

Children with Disabilities, School Age [Ages 5 (in Kindergarten) - 21], South Carolina Demographic Summary

Special Education Child Count: 101,365

Gender	N	%
Female	34,239	33.78%
Male	67,126	66.22%

Ethnicity or Race	N	%
American Indian	347	0.34%
Asian	757	0.75%
Black or African American	39,498	38.97%
Hispanic	9,980	9.85%
Pacific Islander or Hawaiian	101	0.10%
Two or more races	4,992	4.92%
White	45,690	45.07%

Age	N	%
5	3,930	3.88%
6	6,183	6.10%
7	7,130	7.03%
8	7,922	7.82%
9	8,767	8.65%
10	8,542	8.43%
11	8,564	8.45%
12	8,507	8.39%
13	8,437	8.32%
14	8,034	7.93%
15	7,580	7.48%
16	7,116	7.02%
17	6,130	6.05%
18	3,162	3.12%
19	883	0.87%
20	427	0.42%
21	51	0.05%

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Limited English Proficiency	N	%
No	94,077	92.81%
Yes	7,288	7.19%

Primary Disability	N	%
Autism Spectrum Disorder	9,859	9.73%
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	904	0.89%
Deaf-Blindness	24	0.02%
Developmental Delay	7,082	6.99%
Emotional Disability	2,098	2.07%
Intellectual Disability	5,858	5.78%
Multiple Disabilities	1,474	1.45%
Orthopedic Impairment	353	0.35%
Other Health Impairment	16,087	15.87%
Specific Learning Disability	40,962	40.41%
Speech or Language Impairment	16,086	15.87%
Traumatic Brain Injury	184	0.18%
Visual Impairment	394	0.39%

Least Restrictive Environment	N	%
Ages 5-21 - Correctional Facilities	171	0.17%
Ages 5-21 - Homebound/Hospital	559	0.55%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 40-79% of the day	18,919	18.66%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 80% or more of the day	64,837	63.96%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities less than 40% of the day	15,545	15.34%
Ages 5-21 - Parentally Placed In Private Schools	686	0.68%
Ages 5-21 - Residential Facility	193	0.19%
Ages 5-21 - Separate School	455	0.45%

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	Gender			
	Female		Male	
Primary Disability	N	Column %	N	Column %
Autism Spectrum Disorder	1,751	5.11%	8,108	12.08%
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	425	1.24%	479	0.71%
Deaf-Blindness	*	*	15	0.02%
Developmental Delay	2,013	5.88%	5,069	7.55%
Emotional Disability	473	1.38%	1,625	2.42%
Intellectual Disability	2,445	7.14%	3,413	5.08%
Multiple Disabilities	499	1.46%	975	1.45%
Orthopedic Impairment	147	0.43%	206	0.31%
Other Health Impairment	4,965	14.50%	11,122	16.57%
Specific Learning Disability	15,807	46.17%	25,155	37.47%
Speech or Language Impairment	5,458	15.94%	10,628	15.83%
Traumatic Brain Injury	67	0.20%	117	0.17%
Visual Impairment	180	0.53%	214	0.32%

	Ethnicity or Race													
	American Indian		Asian		Black or African American		Hispanic		Pacific Islander or Hawaiian		Two or more races		White	
Primary Disability	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Autism Spectrum Disorder	28	8.07%	196	25.89%	3,281	8.31%	889	8.91%	13	12.87%	490	9.82%	4,962	10.86%
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	*	*	25	3.30%	311	0.79%	131	1.31%	*	*	34	0.68%	400	0.88%
Deaf-Blindness	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	0.04%
Developmental Delay	19	5.48%	76	10.04%	2,927	7.41%	837	8.39%	*	*	366	7.33%	2,853	6.24%
Emotional Disability	*	*	*	*	988	2.50%	113	1.13%	*	*	143	2.86%	842	1.84%
Intellectual Disability	17	4.90%	46	6.08%	3,272	8.28%	463	4.64%	*	*	233	4.67%	1,824	3.99%
Multiple Disabilities	*	*	12	1.59%	423	1.07%	152	1.52%	*	*	74	1.48%	809	1.77%
Orthopedic Impairment	*	*	11	1.45%	118	0.30%	40	0.40%	*	*	*	*	175	0.38%

