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**How Many Children in Illinois Have Special Health Care Needs?**  
**April 2016 Update**

- **371,617** or 14.3% of all children in Illinois have special health care needs, according to the 2009/2010 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs.  
<http://cshcndata.org/browse/survey/results?q=1792&r=15&r2=57>
- **41,100 children** under 18 received SSI (Supplemental Security Income for very low income children with severe disabilities) as of 12/14.  
<https://ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/supplement/2015/7b.html#table7.b8>
- **15,739** children were served by DSCC (Division of Specialized Care for Children, IL's Title V Children with Special Health Care Needs program) in 2013.  
<https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/State/Detail/IL#>
- **22,780** children with IFSPs (Individual Family Support Plans for infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays) received Early Intervention services as of 12/15.  
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=83247>
- **293,530** children had IEPs (Individualized Education Plans for special education services) during the 2013-2014 school year.  
<http://nces.ed.gov/programs/stateprofiles/sresult.asp?mode=full&displaycat=1&s1=17>
- **14,913** children and youth are on a waiting list (PUNS) to receive funding for waiver services.  
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=56033> (March 2016)
- **2,428** children participated in child-specific Home and Community-Based 1915(c) Medicaid waivers.  
<http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/reports/Pages/default.aspx>
  - **753** were enrolled in the waiver for children who are both medically fragile and technology dependent
  - **1,395** children were enrolled in a waiver for children with developmental disabilities
  - **280** children participated in the Children's Residential Waiver for children with developmental disabilities
- 2015 Medical Assistance Annual Report (pdf)  
[http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/FY2015\\_Annual\\_Report\\_3-31-16\\_final.pdf](http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/FY2015_Annual_Report_3-31-16_final.pdf)
- Jan. 2016 Bi-Annual Report of Medicaid Services for Persons who are Medically Fragile, Technology Dependent (pdf)  
[http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/MFTD\\_BiAnnual\\_Report\\_2016.pdf](http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/MFTD_BiAnnual_Report_2016.pdf)