


TABLE 3.1 Number and Percentage of Students Ages 6–21 Receiving a Special Education for Select Disability Categories in a Representative School Year

		American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	White	Total
Specific Learning Disabilities	N	36,952	34,027	463,474	650,353	8,045	48,979	1,112,960	2,354,790
	%	1.56%	1.44%	19.68%	27.61%	0.34%	2.07%	47.26%	
Speech or Language Impairments	N	12,890	34,421	151,978	258,071	2,086	25,718	586,036	1,071,200
	%	1.20%	3.21%	14.18%	24.09%	0.19%	2.40%	54.70%	
Intellectual Disability	N	5,577	9,531	118,656	89,107	1,211	8,278	198,459	430,819
	%	1.29%	2.21%	27.54%	20.68%	0.28%	1.92%	46.06%	
Emotional Disturbance	N	5,356	3,180	99,817	52,674	971	11,395	198,032	371,425
	%	1.44%	0.85%	26.87%	14.18%	0.26%	3.06%	53.31%	
Hearing Impairments	N	753	3,647	10,298	19,055	359	1,385	33,723	69,220
	%	1.08%	5.26%	14.87%	27.52%	0.51%	2.00%	48.71%	
Traumatic Brain Injury	N	318	589	3,877	4,041	74	616	15,363	24,878
	%	1.27%	2.36%	15.58%	16.24%	0.29%	2.47%	61.75%	
All Disabilities	N	79,993	124,727	1,093,674	1,308,211	17,057	134,325	3,027,216	5,785,203
	%	1.38%	2.15%	18.90%	22.61%	0.29%	2.32%	52.32%	

NOTE: Information is for the 2011 school year.

Based on data from the fifty states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. Outlying areas not included.

Due to rounding, percentages do not always add up to 100.

SOURCE: Adapted from U.S. Department of Education. (2012). *IDEA Data*. Retrieved March 26, 2013, from <http://www.ideadata.org/PartBChildCount.asp>