



How Many Children in Illinois Have Special Health Care Needs? 2022 Update

526,331 children in Illinois in 2021, ages birth through 17, have special health care needs per the 2020-2021 National Survey of Children's Health. (Those receiving care in a well functioning system (55,642) added to those who are not (470,689). <https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=9612&r=15&r2=1>

25,013 children with active IFSPs (Individual Support Plans for infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays) received Early Intervention services of as of July, 2022. <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=146394>

283,106 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> (15% of 1,887,316)

30,733 in Illinois under age 18 received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for very low-income children with severe disabilities as of September, 2022. https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_monthly/2022-09/table04.html

9296 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 October 7, 2022. (Active count for ages 3-17, 18-22): <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=56033>

Over **16,000** children in 2021 with special health care needs were served by the Division of Specialized Care for Children. <https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/Narratives/IIBFiveYearNeedsAssessmentSummary/68255d913-f077-44c3-96c7-8f022c2aff62> (II.C.2.b. Findings, look for heading "CYSHCN" see paragraph 3)