



How Many Children in Illinois Have Special Health Care Needs? 2021 Update

- **545,681** children or 19.3% of children in Illinois have special health care needs per the 2019-2020 National Survey of Children's Health.
<https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=8569&r=1&r2=15>
- **13,648** children with active IFSPs (Individual Support Plans for infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays) received Early Intervention services of as of May, 2021. <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=136392>
- **293,553** children ages 3-21 in Illinois received special education and related services in accordance with their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs):
<https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/state.aspx?source=studentcharacteristics&source2=iep&Stateid=IL>
- **32,819** in Illinois under age 18 received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for very low-income children with severe disabilities as of August, 2021.
https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_monthly/2021-08/table10.html
- **13,820** children and youth (up to age 22) with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are on the Illinois DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities waiting list (PUNS) to receive funding for waiver services as of November 12, 2021:
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=58802>