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Primary Disability	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Other Health Impairment	55	15.85%	60	7.93%	6,314	15.99%	1,007	10.09%	12	11.88%	865	17.33%	7,774	17.01%
Specific Learning Disability	162	46.69%	156	20.61%	17,186	43.51%	4,745	47.55%	44	43.56%	1,877	37.60%	16,792	36.75%
Speech or Language Impairment	58	16.71%	162	21.40%	4,465	11.30%	1,551	15.54%	17	16.83%	871	17.45%	8,962	19.61%
Traumatic Brain Injury	*	*	*	*	68	0.17%	20	0.20%	*	*	12	0.24%	81	0.18%
Visual Impairment	*	*	*	*	138	0.35%	31	0.31%	*	*	20	0.40%	200	0.44%

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	Age (as of the Child Count date)											
	5		6		7		8		9		10	
Primary Disability	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Autism Spectrum Disorder	517	13.16%	714	11.55%	711	9.97%	800	10.10%	807	9.20%	824	9.65%
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	41	1.04%	50	0.81%	63	0.88%	73	0.92%	74	0.84%	73	0.85%
Deaf-Blindness	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Developmental Delay	1,349	34.33%	1,801	29.13%	1,745	24.47%	1,362	17.19%	825	9.41%	*	*
Emotional Disability	*	*	*	*	43	0.60%	70	0.88%	121	1.38%	181	2.12%
Intellectual Disability	*	*	53	0.86%	95	1.33%	185	2.34%	309	3.52%	470	5.50%
Multiple Disabilities	31	0.79%	35	0.57%	57	0.80%	71	0.90%	98	1.12%	114	1.33%
Orthopedic Impairment	14	0.36%	22	0.36%	24	0.34%	31	0.39%	20	0.23%	23	0.27%
Other Health Impairment	75	1.91%	180	2.91%	465	6.52%	798	10.07%	1,211	13.81%	1,485	17.38%
Specific Learning Disability	*	*	88	1.42%	685	9.61%	1,847	23.31%	3,149	35.92%	4,070	47.65%
Speech or Language Impairment	1,869	47.56%	3,209	51.90%	3,202	44.91%	2,645	33.39%	2,120	24.18%	1,260	14.75%
Traumatic Brain Injury	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	0.16%
Visual Impairment	18	0.46%	17	0.27%	30	0.42%	33	0.42%	25	0.29%	27	0.32%

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Primary Disability	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Autism Spectrum Disorder	821	9.59%	775	9.11%	780	9.24%	677	8.43%	649	8.56%	628	8.83%
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	69	0.81%	91	1.07%	71	0.84%	73	0.91%	62	0.82%	72	1.01%
Deaf-Blindness	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Developmental Delay	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Emotional Disability	183	2.14%	227	2.67%	239	2.83%	249	3.10%	227	2.99%	241	3.39%
Intellectual Disability	526	6.14%	561	6.59%	594	7.04%	594	7.39%	598	7.89%	572	8.04%
Multiple Disabilities	149	1.74%	141	1.66%	160	1.90%	120	1.49%	116	1.53%	111	1.56%
Orthopedic Impairment	31	0.36%	24	0.28%	29	0.34%	31	0.39%	21	0.28%	24	0.34%
Other Health Impairment	1,654	19.31%	1,655	19.45%	1,661	19.69%	1,691	21.05%	1,618	21.35%	1,464	20.57%
Specific Learning Disability	4,343	50.71%	4,531	53.26%	4,589	54.39%	4,415	54.95%	4,153	54.79%	3,888	54.64%
Speech or Language Impairment	731	8.54%	455	5.35%	260	3.08%	133	1.66%	89	1.17%	64	0.90%
Traumatic Brain Injury	21	0.25%	18	0.21%	17	0.20%	14	0.17%	14	0.18%	21	0.30%
Visual Impairment	34	0.40%	28	0.33%	36	0.43%	37	0.46%	31	0.41%	29	0.41%

