Wisconsin	20	1	1	2	2	2	9	35
Wyoming	3	1	1	5	0	0	1	25
National Total	1033	103	121	350	108	137	383	2807

Prenatal/Congenital Complications

State	Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	Hydrocephaly	Microcephaly	OTHER: Prenatal/ Congenital Complications
Alabama	9	12	2	16
Alaska	0	0	0	1
Arizona	15	3	1	15
Arkansas	7	9	8	24
California	11	15	26	57
Colorado	5	5	2	7
Connecticut	3	1	1	2
Delaware	2	3	3	5
District of Columbia	1	1	0	4
Florida	9	9	8	38
Georgia	7	6	3	21
Hawaii	1	1	1	3
Idaho	2	3	2	3
Illinois	9	11	5	29
Indiana	12	3	4	11
Iowa	4	0	3	7
Kansas	3	2	2	4
Kentucky	10	1	0	15
Louisiana	6	2	1	1
Maine	0	2	1	2
Maryland	7	1	2	12
Massachusetts	4	4	10	6
Michigan	9	8	9	13
Minnesota	16	4	4	14
Mississippi	3	6	2	10
Missouri	8	8	6	15
Montana	3	0	0	2
Nebraska	4	4	2	4
Nevada	1	5	6	12
New Hampshire	6	0	7	4
New Jersey	3	4	3	23
New Mexico	5	7	1	12
New York	14	8	7	26
North Carolina	8	6	7	17
North Dakota	0	2	2	2
Ohio	7	7	11	24
Oklahoma	10	10	5	13
Oregon	7	1	1	6
Pacific Basin	0	0	1	6
Pennsylvania	16	16	14	91
Puerto Rico	1	2	4	0
Rhode Island	0	3	0	4
South Carolina	4	3	1	11
South Dakota	1	0	0	0
Tennessee	8	2	9	14
Texas	19	26	18	29

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State	Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	Hydrocephaly	Microcephaly	OTHER: Prenatal/ Congenital Complications
Utah	5	6	5	8
Vermont	1	1	1	2
Virgin Islands	0	0	1	1
Virginia	5	2	1	11
Washington	8	2	13	15
West Virginia	2	3	4	7
Wisconsin	6	3	2	4
Wyoming	0	0	0	0
National Total	307	243	232	683

Postnatal/Non-Congenital Complications

State	Asphyxia	Meningitis	Severe Head Injury	OTHER: Postnatal/Non-Congenital Complications
Alabama	1	5	0	25
Alaska	0	0	0	2
Arizona	0	5	2	8
Arkansas	3	5	13	16
California	14	12	8	60
Colorado	2	4	0	19
Connecticut	0	0	1	7
Delaware	3	1	1	11
District of Columbia	0	1	0	2
Florida	1	4	0	45
Georgia	18	4	6	17
Hawaii	0	1	0	5
Idaho	0	0	1	2
Illinois	7	5	5	15
Indiana	1	4	3	6
Iowa	2	1	3	9
Kansas	1	1	5	10
Kentucky	6	3	2	9
Louisiana	2	0	1	9
Maine	2	0	2	4
Maryland	3	0	1	19
Massachusetts	3	1	4	11
Michigan	16	6	8	14
Minnesota	5	7	5	13
Mississippi	0	2	0	5
Missouri	2	3	2	26
Montana	1	0	1	2
Nebraska	1	4	1	7
Nevada	3	0	4	7
New Hampshire	2	1	1	3
New Jersey	6	2	3	16
New Mexico	6	1	3	5
New York	8	4	2	33

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State	Asphyxia	Meningitis	Severe Head Injury	OTHER: Postnatal/Non-Congenital Complications
North Carolina	5	3	5	27
North Dakota	0	1	0	2
Ohio	5	0	6	22
Oklahoma	6	3	4	16
Oregon	1	0	1	5
Pacific Basin	0	4	2	1
Pennsylvania	8	3	8	84
Puerto Rico	2	1	1	3
Rhode Island	2	1	0	1
South Carolina	1	0	1	18
South Dakota	1	1	2	0
Tennessee	7	7	9	22
Texas	8	11	5	63
Utah	5	1	0	5
Vermont	3	2	0	1
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	1
Virginia	4	5	2	21
Washington	4	3	4	12
West Virginia	1	1	0	15
Wisconsin	5	4	5	11
Wyoming	0	0	0	0
National Total	187	138	143	772

Other Etiologies

State	Complication of Prematurity	No Determination of Etiology	Combined Etiology State Total
Alabama	12	20	323
Alaska	1	2	16
Arizona	13	39	202
Arkansas	24	21	220
California	80	250	954
Colorado	9	12	154
Connecticut	10	5	65
Delaware	11	8	64
District of Columbia	4	4	25
Florida	58	216	609
Georgia	56	38	325
Hawaii	5	24	56
Idaho	6	9	57
Illinois	42	33	317
Indiana	24	69	231
Iowa	7	8	97
Kansas	4	12	109
Kentucky	25	19	141
Louisiana	9	32	103
Maine	1	7	47
Maryland	21	48	208
Massachusetts	16	52	214

