



Colorado

Colorado Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Program (CO-ADDMM)

RESULTS

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Prevalence, 2008

Number of children identified with ASDs: 91

Total prevalence of ASDs: 11.8 per 1,000 (or 1 in 85)

Boys: 20.1 per 1,000 (or 1 in 50)

Girls: 2.9 per 1,000 (or 1 in 345)

Race/ Ethnicity

White: 14.8 per 1,000

Black: 10.5 per 1,000

Hispanic: 6.7 per 1,000

Asian or Pacific Islander: Fewer than 5 children identified

Documented ASD Diagnosis

Children with ASD diagnosis in their records: 63%

Median earliest age ASD was documented in their records:
4 years, 6 months

Autistic disorder: 4 years, 4 months

ASD/PDD: 4 years, 6 months

Asperger Disorder: 6 years, 7 months

SITE INFORMATION

Part of Colorado Included in ADDM, 2008

Arapahoe County (metropolitan Denver, Colorado)

Population of 8-Year-Old Children in Study Area, 2008

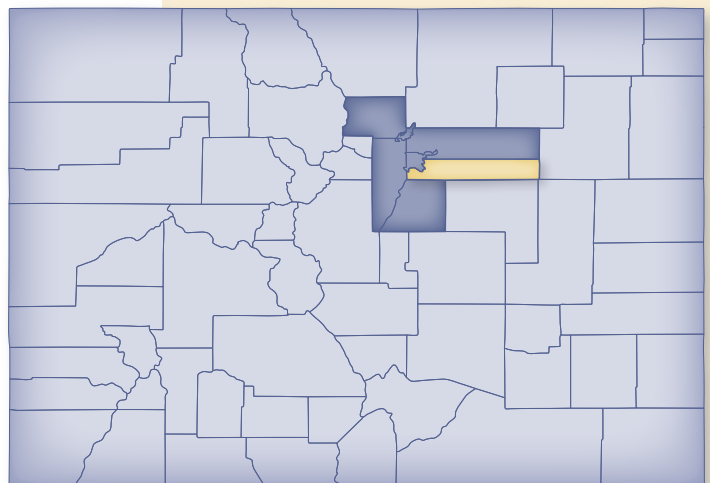
8-Year-Old Children: 7,725

White: 51.7%

Black: 13.6%

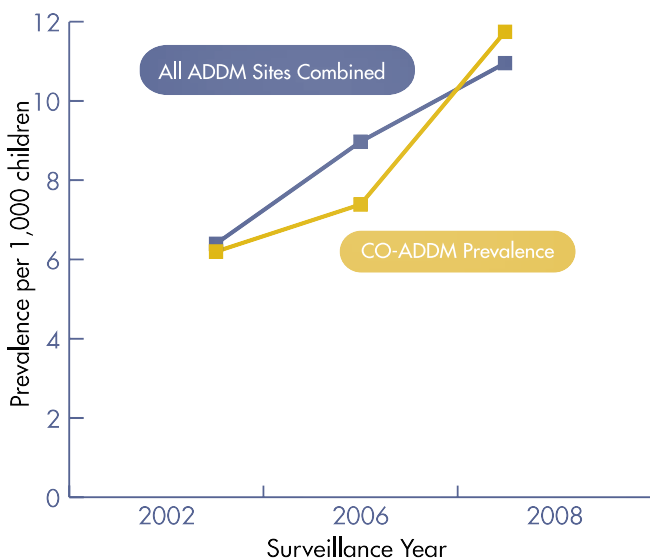
Hispanic: 28.9%

Asian or Pacific Islander: 5.0%



Yellow - County in the ADDM Network in 2008
Dark purple - Adams, Broomfield, Boulder, Dever, Douglas, and Jefferson counties were also a part of the ADDM Network for 2008. See full ADDM Network MMWR report for information from these counties.

Overall ASD Prevalence



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The Colorado Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (CO-ADDM) Program is a multisource public health project to monitor the number of 8-year-old children in the population with ASDs. This monitoring system provides an accurate count of the number of children with ASDs residing in Colorado starting with the year 2002. CO-ADDM is a joint undertaking with CDC, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, JFK Partners at the University of Colorado at Denver, and the Colorado Department of Education. CO-ADDM has completed the 2002, 2006, and 2008 surveillance years and will continue to collect data for the 2010 and 2012 surveillance years.

What part of Colorado is in CO-ADDM?

In 2002, two counties in the Denver Metropolitan area took part in the program: Arapahoe and Boulder. In 2006, only Arapahoe County participated. In 2008, Arapahoe County, which had access to both health and education sources, participated. Adams, Broomfield, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties also participated though CO-ADDM had access to health sources only; results from these counties can be found in the published report at: www.cdc.gov/mmwr.

What kinds of education and training programs does CO-ADDM offer to people who work with children who have ASDs or other developmental disabilities?

CO-ADDM clinicians created autism awareness seminars that were presented to interested providers to improve their capacity for recognizing the early signs of ASDs and for establishing standard referral practices.

What are some of the resources available in Colorado for children with developmental disabilities, their families, and the professionals who serve them? In Colorado, such resources include

- The Colorado Department of Education Exceptional Student Services Unit (www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/index.asp)
- The Autism Society of Colorado (www.autismcolorado.org)
- The Autism Society of Boulder County (www.autismboulder.org)
- The Autism Society of Larimer County (www.autismlarimer.org)
- The Autism Society of America, Pike's Peak Chapter (www.asappr.org)
- Family Voices (www.familyvoicesco.org)
- The ARC of Colorado (www.thearcofco.org)
- Early Childhood Connections (www.earlychildhoodconnections.org)
- Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (303-839-1775; ccdconline.org)
- Community Centered Boards (303-866-7450; cdhs.state.co.us/ddd)
- El Grupo VIDA (Information, referrals and support groups for Spanish-speaking parents. 303-904-6073; elgrupovida.org)
- EMPOWER Colorado (1-866-213-4631; empowercolorado.com)
- Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (303-692-2370; hccolorado.org)
- Parent to Parent of Colorado (P2P) (1-877-472-7201; p2p-co.org)
- PEAK: Colorado's Parent Training & Information Center (1-800-284-0251; peakparent.org)
- Parents Encouraging Parents (303-866-6846; cde.state.co.us/cdesped/PEP.asp).

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