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Primary Disability	Age (as of the Child Count date)									
	17		18		19		20		21	
	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Autism Spectrum Disorder	566	9.23%	329	10.40%	153	17.33%	97	22.72%	11	21.57%
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	49	0.80%	23	0.73%	12	1.36%	*	*	*	*
Deaf-Blindness	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Developmental Delay	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Emotional Disability	190	3.10%	77	2.44%	24	2.72%	13	3.04%	*	*
Intellectual Disability	493	8.04%	412	13.03%	220	24.92%	152	35.60%	16	31.37%
Multiple Disabilities	83	1.35%	81	2.56%	58	6.57%	39	9.13%	*	*
Orthopedic Impairment	23	0.38%	20	0.63%	13	1.47%	*	*	*	*
Other Health Impairment	1,348	21.99%	603	19.07%	124	14.04%	50	11.71%	*	*
Specific Learning Disability	3,310	54.00%	1,574	49.78%	257	29.11%	54	12.65%	*	*
Speech or Language Impairment	32	0.52%	13	0.41%	*	*	*	*	*	*
Traumatic Brain Injury	17	0.28%	14	0.44%	*	*	*	*	*	*
Visual Impairment	17	0.28%	13	0.41%	11	1.25%	*	*	*	*

Primary Disability	Limited English Proficiency			
	No		Yes	
	N	Column %	N	Column %
Autism Spectrum Disorder	9,279	9.86%	580	7.96%
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	794	0.84%	110	1.51%
Deaf-Blindness	24	0.03%	*	*
Developmental Delay	6,442	6.85%	640	8.78%
Emotional Disability	2,059	2.19%	39	0.54%
Intellectual Disability	5,483	5.83%	375	5.15%
Multiple Disabilities	1,361	1.45%	113	1.55%
Orthopedic Impairment	312	0.33%	41	0.56%
Other Health Impairment	15,541	16.52%	546	7.49%
Specific Learning Disability	37,299	39.65%	3,663	50.26%

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	Limited English Proficiency			
	No		Yes	
Primary Disability	N	Column %	N	Column %
Speech or Language Impairment	14,940	15.88%	1,146	15.72%
Traumatic Brain Injury	171	0.18%	13	0.18%
Visual Impairment	372	0.40%	22	0.30%

	Gender			
	Female		Male	
Least Restrictive Environment	N	Column %	N	Column %
Ages 5-21 - Correctional Facilities	*	*	163	0.24%
Ages 5-21 - Homebound/Hospital	174	0.51%	385	0.57%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 40-79% of the day	6,112	17.85%	12,807	19.08%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 80% or more of the day	22,797	66.58%	42,040	62.63%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities less than 40% of the day	4,661	13.61%	10,884	16.21%
Ages 5-21 - Parentally Placed In Private Schools	238	0.70%	448	0.67%
Ages 5-21 - Residential Facility	67	0.20%	126	0.19%
Ages 5-21 - Separate School	182	0.53%	273	0.41%

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	American Indian		Asian		Black or African American		Hispanic	
Least Restrictive Environment	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Ages 5-21 - Correctional Facilities	*	*	*	*	136	0.34%	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Homebound/Hospital	*	*	*	*	205	0.52%	46	0.46%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 40-79% of the day	58	16.71%	105	13.87%	8,813	22.31%	1,950	19.54%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 80% or more of the day	243	70.03%	436	57.60%	23,145	58.60%	6,327	63.40%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities less than 40% of the day	45	12.97%	185	24.44%	6,918	17.51%	1,570	15.73%
Ages 5-21 - Parentally Placed In Private Schools	*	*	*	*	37	0.09%	23	0.23%
Ages 5-21 - Residential Facility	*	*	*	*	79	0.20%	12	0.12%
Ages 5-21 - Separate School	*	*	13	1.72%	165	0.42%	49	0.49%