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State	Complication of Prematurity	No Determination of Etiology	Combined Etiology State Total
Michigan	41	43	331
Minnesota	38	47	353
Mississippi	12	7	74
Missouri	21	23	242
Montana	2	1	37
Nebraska	13	10	103
Nevada	8	10	123
New Hampshire	5	10	81
New Jersey	13	31	194
New Mexico	14	14	137
New York	47	87	438
North Carolina	37	59	295
North Dakota	1	4	36
Ohio	37	114	376
Oklahoma	20	22	176
Oregon	3	9	97
Pacific Basin	0	50	69
Pennsylvania	76	113	728
Puerto Rico	5	5	38
Rhode Island	10	3	44
South Carolina	12	23	148
South Dakota	1	8	29
Tennessee	32	14	239
Texas	94	71	819
Utah	15	13	128
Vermont	0	3	25
Virgin Islands	1	15	21
Virginia	12	36	165
Washington	23	18	264
West Virginia	9	8	91
Wisconsin	10	21	143
Wyoming	0	10	46
National Total	1050	1830	10627

ADDITIONAL DISABILITIES

The nature and prevalence of additional disabilities in children on the National Deaf-Blind Child Count have remained relatively stable over the past 5 years. In 2019, approximately 87% were identified as having one or more additional disabilities—most commonly speech/language impairments (74%), cognitive impairments (67%), and orthopedic/physical impairments (60%). Approximately half (52%) are identified as having complex health care needs.

The number with multiple additional disabilities has increased over time. In 2005, just 13% of children had four or more additional disabilities. In 2019, it was 42%. Conversely, more children are being identified with no additional disabilities, increasing from 11.5% to 12.7% over the past five years.

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	112	130	36	85	185	61	214
Alaska	11	13	6	5	15	3	16
Arizona	109	130	2	73	160	20	177
Arkansas	181	194	26	163	211	38	213
California	469	582	140	453	668	311	861
Colorado	75	87	4	80	95	31	123
Connecticut	27	30	9	20	39	13	45
Delaware	31	26	1	22	29	0	32
District of Columbia	14	13	1	14	22	1	22
Florida	223	249	37	200	371	81	421
Georgia	95	276	7	65	162	24	307
Hawaii	26	43	7	39	47	43	52
Idaho	46	45	15	39	51	25	52
Illinois	210	206	21	146	206	15	283
Indiana	110	133	19	106	167	25	190
Iowa	59	65	19	59	69	3	81
Kansas	86	97	20	82	104	57	105
Kentucky	85	105	7	93	133	9	137
Louisiana	57	54	17	39	63	22	75
Maine	26	21	2	21	31	5	34
Maryland	136	144	18	115	164	22	185
Massachusetts	112	119	31	117	161	13	172
Michigan	218	256	60	172	272	331	331
Minnesota	236	250	63	211	299	10	327
Mississippi	55	58	2	53	62	11	70
Missouri	175	175	14	155	206	19	231
Montana	24	27	10	27	33	11	36
Nebraska	62	71	11	60	91	40	100
Nevada	87	94	15	84	109	5	118
New Hampshire	45	37	11	35	54	13	61
New Jersey	127	103	32	119	156	4	179
New Mexico	100	107	16	95	119	32	130

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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 York	247	245	41	202	217	84	360
North Carolina	171	231	34	185	245	7	284
North Dakota	23	22	3	20	23	4	29
Ohio	191	207	34	175	229	60	277
Oklahoma	101	138	8	81	146	25	170
Oregon	67	60	4	46	70	13	85
Pacific Basin	21	42	13	25	62	51	63
Pennsylvania	508	548	75	458	641	90	688
Puerto Rico	21	16	8	30	33	9	37
Rhode Island	34	33	0	27	40	11	42
South Carolina	89	92	6	76	115	21	132
South Dakota	15	17	4	13	21	6	23
Tennessee	172	181	9	147	215	41	230
Texas	464	475	40	401	652	230	728
Utah	91	109	6	72	114	5	116
Vermont	21	23	6	17	23	4	24
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Virginia	79	83	13	71	99	23	111
Washington	198	193	17	178	245	83	249
West Virginia	50	39	2	49	72	5	80
Wisconsin	102	98	35	105	127	68	125
Wyoming	35	38	14	28	44	16	46
National Total	6129	6830	1051	5453	7977	2155	9280

PART C INFORMATION

Because Part C is non-categorical, most infants and toddlers are identified as developmentally delayed. Based on state regulations, some states provide an “at risk” category. About 20% of infants and toddlers on the National Deaf-Blind Child Count are identified as at risk. Almost all receive intervention services in the home.

IDEA Part C Reported Category

State	At-Risk	Developmentally Delayed	Not Reported Under Part C	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	16	39	3	0	58
Alaska	0	1	0	0	1
Arizona	2	16	1	0	19
Arkansas	0	0	3	2	5
California	14	3	1	6	24
Colorado	0	13	0	1	14
Connecticut	1	2	0	0	3
Delaware	0	1	0	0	1
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	26	0	0	26
Georgia	16	0	1	0	17
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	0	1	0	0	1
Illinois	5	7	0	0	12
Indiana	5	8	0	0	13
Iowa	6	2	0	0	8
Kansas	1	9	1	0	11
Kentucky	0	7	0	0	7
Louisiana	0	2	0	4	6
Maine	1	2	0	1	4
Maryland	4	1	0	0	5
Massachusetts	0	5	0	0	5
Michigan	2	3	0	0	5
Minnesota	4	10	0	0	14
Mississippi	1	6	0	0	7
Missouri	4	7	0	0	11
Montana	0	1	1	0	2
Nebraska	0	1	0	0	1
Nevada	0	16	0	0	16
New Hampshire	0	0	0	4	4
New Jersey	0	0	0	2	2
New Mexico	0	11	0	0	11
New York	14	5	1	0	20
North Carolina	5	6	0	0	11
North Dakota	0	2	0	0	2
Ohio	0	9	1	0	10
Oklahoma	0	12	0	0	12
Oregon	2	4	0	1	7
Pacific Basin	0	4	0	0	4

