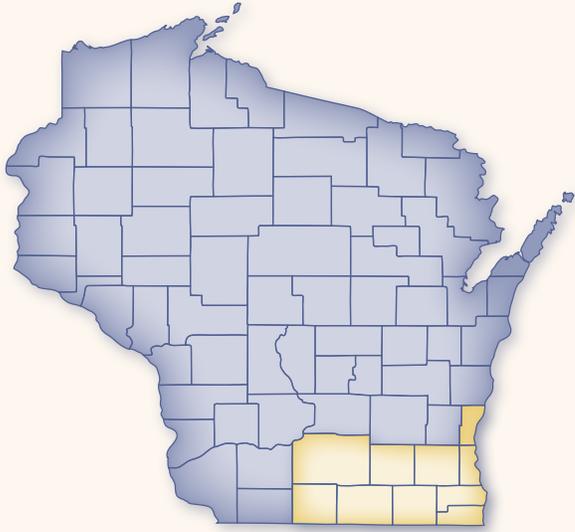


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## Wisconsin Surveillance of Autism and other Developmental Disabilities System (WISADDS)



Yellow - Counties in the ADDM Network in 2008

### SITE INFORMATION

Part of Wisconsin Included in ADDM CP Network, 2008

10 counties: Dane, Green, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, and Waukesha

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

8-Year-Old Children: 34,451

White: 65.2%

Black: 16.9%

Hispanic: 13.7%

### RESULTS

Cerebral Palsy (CP) Prevalence, 2008

Number of children identified with CP: 89

Total prevalence of CP: 2.6 per 1,000

Boys: 2.6 per 1,000

Girls: 2.6 per 1,000

Race/Ethnicity\*

White: 2.2 per 1,000

Black : 4.5 per 1,000

Hispanic: 2.1 per 1,000

Documented CP Diagnosis

Percentage of children identified with CP by WISADDS who had a CP diagnosis documented in their records: 95.5%

CP Subtypes

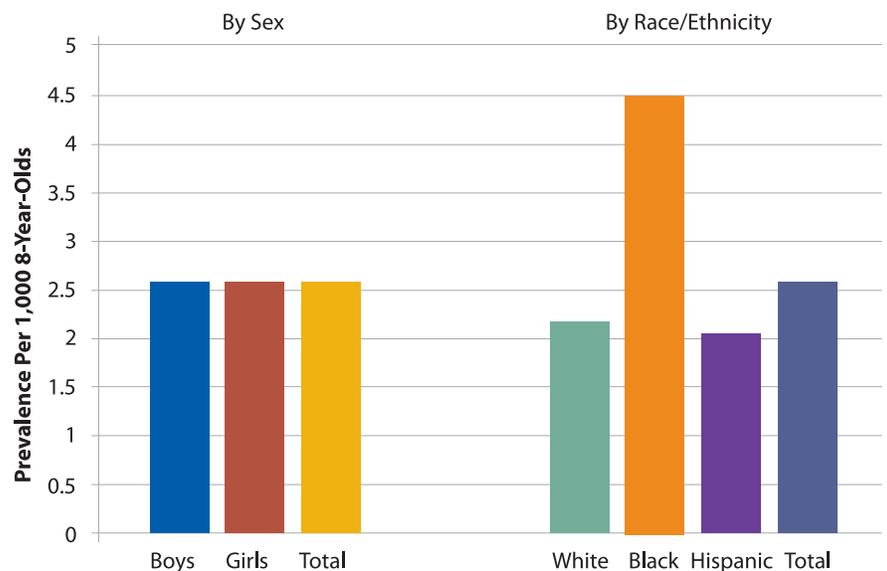
Spastic: 75.3%

Non-Spastic: 6.7%

Other: 18%

\*Does not include racial/ethnic groups with less than 10 children with CP

### Prevalence of Cerebral Palsy, WISADDS





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WISADDS was established in 2003 as an ADDM Network site in collaboration between the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and investigators from the Waisman Center and Department of Population Health Sciences at University of Wisconsin-Madison. WISADDS tracks the prevalence of autism spectrum disorder and CP. In addition to tracking prevalence, this program contributes information on the characteristics and risk factors for CP, including:

- Racial disparities in functional limitations among children with cerebral palsy, ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22081059](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22081059))
- Classifying gross motor function among children with cerebral palsy, ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21133973](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21133973))
- Relationship between multiple births and cerebral palsy, ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19360679](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19360679))

### Does WISADDS conduct community outreach?

This project offers workshops where occupational and physical therapists in Wisconsin learn how to classify gross motor functioning in children with CP. This project also sponsors trainings in early identification of developmental disabilities for pediatricians and other pediatric health care providers serving Wisconsin. The goal is to improve the ability of providers to recognize early signs of CP and autism spectrum disorder and make appropriate referrals.

### What are some of the resources available in Wisconsin for children with developmental disabilities, their families, and the professionals who serve them?

- Wisconsin promotes CDC's *Learn the Signs. Act Early.* campaign in an effort to raise awareness about developmental milestones and the importance of early screening and intervention. Visit [www.ActEarly.wisc.edu](http://www.ActEarly.wisc.edu) for more information.
- Wisconsin Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) provide confidential information, referral and follow-up so all families of children and youth with special health care needs and providers have access to complete and accurate information. The Regional Center staff regularly provide training related to early

identification, autism spectrum disorder, developmental screening, and community-based resources. To find out what is available in your area, visit [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/overview/index.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/overview/index.htm)

- *Finding Your Way: A Navigation Guide for Wisconsin Families Who Have Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and Disabilities* is another valuable resource that provides brief descriptions of programs, services, and systems of support available in Wisconsin. You can download the booklet at [www.waisman.wisc.edu/connections/pdfs/FindingYourWay.pdf](http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/connections/pdfs/FindingYourWay.pdf)
- Wisconsin First Step is a 24-hour hotline and searchable online database for families and providers who support the needs of children and youth with special needs: call 1-800-642-7837 or visit [www.mch-hotlines.org](http://www.mch-hotlines.org)
- United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) provides services to individuals with CP and other disabilities and has local chapters across Wisconsin including UCP of Greater Dane County ([www.ucpdane.org](http://www.ucpdane.org)), UCP of Southeastern Wisconsin ([www.ucpsew.org](http://www.ucpsew.org)), and UCP of West Central Wisconsin ([www.ucpwcw.org](http://www.ucpwcw.org)).

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“Before the publication of the ADDM CP Network findings, we had no way of estimating how many children in Wisconsin have CP, and no information on their levels of functioning. Now we have both kinds of information, which can be used for planning purposes and to improve the lives of children with CP and their families.”

-Dr. Maureen Durkin