	Ethnicity or Race					
	Pacific Islander or Hawaiian		Two or more races		White	
Least Restrictive Environment	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Ages 5-21 - Correctional Facilities	*	*	*	*	28	0.06%
Ages 5-21 - Homebound/Hospital	*	*	30	0.60%	271	0.59%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 40-79% of the day	18	17.82%	906	18.15%	7,069	15.47%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 80% or more of the day	60	59.41%	3,285	65.81%	31,341	68.59%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities less than 40% of the day	18	17.82%	739	14.80%	6,070	13.29%
Ages 5-21 - Parentally Placed In Private Schools	*	*	*	*	607	1.33%
Ages 5-21 - Residential Facility	*	*	*	*	94	0.21%
Ages 5-21 - Separate School	*	*	17	0.34%	210	0.46%

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Least Restrictive Environment	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Ages 5-21 - Correctional Facilities	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Homebound/Hospital	*	*	20	0.32%	23	0.32%	18	0.23%	38	0.43%	31	0.36%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 40-79% of the day	162	4.12%	460	7.44%	789	11.07%	1,104	13.94%	1,392	15.88%	1,492	17.47%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 80% or more of the day	2,792	71.04%	4,552	73.62%	5,173	72.55%	5,551	70.07%	6,030	68.78%	5,797	67.86%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities less than 40% of the day	936	23.82%	998	16.14%	997	13.98%	1,126	14.21%	1,201	13.70%	1,148	13.44%
Ages 5-21 - Parentally Placed In Private Schools	*	*	126	2.04%	123	1.73%	106	1.34%	89	1.02%	52	0.61%
Ages 5-21 - Residential Facility	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Separate School	31	0.79%	26	0.42%	25	0.35%	15	0.19%	13	0.15%	18	0.21%

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	11		12		13		14		15		16	
Least Restrictive Environment	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Ages 5-21 - Correctional Facilities	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	22	0.29%	47	0.66%
Ages 5-21 - Homebound/Hospital	30	0.35%	39	0.46%	54	0.64%	57	0.71%	57	0.75%	64	0.90%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 40-79% of the day	1,535	17.92%	1,581	18.58%	1,574	18.66%	1,812	22.55%	2,143	28.27%	2,121	29.81%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 80% or more of the day	5,654	66.02%	5,584	65.64%	5,526	65.50%	4,968	61.84%	4,152	54.78%	3,756	52.78%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities less than 40% of the day	1,261	14.72%	1,234	14.51%	1,201	14.23%	1,109	13.80%	1,127	14.87%	1,050	14.76%
Ages 5-21 - Parentally Placed In Private Schools	51	0.60%	31	0.36%	31	0.37%	24	0.30%	16	0.21%	15	0.21%
Ages 5-21 - Residential Facility	*	*	15	0.18%	18	0.21%	26	0.32%	29	0.38%	28	0.39%
Ages 5-21 - Separate School	24	0.28%	22	0.26%	30	0.36%	29	0.36%	34	0.45%	35	0.49%

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Least Restrictive Environment	Age (as of the Child Count date)									
	17		18		19		20		21	
	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Ages 5-21 - Correctional Facilities	31	0.51%	16	0.51%	13	1.47%	25	5.85%	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Homebound/Hospital	55	0.90%	44	1.39%	14	1.59%	*	*	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 40-79% of the day	1,696	27.67%	843	26.66%	169	19.14%	42	9.84%	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 80% or more of the day	3,397	55.42%	1,560	49.34%	270	30.58%	66	15.46%	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities less than 40% of the day	889	14.50%	640	20.24%	358	40.54%	246	57.61%	24	47.06%
Ages 5-21 - Parentally Placed In Private Schools	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Residential Facility	18	0.29%	14	0.44%	16	1.81%	*	*	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Separate School	35	0.57%	38	1.20%	42	4.76%	29	6.79%	*	*