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State	At-Risk	Developmentally Delayed	Not Reported Under Part C	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Pennsylvania	9	119	4	0	132
Puerto Rico	0	4	0	0	4
Rhode Island	0	2	1	0	3
South Carolina	5	8	0	0	13
South Dakota	0	2	1	0	3
Tennessee	3	23	3	0	29
Texas	9	29	6	0	44
Utah	0	11	0	0	11
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	2	2
Virginia	0	4	0	0	4
Washington	3	16	1	0	20
West Virginia	0	7	0	0	7
Wisconsin	0	0	0	6	6
Wyoming	0	1	0	0	1
National Total	132	468	29	29	658

Early Intervention Setting (Ages Birth through 2)

State	Home	Community-based Setting	Other Setting	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	52	4	2	0	58
Alaska	1	0	0	0	1
Arizona	19	0	0	0	19
Arkansas	1	0	4	0	5
California	17	1	0	6	24
Colorado	11	0	2	1	14
Connecticut	3	0	0	0	3
Delaware	0	1	0	0	1
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	25	1	0	0	26
Georgia	15	1	0	1	17
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	1	0	0	0	1
Illinois	11	0	0	1	12
Indiana	13	0	0	0	13
Iowa	8	0	0	0	8
Kansas	10	0	0	1	11
Kentucky	7	0	0	0	7
Louisiana	2	0	0	4	6
Maine	2	0	1	1	4
Maryland	4	0	0	1	5
Massachusetts	5	0	0	0	5
Michigan	3	1	0	1	5
Minnesota	14	0	0	0	14
Mississippi	4	3	0	0	7
Missouri	11	0	0	0	11
Montana	2	0	0	0	2
Nebraska	1	0	0	0	1
Nevada	14	0	1	1	16

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State	Home	Community-based Setting	Other Setting	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
New Hampshire	0	0	0	4	4
New Jersey	2	0	0	0	2
New Mexico	11	0	0	0	11
New York	9	0	2	9	20
North Carolina	7	4	0	0	11
North Dakota	1	1	0	0	2
Ohio	2	7	0	1	10
Oklahoma	12	0	0	0	12
Oregon	7	0	0	0	7
Pacific Basin	2	1	0	1	4
Pennsylvania	121	2	9	0	132
Puerto Rico	4	0	0	0	4
Rhode Island	2	1	0	0	3
South Carolina	11	2	0	0	13
South Dakota	2	0	0	1	3
Tennessee	27	1	0	1	29
Texas	39	0	1	4	44
Utah	11	0	0	0	11
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	2	0	0	0	2
Virginia	2	2	0	0	4
Washington	18	0	1	1	20
West Virginia	7	0	0	0	7
Wisconsin	5	1	0	0	6
Wyoming	0	0	1	0	1
National Total	560	34	24	40	658

PART B INFORMATION

This section includes data about IDEA Part B reported disability category, educational setting, and state assessments. As noted in the introduction to this report, there is a discrepancy between the number of children identified as deaf-blind in OSEP's annual count of students served under IDEA Part B and the National Deaf-Blind Child Count. In 2019, the most common disability categories reported in OSEP's count for children included in the National Deaf-Blind Child Count were as follows: Multiple Disabilities (40.2%), Deaf-Blindness (17.2%), Hearing Impairment (9.5%), Other Health Impairment (6.3%), Visual Impairment (5.1%), and Intellectual Disability (5.1%). This distribution has remained essentially unchanged over the past five years.

The percentage of young children, aged 3 to 5, educated in regular early childhood education settings for some portion of the day was 34% in 2019. More than 60% of school-age children were being served at least a portion of their day in a regular classroom.

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	7	80	3	24	7	2	4	3
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Arizona	0	11	0	5	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	3	8	0	6	0	0	6	0
California	65	149	5	72	0	43	33	5
Colorado	2	2	0	3	0	1	13	0
Connecticut	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0
Delaware	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Florida	44	69	1	20	0	0	10	0
Georgia	100	24	2	14	1	2	42	2
Hawaii	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	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
Idaho	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	45	36	1	14	0	1	34	0
Indiana	5	22	1	20	0	3	5	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	1	2	0	2	0	1	7	0
Kentucky	0	13	0	3	0	0	2	0
Louisiana	7	11	0	1	0	1	2	1
Maine	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0
Maryland	1	10	0	5	0	0	18	0
Massachusetts	1	16	3	0	0	0	3	1
Michigan	12	36	1	15	1	0	22	1
Minnesota	8	19	0	3	1	0	10	1
Mississippi	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	0
Missouri	7	11	2	11	0	0	20	0
Montana	0	2	0	4	0	0	4	0
Nebraska	2	9	0	2	0	0	17	0
Nevada	1	6	0	0	0	0	8	0
New Hampshire	2	8	2	0	0	2	3	0
New Jersey	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0
New Mexico	2	9	1	8	0	0	4	0
New York	0	45	60	21	2	0	13	0
North Carolina	19	17	1	12	0	1	11	2
North Dakota	6	3	0	2	0	2	11	0
Ohio	6	25	3	38	1	2	11	3
Oklahoma	1	18	0	11	0	1	0	0
Oregon	13	8	1	9	0	10	6	0
Pacific Basin	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	28	73	9	50	1	2	38	6
Puerto Rico	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	7	31	1	11	0	1	8	0
South Dakota	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	6	18	1	4	0	1	11	0
Texas	64	86	1	64	0	8	128	0
Utah	0	3	0	2	0	0	7	1

