

Autism in California



An estimated **90,541 children** are diagnosed with autism in the state of California.

Over the next decade, about

500,000 youth

with autism nationwide will enter adulthood and many will continue to need services or support.

Many face a

“service cliff”

on the last day of high school when special education ends and access to supports and services drops off significantly.

More than 1/3

do not continue education after high school or transition into employment although willing and able.

Resources

[Earlier Starts State Autism Profiles: California](#)

[Devel National Autism Indicators Report: Vocational Rehabilitation](#)

[The Case For Inclusion Data 2016](#)

[The Case For Inclusion State Scorecards 2016](#)

[Georgetown University Health Policy Institute 2016](#)



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SAFETY

1/3 of school children with autism wander from supervision each year

EMPLOYMENT

3% of total Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) participants are individuals with autism

753 people with autism used VR services

64% of VR participants with autism were high school students

12% of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities participated in integrated employment services

HOME & COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

104,099 caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities received 'family support' such as respite

78.8% of California's developmental disability services funding is spent on Home and Community-Based Services

MEDICAID

52% of children with disabilities or special needs in California are covered by Medi-Cal and Health Families

\$52.49 is the reimbursement rate of Medicaid Therapists/ Registered Behavior Technicians implementing applied behavior analysis