Least Restrictive Environment	Limited English Proficiency			
	No		Yes	
	N	Column %	N	Column %
Ages 5-21 - Correctional Facilities	171	0.18%	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Homebound/Hospital	532	0.57%	27	0.37%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 40-79% of the day	17,415	18.51%	1,504	20.64%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 80% or more of the day	60,317	64.11%	4,520	62.02%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities less than 40% of the day	14,372	15.28%	1,173	16.09%
Ages 5-21 - Parentally Placed In Private Schools	671	0.71%	15	0.21%
Ages 5-21 - Residential Facility	186	0.20%	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Separate School	413	0.44%	42	0.58%

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Least Restrictive Environment	Primary Disability							
	Autism Spectrum Disorder		Deaf and Hard of Hearing		Deaf-Blindness		Developmental Delay	
	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Ages 5-21 - Correctional Facilities	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Homebound/Hospital	67	0.68%	*	*	*	*	16	0.23%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 40-79% of the day	1,876	19.03%	179	19.80%	*	*	1,368	19.32%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 80% or more of the day	3,638	36.90%	536	59.29%	*	*	3,788	53.49%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities less than 40% of the day	4,131	41.90%	115	12.72%	*	*	1,849	26.11%
Ages 5-21 - Parentally Placed In Private Schools	37	0.38%	*	*	*	*	32	0.45%
Ages 5-21 - Residential Facility	30	0.30%	35	3.87%	*	*	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Separate School	80	0.81%	33	3.65%	*	*	28	0.40%

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Least Restrictive Environment	Primary Disability									
	Emotional Disability		Intellectual Disability		Multiple Disabilities		Orthopedic Impairment		Other Health Impairment	
	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Ages 5-21 - Correctional Facilities	36	1.72%	*	*	*	*	*	*	61	0.38%
Ages 5-21 - Homebound/Hospital	49	2.34%	72	1.23%	111	7.53%	*	*	135	0.84%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 40-79% of the day	512	24.40%	1,458	24.89%	176	11.94%	70	19.83%	3,970	24.68%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 80% or more of the day	927	44.18%	570	9.73%	244	16.55%	149	42.21%	9,935	61.76%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities less than 40% of the day	522	24.88%	3,675	62.73%	796	54.00%	122	34.56%	1,855	11.53%
Ages 5-21 - Parentally Placed In Private Schools	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	53	0.33%
Ages 5-21 - Residential Facility	18	0.86%	*	*	18	1.22%	*	*	37	0.23%
Ages 5-21 - Separate School	32	1.53%	58	0.99%	124	8.41%	*	*	41	0.25%

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Least Restrictive Environment	Primary Disability							
	Specific Learning Disability		Speech or Language Impairment		Traumatic Brain Injury		Visual Impairment	
	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
Ages 5-21 - Correctional Facilities	62	0.15%	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Homebound/Hospital	78	0.19%	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 40-79% of the day	9,009	21.99%	213	1.32%	39	21.20%	44	11.17%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities 80% or more of the day	29,594	72.25%	15,145	94.15%	72	39.13%	233	59.14%
Ages 5-21 - Inside Regular Class and activities less than 40% of the day	2,080	5.08%	283	1.76%	66	35.87%	42	10.66%
Ages 5-21 - Parentally Placed In Private Schools	112	0.27%	432	2.69%	*	*	*	*
Ages 5-21 - Residential Facility	*	*	*	*	*	*	34	8.63%
Ages 5-21 - Separate School	17	0.04%	*	*	*	*	32	8.12%

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