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State	Intellectual Disability	Hearing Impairment	Speech Language Impairment	Visual Impairment	Emotional Disturbance	Orthopedic Impairment	Other Health Impairment	Specific Learning Disability
Vermont	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Virgin Islands	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0
Virginia	11	11	0	12	0	0	12	1
Washington	3	10	0	6	0	0	37	0
West Virginia	6	8	0	11	0	1	16	1
Wisconsin	17	16	0	4	0	4	28	0
Wyoming	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	0
National Total	511	951	104	507	14	91	625	28

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	34	57	1	2	16	0	25	265
Alaska	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	15
Arizona	6	141	0	0	12	0	8	183
Arkansas	7	139	2	8	12	0	24	215
California	142	264	9	5	3	1	134	930
Colorado	43	67	3	0	1	0	5	140
Connecticut	15	34	1	0	1	1	2	62
Delaware	59	0	1	0	0	0	0	63
District of Columbia	2	17	0	1	1	0	1	25
Florida	43	370	0	6	0	0	21	583
Georgia	44	5	9	1	43	1	18	308
Hawaii	5	41	0	0	1	0	3	56
Idaho	10	31	0	0	7	0	6	56
Illinois	22	120	3	0	9	0	20	305
Indiana	25	95	1	2	6	0	33	218
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	85	4	89
Kansas	14	52	0	1	12	0	6	98
Kentucky	19	75	1	0	18	0	3	134
Louisiana	3	26	0	2	1	0	42	97

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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
Maine	7	16	0	1	10	1	2	43
Maryland	20	130	3	0	8	0	8	203
Massachusetts	74	47	3	0	52	2	7	209
Michigan	27	184	5	2	8	4	8	326
Minnesota	127	134	2	3	31	0	0	339
Mississippi	6	40	0	0	13	0	0	67
Missouri	35	111	0	2	13	2	17	231
Montana	8	10	0	1	6	0	0	35
Nebraska	23	38	1	1	9	0	0	102
Nevada	10	58	2	1	6	0	15	107
New Hampshire	11	17	2	1	27	0	2	77
New Jersey	22	135	0	0	12	3	16	192
New Mexico	15	79	0	0	8	0	0	126
New York	39	169	0	5	17	0	47	418
North Carolina	31	158	6	4	16	0	6	284
North Dakota	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	34
Ohio	32	220	4	8	5	8	0	366
Oklahoma	19	58	2	0	37	1	16	164
Oregon	31	6	1	1	2	0	2	90
Pacific Basin	15	43	1	0	0	0	1	65
Pennsylvania	92	224	8	7	48	2	8	596
Puerto Rico	13	13	0	0	1	0	0	34
Rhode Island	7	29	0	0	0	0	1	41
South Carolina	14	31	0	0	6	0	25	135
South Dakota	3	16	0	0	0	0	3	26
Tennessee	18	125	3	0	6	0	17	210
Texas	380	24	8	4	3	3	2	775
Utah	15	80	1	0	2	0	6	117
Vermont	1	5	2	0	9	0	3	25
Virgin Islands	0	10	0	0	0	0	2	19
Virginia	20	82	4	1	7	0	0	161
Washington	37	127	0	2	10	1	11	244
West Virginia	38	0	1	0	2	0	0	84
Wisconsin	17	12	0	3	4	0	32	137
Wyoming	2	34	0	0	1	0	0	45
National Total	1710	4009	91	76	523	117	613	9969

Educational Setting: ECSE (3-5) 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	ECSE State Total
Alabama	10	2	1	0	1	4	3	18	0	39
Alaska	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Arizona	2	1	10	0	3	0	1	1	4	22
Arkansas	0	0	1	0	11	0	1	2	0	15
California	4	0	0	20	13	0	2	13	44	96
Colorado	13	4	2	2	5	1	0	1	0	28
Connecticut	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	10
Delaware	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	5
District of Columbia	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	6
Florida	4	3	13	3	0	0	0	0	13	36
Georgia	3	2	1	27	3	0	0	5	6	47
Hawaii	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4
Idaho	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	5
Illinois	1	2	5	8	2	0	0	5	0	23
Indiana	3	0	0	4	2	3	0	3	0	15
Iowa	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	12
Kansas	11	2	2	3	1	0	0	2	0	21
Kentucky	9	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	16
Louisiana	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	10	13
Maine	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	5
Maryland	1	0	2	4	12	0	0	6	2	27
Massachusetts	7	0	0	2	7	0	0	2	1	19
Michigan	15	2	0	1	13	0	0	5	0	36
Minnesota	8	9	3	5	3	0	0	1	0	29
Mississippi	3	0	1	1	3	0	1	6	0	15
Missouri	12	0	3	2	6	0	1	1	10	35
Montana	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Nebraska	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Nevada	0	0	0	6	9	0	0	8	7	30
New Hampshire	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	12
New Jersey	3	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	6	14

