

Table 179. Learning Disability or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder for Children 3–17 Years of Age by Selected Characteristics: 2006

[In thousands, except percent (61,354 represents 61,354,000). Learning Disability is based on the question, “Has a representative from a school or a health professional ever told you that (child’s name) has a learning disability?” Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder is based on the question, “Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that (child’s name) had Attention Hyperactivity Disorder or Attention Deficit Disorder?”]

Selected characteristic	Total	Ever told had—			
		Learning disability		Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1, 2}	61,354	4,748	7.7	4,545	7.4
SEX ²					
Male	31,497	3,002	9.6	3,352	10.7
Female	29,857	1,746	5.9	1,193	4.0
AGE					
3 to 4 years old	8,271	172	2.1	⁴ 46	⁴ 0.6
5 to 11 years old	27,776	2,001	7.2	2,055	7.4
12 to 17 years old	25,307	2,575	10.2	2,443	9.7
RACE					
Race alone ^{2, 3}	59,480	4,547	7.6	4,320	7.3
White	46,885	3,736	8.0	3,553	7.6
Black or African American	9,571	739	7.7	705	7.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	593	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Asian	2,318	⁴ 54	⁴ 2.3	⁴ 34	⁴ 1.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	114	—	—	—	—
Two or more races ^{2, 5}	1,874	201	10.9	224	12.4
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE: ^{2, 6}					
Hispanic or Latino	12,014	753	6.4	602	5.1
Mexican or Mexican American	8,179	478	6.1	374	4.7
Not Hispanic or Latino	49,340	3,995	8.0	3,943	8.0
White, single race	36,023	3,103	8.6	3,059	8.4
Black or African American, single race	9,136	685	7.5	662	7.2

— Represents zero. B Base figure too small to meet statistical standards for reliability of a derived figure. ¹ Includes other races not shown separately. ² Percents are age-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using age groups 3–4 years, 5–11 years, and 12–17 years. ³ Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group. ⁴ Figures do not meet standard of reliability or precision. ⁵ Refers to all persons who indicated more than one race group. ⁶ Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be any race or combination of races.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, *Vital and Health Statistics, Series 10, Number 234, Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Children: National Health Interview Survey, 2006*; <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_234.pdf>.