Data Brief 472. Mental Health Treatment Among Children Aged 5-17 Years: United States, 2021

Data table for Figure 1. Percentage of children aged 5–17 years who had received any mental health treatment, taken medication for their mental health, or received counseling or therapy from a mental health professional in the past 12 months, by age group: United States, 2021

Mental health treatment and age group (years)	Percent (95% confidence interval)	Standard error
Any mental health treatment		
Total	. 14.9 (13.9–16.0)	0.53
5–11	. 11.3 (10.0–12.7)	0.66
12–17	. 18.9 (17.2–20.7)	0.86
Took medication		
Total	. 8.2 (7.4–9.0)	0.39
5–11	. 5.9 (5.0–6.9)	0.66
12–17	. 10.7 (9.4–12.0)	0.49
Received counseling or therapy		
Total	. 11.5 (10.6–12.5)	0.46
5–11	,	0.57
12–17	. 14.6 (13.2–16.1)	0.73

NOTES: Children were considered to have received any mental health treatment if they were reported to have taken medication for their mental health, received counseling or therapy from a mental health professional, or both in the past 12 months. Confidence intervals were calculated using the Korn–Graubard method for complex surveys. Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population.



Data table for Figure 2. Percentage of children aged 5–17 years who had received any mental health treatment, taken medication for their mental health, or received counseling or therapy from a mental health professional in the past 12 months, by sex: United States, 2021

Mental health treatment and sex	Percent (95% confidence interval)	Standard error
Any mental health treatment		
Boys	15.3 (13.8–16.8)	0.76
Girls	14.5 (13.1–16.0)	0.72
Took medication		
Boys	9.0 (7.9-10.2)	0.59
Girls	7.3 (6.3–8.3)	0.51
Received counseling or therapy		
Boys	11.0 (9.8–12.3)	0.63
Girls	12.1 (10.8–13.4)	0.66

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Data table for Figure 3. Percentage of children aged 5–17 years who had received any mental health treatment, taken medication for their mental health, or received counseling or therapy from a mental health professional in the past 12 months, by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 2021

Mental health treatment and race and Hispanic origin	Percent (95% confidence interval)	Standard error
Any mental health treatment		
Asian, non-Hispanic	4.4 (2.7-6.7)	0.93
Black, non-Hispanic	12.5 (9.6–15.8)	1.50
White, non-Hispanic	18.3 (16.9–19.9)	0.76
Hispanic	10.3 (8.7–12.1)	0.85
Took medication		
Asian, non-Hispanic	2.3 (1.1-4.2)	0.66
Black, non-Hispanic	8.3 (5.9–11.3)	1.32
White, non-Hispanic	10.1 (9.0–11.2)	0.55
Hispanic	4.9 (3.7–6.2)	0.62
Received counseling or therapy		
Asian, non-Hispanic	3.1 (1.7-5.1)	0.80
Black, non-Hispanic	8.8 (6.5–11.5)	1.23
White, non-Hispanic	14.1 (12.8–15.5)	0.68
Hispanic	8.1 (6.6–9.8)	0.77

NOTES: Children were considered to have received any mental health treatment if they were reported to have taken medication for their mental health, received counseling or therapy from a mental health professional, or both in the past 12 months. Children categorized as Hispanic may be of any race or combination of races. Children categorized as Asian non-Hispanic, Black non-Hispanic, or White non-Hispanic indicated one race only. Confidence intervals were calculated using the Korn-Graubard method for complex surveys. Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population.

Data table for Figure 4. Percentage of children aged 5–17 years who had received any mental health treatment, taken medication for their mental health, or received counseling or therapy from a mental health professional in the past 12 months, by urbanization level: United States, 2021

Percent (95% confidence interval)	Standard error
14.0 (12.7–15.3)	0.66
14.9 (13.0–16.8)	0.95
19.1 (16.0–22.6)	1.65
7.1 (6.2–8.0)	0.46
8.5 (7.0–10.1)	0.76
12.1 (9.8–14.7)	1.21
11.5 (10.3–12.8)	0.62
11.0 (9.5–12.5)	0.75
13.0 (10.3–16.1)	1.42
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