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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	ECSE State Total
New Mexico	14	1	1	0	7	0	0	3	0	26
New York	0	0	1	2	9	2	0	0	24	38
North Carolina	0	3	2	8	5	0	1	4	6	29
North Dakota	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	8
Ohio	4	2	12	0	1	1	0	1	0	21
Oklahoma	3	2	2	1	5	1	1	10	0	25
Oregon	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	5	0	10
Pacific Basin	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	4
Pennsylvania	21	1	3	23	80	2	1	59	1	191
Puerto Rico	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rhode Island	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	7
South Carolina	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	26	31
South Dakota	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tennessee	0	2	5	2	3	0	1	4	22	39
Texas	60	9	5	7	18	3	0	4	2	108
Utah	1	0	1	4	8	0	0	1	1	16
Vermont	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	2	0	1	5	3	0	0	3	0	14
Washington	5	2	1	6	7	0	0	8	6	35
West Virginia	0	1	2	2	0	1	3	0	0	9
Wisconsin	7	3	5	3	0	0	0	2	2	22
Wyoming	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	9
National Total	270	63	104	165	249	23	18	203	204	1299

Educational Setting: School Aged (6-21) 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	School-Aged State Total
Alabama	38	13	45	47	71	11	1	0	226
Alaska	2	1	5	0	0	0	2	2	12
Arizona	14	14	92	34	1	2	0	3	160
Arkansas	6	6	94	14	19	29	2	24	194

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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	School-Aged State Total
California	137	55	333	165	7	58	1	74	830
Colorado	20	20	51	12	5	4	0	0	112
Connecticut	10	4	12	16	1	5	0	0	48
Delaware	1	8	38	1	6	4	0	0	58
District of Columbia	1	2	4	9	0	2	0	1	19
Florida	61	17	155	79	0	19	0	216	547
Georgia	38	15	156	25	1	15	8	3	261
Hawaii	4	3	37	2	1	5	0	0	52
Idaho	6	5	18	7	1	3	2	9	51
Illinois	24	26	144	51	12	13	2	10	282
Indiana	42	19	76	11	9	10	22	14	203
Iowa	15	17	34	9	0	1	0	1	77
Kansas	7	8	48	8	0	6	0	0	77
Kentucky	16	17	55	15	5	7	3	0	118
Louisiana	10	2	24	5	4	6	1	30	82
Maine	15	4	5	8	0	6	0	0	38
Maryland	22	8	29	96	1	5	4	10	175
Massachusetts	36	43	46	55	3	7	0	0	190
Michigan	55	24	39	105	2	8	9	0	242
Minnesota	47	50	142	41	8	21	1	0	310
Mississippi	4	3	2	21	4	18	0	0	52
Missouri	17	36	44	47	29	7	12	2	194
Montana	2	5	12	3	0	4	3	1	30
Nebraska	23	29	36	6	3	0	1	0	98
Nevada	6	2	37	14	0	13	3	2	77
New Hampshire	11	14	11	11	3	11	0	2	63
New Jersey	17	6	3	8	72	3	0	69	178
New Mexico	24	5	31	26	0	12	2	0	100
New York	7	5	25	34	8	4	1	277	361
North Carolina	30	17	85	61	34	22	2	2	253
North Dakota	7	6	8	1	4	0	0	0	26
Ohio	67	29	148	83	6	10	2	0	345
Oklahoma	12	16	66	8	9	19	2	7	139
Oregon	14	10	36	2	1	8	0	9	80
Pacific Basin	4	14	29	0	0	12	0	2	61

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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	School-Aged State Total
Pennsylvania	76	51	106	136	4	27	1	1	402
Puerto Rico	2	8	6	0	8	4	1	0	29
Rhode Island	6	1	13	6	5	2	1	0	34
South Carolina	4	9	44	15	12	12	4	4	104
South Dakota	5	3	8	1	5	2	1	0	25
Tennessee	14	15	84	23	1	20	4	10	171
Texas	135	52	344	36	27	68	2	0	664
Utah	8	6	31	41	1	5	0	6	98
Vermont	5	4	6	1	0	2	0	2	20
Virgin Islands	4	3	9	0	0	0	3	0	19
Virginia	30	9	81	9	10	7	0	0	146
Washington	34	12	126	6	8	15	8	0	209
West Virginia	12	19	3	14	3	24	0	0	75
Wisconsin	21	18	49	10	5	6	4	2	115
Wyoming	3	6	25	0	0	2	0	0	36
National Total	1231	794	3190	1438	419	586	115	795	8568

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	8	92	98	125	0	323
Alaska	0	2	6	8	0	16
Arizona	24	0	106	72	0	202
Arkansas	0	17	109	94	0	220
California	29	125	314	486	0	954
Colorado	3	20	55	76	0	154
Connecticut	0	14	31	20	0	65
Delaware	1	6	14	37	6	64
District of Columbia	1	2	13	9	0	25
Florida	4	95	140	370	0	609
Georgia	3	43	151	120	8	325
Hawaii	0	3	24	29	0	56
Idaho	2	2	15	28	10	57

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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
Illinois	5	42	135	135	0	317
Indiana	6	60	95	70	0	231
Iowa	3	22	41	31	0	97
Kansas	0	8	47	53	1	109
Kentucky	1	16	43	81	0	141
Louisiana	7	3	16	10	67	103
Maine	1	1	6	39	0	47
Maryland	7	38	103	60	0	208
Massachusetts	1	27	75	111	0	214
Michigan	6	49	175	101	0	331
Minnesota	3	52	185	113	0	353
Mississippi	0	7	19	48	0	74
Missouri	6	47	80	109	0	242
Montana	0	7	12	18	0	37
Nebraska	2	21	49	31	0	103
Nevada	3	11	44	65	0	123
New Hampshire	2	3	12	64	0	81
New Jersey	3	27	132	32	0	194
New Mexico	6	12	94	25	0	137
New York	9	38	278	113	0	438
North Carolina	11	40	135	109	0	295
North Dakota	0	6	6	18	6	36
Ohio	12	72	237	55	0	376
Oklahoma	1	12	65	98	0	176
Oregon	2	8	20	67	0	97
Pacific Basin	2	2	42	23	0	69
Pennsylvania	7	80	177	464	0	728
Puerto Rico	1	4	9	24	0	38
Rhode Island	2	2	16	24	0	44
South Carolina	6	23	37	82	0	148
South Dakota	8	4	13	4	0	29
Tennessee	6	20	61	152	0	239
Texas	57	83	310	369	0	819
Utah	0	12	54	55	7	128
Vermont	0	2	9	14	0	25
Virgin Islands	0	3	9	9	0	21

