



Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Autism and Developmental Disabilities Surveillance Program (PADDSP)

RESULTS

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Prevalence, 2008

Number of children identified with ASDs: 245

Total prevalence of ASDs: 13.3 per 1,000 (1 in 75)

Boys: 22.2 per 1,000 (1 in 45)

Girls: 4.3 per 1,000 (1 in 233)

Race/ Ethnicity

White: 14.3 per 1,000

Black: 12.7 per 1,000

Hispanic: 9.1 per 1,000

Asian or Pacific Islander: 8.4 per 1,000

Documented ASD Diagnosis

Children with ASD diagnosis in their records: 85%

Median earliest age ASD was documented in their records: 4 years, 11 months

Autistic Disorder: 3 years, 7 months

ASD/PDD: 4 years, 11 months

Asperger Disorder: 5 years, 10 months

SITE INFORMATION

Part of Pennsylvania Included in ADDM, 2008

Philadelphia County

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

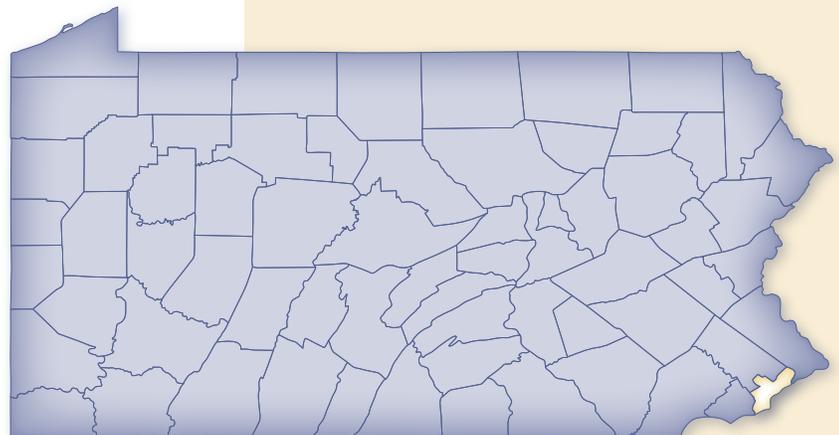
8-Year-Old Children: 18,440

White: 28.1%

Black: 49.1%

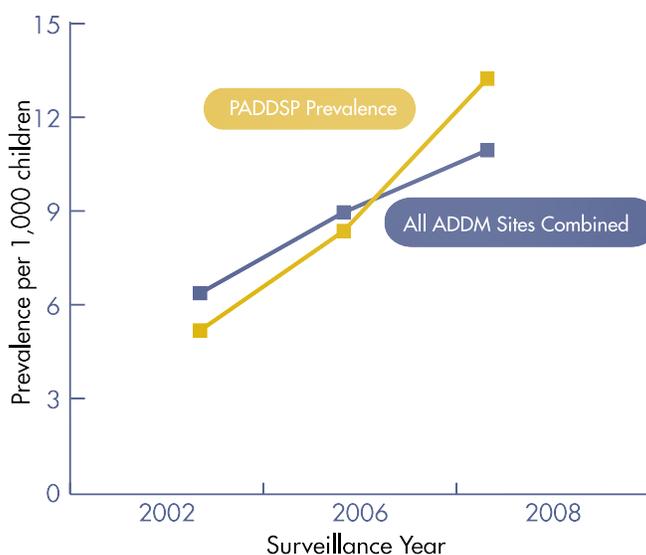
Hispanic: 16.6%

Asian or Pacific Islander: 5.8%



Yellow - County in the ADDM Network in 2008

Overall ASD Prevalence



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The Pennsylvania Autism and Developmental Disabilities Surveillance Program (PADDSP) is a multisource public health program established to monitor the number of 8-year-old children in the population with ASDs. This surveillance system provided an accurate count of the number of 8-year-old children in Philadelphia County with ASDs. The investigators were members of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. PADDSP studied biennial sequential years to identify if there were trends in the diagnosis and treatment of ASDs. PADDSP completed data collection for the 2002, 2006, and 2008 surveillance years.

What kinds of education and training programs did the program offer to people who work with children who have ASDs or other developmental disabilities?

PADDSP Director provides education and outreach programs to inform health care providers, educators, and the community about the need to monitor the prevalence of autism and the educational and health care needs of children with autism and their families.

What are some of the resources available in Pennsylvania for children with developmental disabilities, their families and the professionals who serve them? Other autism programs include the

- ASCEND. The Asperger and Autism Alliance for Greater Philadelphia. <http://www.ascendgroup.org/>
- Autism Institute at Gwynedd Mercy College.
<http://www.gmc.edu/academics/education/AbouttheAutismInstitute.php>
- Autism Society of America chapters: Autism Society of Pittsburgh (<http://www.autismsocietyppgh.org/>), Autism Society of Greater Philadelphia (<http://www.asaphilly.org/>), Autism Society of Greater Harrisburg (<http://www.autismharrisburg.com>), Autism Society of Butler County (<http://autismsocietyofbutlercounty.tripod.com/>), Autism Society of Berks County (<http://www.autismsocietyofberks.org>), Autism Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania (<http://www.nwpa-asa.org>), and Autism Society of Lehigh Valley (<http://www.asalehighvalley.org/>).
- Autism Centers of Excellence (ACE) at Drexel University School of Public Health
- The Center for Autism (www.thecenterforautism.org),
- The Center for Autism Research (www.research.chop.edu/programs/car),
- The Regional Autism Center (www.chop.edu/service/autism-center/home.html).

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