

# 2023-2024 Maternal, Child, & Adolescent Health Needs Assessment

## Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

MCAH checks for:

- **Numbers affected:** How many infants, children and teens are affected by this health issue?
- **Current rate:** What percentage of infants, children and teens are affected by this health issue?
- **Trends:** Has the health issue gotten worse or better over the past decade?
- **Disparities:** Does risk of the health issue vary by race-ethnicity, insurance, or where someone lives?

If you don't find health issue(s) that matters most to you on this list,  
please click here to add any you feel are missing.

### Adolescent access to services

Top 3 reasons for emergency room hospital visits
Mental health
Number of teens, who take certain medicines and get the right kind of emotional and social support needed for conditions associated with those medications.

### Child

Hearing Problems
Vision Problems
Mental health
Child needs or gets special therapy
Needs prescription medicine for health condition
Autism
Autism received services
Children with an individualized education plan (IEP)
Children with an IEP - not receiving services
Speech impairment
Speech impairment received services
Children with chronic conditions (CCC)

### Child access to services

Top 3 reasons for emergency room hospital visits
Head Start newly enrolled children who completed behavioral screenings
Identified needing follow-up disability assessment
Supporting transitions between Head Start programs [e.g., Early Head Start (EHS) to Head Start (HS), HS to kindergarten]

## Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) eligibility

Number of children who did not receive an evaluation to determine (IDEA) eligibility
Number of children who received an evaluation to determine IDEA eligibility
Number of children who received an evaluation, not diagnosed with a disability under IDEA
Number children who received medical treatment for their diagnosed chronic health condition

## Complex medical needs

Percentage of children ages 0-17 with one or more serious difficulties in hearing, vision, cognitive ability, ambulatory ability, self-care, or independent living
Diabetes screening for people with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder who are using antipsychotic medications
Diabetes monitoring for people with diabetes and schizophrenia
Cardiovascular monitoring for people with cardiovascular disease and schizophrenia
Metabolic monitoring for children and adolescents on antipsychotics

## Infant access to services

Top 3 reasons for emergency room hospital visits
Early Head Start newly enrolled infants who completed behavioral screenings
Identified needing follow-up disability assessment
Any abnormal condition at birth -excluding neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) admission, transfer to another facility
Infant with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
Infant with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) - not receiving services

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Important to note, MCAH Epidemiology may not have data for all health topics. If partners or programs can provide a data source, [please contact us](#) and we may be able to include in the assessment.

If data is not available, we will document and track the interest/need to collect data for future efforts.