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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
Virginia	5	27	64	69	0	165
Washington	8	31	107	118	0	264
West Virginia	0	11	23	57	0	91
Wisconsin	5	24	43	69	2	143
Wyoming	0	5	26	15	0	46
National Total	279	1383	4180	4678	107	10627

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS

Interveners provide access to information, the environment, communication, and conceptual learning for children who are deaf-blind. Growth in intervener services has been slowly increasing. In 2019, the number of children receiving intervener services was 872 (8%). In 2015, this was true for only 587 (6.1%).

To learn more about the use of interveners, see the following resources:

- [2012 Intervener Service Recommendations](#)
- [Are Intervener Services Appropriate for Your Student With Deaf-Blindness? An IEP Team Discussion Guide](#)

Intervener Services

State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
Alabama	32	283	8	323
Alaska	1	15	0	16
Arizona	13	144	45	202
Arkansas	1	219	0	220
California	83	502	369	954
Colorado	5	147	2	154
Connecticut	13	40	12	65
Delaware	0	61	3	64
District of Columbia	3	0	22	25
Florida	11	93	505	609
Georgia	22	242	61	325
Hawaii	0	56	0	56
Idaho	0	57	0	57
Illinois	2	315	0	317
Indiana	10	221	0	231
Iowa	3	94	0	97
Kansas	18	90	1	109
Kentucky	0	141	0	141
Louisiana	2	56	45	103
Maine	7	35	5	47
Maryland	21	8	179	208
Massachusetts	13	179	22	214
Michigan	23	308	0	331
Minnesota	98	255	0	353
Mississippi	0	74	0	74
Missouri	42	197	3	242
Montana	4	33	0	37
Nebraska	16	62	25	103
Nevada	9	114	0	123
New Hampshire	7	63	11	81
New Jersey	1	130	63	194
New Mexico	0	137	0	137

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State	Yes	No	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
New York	14	424	0	438
North Carolina	18	234	43	295
North Dakota	5	24	7	36
Ohio	0	376	0	376
Oklahoma	13	162	1	176
Oregon	4	89	4	97
Pacific Basin	0	68	1	69
Pennsylvania	76	512	140	728
Puerto Rico	10	28	0	38
Rhode Island	0	44	0	44
South Carolina	5	85	58	148
South Dakota	2	27	0	29
Tennessee	5	232	2	239
Texas	95	719	5	819
Utah	64	64	0	128
Vermont	9	15	1	25
Virgin Islands	0	21	0	21
Virginia	24	118	23	165
Washington	24	177	63	264
West Virginia	23	67	1	91
Wisconsin	21	115	7	143
Wyoming	0	46	0	46
National Total	872	8018	1737	10627

LIVING SETTING

Most children (94%) live at home with their parents or extended family, a slight increase over the past five years. Small numbers live with foster parents, in state or private residential facilities, and in group homes or apartments.

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	306	11	1	3	0	0
Alaska	15	1	0	0	0	0
Arizona	190	6	5	0	0	0
Arkansas	189	8	1	3	18	0
California	835	12	13	0	1	3
Colorado	146	4	4	0	0	0
Connecticut	61	2	0	1	0	0
Delaware	57	1	2	0	0	0
District of Columbia	23	1	1	0	0	0
Florida	504	91	7	1	0	0
Georgia	296	16	11	0	0	0
Hawaii	42	1	0	0	0	0
Idaho	53	3	1	0	0	0
Illinois	279	8	4	13	4	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)
Indiana	200	16	6	2	5	0
Iowa	88	3	1	2	2	0
Kansas	106	0	3	0	0	0
Kentucky	118	13	6	1	0	0
Louisiana	66	3	0	5	2	0
Maine	45	1	0	0	1	0
Maryland	197	3	4	0	0	1
Massachusetts	207	2	2	0	2	0
Michigan	310	7	2	0	2	7
Minnesota	328	16	7	1	0	0
Mississippi	65	5	2	1	1	0
Missouri	229	9	2	0	0	1
Montana	33	3	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	93	4	3	0	1	0
Nevada	116	5	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	76	0	2	0	0	0
New Jersey	183	2	1	0	0	0
New Mexico	127	5	4	0	0	0
New York	390	13	6	6	2	2
North Carolina	236	15	2	3	27	0
North Dakota	29	1	0	0	5	0
Ohio	334	14	8	0	6	2
Oklahoma	146	10	9	7	3	1
Oregon	86	1	6	1	0	0
Pacific Basin	62	7	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	678	12	9	2	6	1
Puerto Rico	37	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	34	4	0	0	2	0
South Carolina	139	5	4	0	0	0
South Dakota	21	1	1	5	0	1
Tennessee	220	8	6	2	0	0
Texas	765	36	7	0	2	3
Utah	125	1	1	0	0	1
Vermont	23	0	1	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	19	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	151	1	1	2	4	1
Washington	249	3	4	2	1	0
West Virginia	70	9	4	8	0	0
Wisconsin	134	3	0	3	1	0
Wyoming	38	2	6	0	0	0
National Total	9580	408	170	74	98	24

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	2	0	323
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	16
Arizona	0	0	1	0	0	202
Arkansas	0	0	0	1	0	220

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State	Group Home (6 or more residents)	Apartment (w/ non- family person(s))	Pediatric Nursing Home	Other	Unknown/ Missing	State Total
California	3	1	13	7	66	954
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	154
Connecticut	1	0	0	0	0	65
Delaware	0	1	2	0	1	64
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	25
Florida	0	0	0	0	6	609
Georgia	1	0	0	1	0	325
Hawaii	0	0	2	0	0	56
Idaho	0	0	0	0	0	57
Illinois	0	0	8	0	1	317
Indiana	0	0	0	1	1	231
Iowa	1	0	0	0	0	97
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0	109
Kentucky	0	0	3	0	0	141
Louisiana	0	0	0	0	27	103
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	47
Maryland	0	0	0	2	1	208
Massachusetts	1	0	0	0	0	214
Michigan	3	0	0	0	0	331
Minnesota	1	0	0	0	0	353
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0	74
Missouri	1	0	0	0	0	242
Montana	0	0	0	1	0	37
Nebraska	0	0	1	0	1	103
Nevada	0	0	0	2	0	123
New Hampshire	0	0	1	1	1	81
New Jersey	0	0	2	0	6	194
New Mexico	1	0	0	0	0	137
New York	0	1	10	3	5	438
North Carolina	0	0	0	1	11	295
North Dakota	1	0	0	0	0	36
Ohio	0	0	0	12	0	376
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	176
Oregon	0	0	1	1	1	97
Pacific Basin	0	0	0	0	0	69
Pennsylvania	7	0	13	0	0	728
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	1	38
Rhode Island	0	0	3	0	1	44
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	148
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	29
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	3	239
Texas	0	1	1	4	0	819
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	128
Vermont	0	0	0	0	1	25
Virgin Islands	2	0	0	0	0	21
Virginia	0	0	2	1	2	165
Washington	3	0	1	1	0	264
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	91
Wisconsin	0	0	0	1	1	143
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	46
National Total	26	4	64	42	137	10627

EXITING INFORMATION

Exiting status refers to whether a child was receiving services at the beginning of the reporting period, but left Part B or Part C services sometime before the end of the 12-month reporting period and, if so, for what reason. It also identifies if a child who has left Part C is eligible for Part B services. These tables use the cumulative total, rather than the December 1st “snapshot” total, because children may exit anytime during the reporting period.

The vast majority of children who exited Part C were eligible for Part B (77%). The remaining died (8%), moved out of state (3%), were withdrawn by parents (2.6%), had an undetermined Part B eligibility status (2%), or were not eligible for Part B and exited with no referrals (1%).

Children exit Part B for a number of reasons. They graduate, age out, transfer to regular education, drop out, or die. In the past, National Deaf-Blind Child Count Part B exiting data included children of all ages who exited Part B. To better align with IDEA Part B reporting, this 2019 report includes exiting status only for ages 14 and older. Previous reports included exiting status for children aged 3 and older.

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	74	0	5	0	0	1
Alaska	1	0	1	0	0	0
Arizona	22	0	10	0	0	0
Arkansas	2	0	3	0	0	0
California	6	0	9	0	0	0
Colorado	9	0	1	0	0	0
Connecticut	4	0	0	0	0	2
Delaware	1	0	1	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	22	0	15	0	0	0
Georgia	16	0	1	0	0	1
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	14	0	3	0	0	1
Indiana	13	0	5	0	0	0
Iowa	12	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	6	0	3	0	0	0
Kentucky	7	0	4	0	0	1
Louisiana	1	0	1	0	0	0
Maine	3	0	1	0	0	0
Maryland	5	0	0	0	0	1

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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
Massachusetts	4	1	0	0	0	0
Michigan	7	2	5	0	0	1
Minnesota	15	0	0	0	0	1
Mississippi	7	0	3	0	0	0
Missouri	11	1	7	0	0	1
Montana	0	2	0	0	0	1
Nebraska	1	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	16	0	10	0	1	0
New Hampshire	1	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	2	0	1	0	0	0
New Mexico	14	0	5	0	0	0
New York	20	0	8	0	0	0
North Carolina	8	1	2	0	0	0
North Dakota	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	3	0	7	0	0	0
Oklahoma	13	0	1	1	0	0
Oregon	4	2	0	0	0	0
Pacific Basin	2	0	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	5	1	20	1	3	1
Puerto Rico	3	0	1	0	0	0
Rhode Island	3	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	2	0	1	0	1	0
Tennessee	39	0	8	0	0	1
Texas	49	1	0	0	0	4
Utah	0	1	5	0	0	1
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	2	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	2	0	7	1	0	0
Washington	23	1	9	0	0	0
West Virginia	3	0	9	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	1	0	0	0	0	0
National Total	480	14	174	3	5	18

Note: Part C Exiting Status includes children birth through age 3.

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	80
Alaska	0	0	0	0	2
Arizona	0	0	0	0	32
Arkansas	0	0	3	0	8
California	0	0	0	4	19
Colorado	1	0	0	0	11
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	6
Delaware	0	0	0	0	2

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State	Moved Out of State	Withdrawn by Parent	Unable to Contact Parent	Unknown/Missing/Not in Part C	State Total
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	37
Georgia	0	1	11	0	30
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0	18
Indiana	0	0	0	0	18
Iowa	0	0	0	0	12
Kansas	0	0	0	2	11
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	12
Louisiana	0	0	0	4	6
Maine	0	0	0	0	4
Maryland	0	0	0	0	6
Massachusetts	1	0	0	0	6
Michigan	0	0	0	0	15
Minnesota	1	0	0	0	17
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	10
Missouri	0	0	0	0	20
Montana	0	1	0	0	4
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	2
Nevada	0	0	0	0	27
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	1
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	3
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	19
New York	0	0	0	0	28
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	11
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	2
Ohio	0	0	1	0	11
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	15
Oregon	0	0	0	0	6
Pacific Basin	0	0	0	0	3
Pennsylvania	1	4	0	0	36
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	4
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	3
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	4
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	48
Texas	0	0	0	5	59
Utah	0	0	0	0	7
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	2
Virginia	2	0	0	0	12
Washington	1	0	0	0	34
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	12
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	1
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	1
National Total	7	6	15	15	737

Note: Part C Exiting Status includes children birth through age 3.

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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	116	0	1	1	6
Alaska	2	0	0	0	0
Arizona	56	0	1	1	0
Arkansas	71	0	17	1	4
California	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	50	0	2	0	3
Connecticut	20	2	1	0	7
Delaware	22	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	2	0	0	0	0
Florida	295	3	4	0	0
Georgia	106	6	7	3	0
Hawaii	18	0	3	0	2
Idaho	18	0	0	0	0
Illinois	148	1	16	2	21
Indiana	87	0	10	4	0
Iowa	30	0	0	0	0
Kansas	15	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	54	0	12	13	0
Louisiana	44	0	4	3	0
Maine	15	1	0	0	0
Maryland	64	1	0	0	2
Massachusetts	99	1	0	0	10
Michigan	151	2	5	1	14
Minnesota	140	0	9	1	6
Mississippi	21	0	1	0	0
Missouri	68	2	20	4	5
Montana	9	1	1	0	3
Nebraska	43	0	6	0	0
Nevada	18	2	1	3	1
New Hampshire	20	0	1	0	5
New Jersey	72	1	0	1	0
New Mexico	33	0	0	0	0
New York	211	0	2	0	2
North Carolina	111	1	1	0	1
North Dakota	1	0	1	0	0
Ohio	186	0	11	0	21
Oklahoma	54	0	7	0	0
Oregon	27	1	2	1	4
Pacific Basin	26	0	0	0	4
Pennsylvania	5	0	16	0	3
Puerto Rico	19	0	0	0	1
Rhode Island	19	1	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	3
South Dakota	14	2	0	0	2
Tennessee	72	4	3	2	2
Texas	307	7	34	0	0
Utah	44	0	2	0	1
Vermont	7	0	0	0	1

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State	In Special Education Program	Transferred to Regular Education	Graduated with Regular Diploma	Received a Certificate	Reached Maximum Age for Part B Services
Virgin Islands	7	0	1	0	0
Virginia	75	2	7	1	4
Washington	104	1	12	0	0
West Virginia	34	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	1
Wyoming	17	0	0	0	0
National Total	3247	42	221	42	139

Notes:

Exiting data are reported for ages 14 and older.

Some states continue to provide services through the end of the school year in which the individual turns 22 years old. Michigan provides services to age 26.

Part B Exiting Status (Part 2 of 2)

State	Died	Moved: Known to be Continuing	Dropped Out	Unknown/Missing	State Total
Alabama	0	3	0	0	127
Alaska	0	0	0	4	6
Arizona	0	0	0	0	58
Arkansas	1	5	7	0	106
California	0	0	0	479	479
Colorado	1	0	1	0	57
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	30
Delaware	0	0	0	0	22
District of Columbia	0	0	0	3	5
Florida	0	0	0	0	302
Georgia	3	1	1	0	127
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	23
Idaho	0	0	0	0	18
Illinois	1	1	7	0	197
Indiana	0	0	15	0	116
Iowa	0	0	0	0	30
Kansas	0	0	0	14	29
Kentucky	0	0	5	0	84
Louisiana	0	0	0	13	64
Maine	0	0	0	0	16
Maryland	0	0	2	21	90
Massachusetts	3	3	0	2	118
Michigan	3	0	3	0	179
Minnesota	0	0	2	0	158
Mississippi	0	0	1	0	23
Missouri	0	5	3	4	111
Montana	0	0	0	1	15
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	49
Nevada	1	1	1	0	28
New Hampshire	0	1	0	0	27
New Jersey	0	0	0	2	76
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	33
New York	0	1	0	0	216

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State	Died	Moved: Known to be Continuing	Dropped Out	Unknown/Missing	State Total
North Carolina	6	3	2	0	125
North Dakota	0	0	0	10	12
Ohio	7	16	2	0	243
Oklahoma	0	0	3	1	65
Oregon	0	1	3	2	41
Pacific Basin	0	0	0	0	30
Pennsylvania	2	2	2	128	158
Puerto Rico	1	0	1	0	22
Rhode Island	0	0	1	0	21
South Carolina	0	0	0	50	53
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	18
Tennessee	1	1	1	2	88
Texas	3	0	0	0	351
Utah	1	1	1	1	51
Vermont	0	0	0	0	8
Virgin Islands	0	1	1	0	10
Virginia	0	6	1	0	96
Washington	0	1	0	0	118
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	34
Wisconsin	3	1	2	48	55
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	17
National Total	37	54	68	785	4635

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Michigan provides services to age 26.

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