



How Many Children in Illinois Have Special Health Care Needs? January 2021 Update

- **557,386** children or 19.4% of children in Illinois have special health care needs per the 2018-19 National Survey of Children's Health:
<http://childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=5423&r=1>
- **16,000** children were served by Illinois' Title V CYSHCN program –UIC- Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) in 2019. 2.8% of IL CYSHCN served by DSCC in 2019:
http://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/publications/FY21%20Application%20FY9%20Report%20Illinois%20MCH%20Title%20V%20Block%20Grant_v.073020.pdf (page 30)
- **21,516** children with active IFSPs (Individual Support Plans for infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays) received Early Intervention services as of 6/20: <http://dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=126153>
- **293,553** children ages 3 – 21 in Illinois received special education and related services in accordance with their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs):
<https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/state.aspx?source=studentcharacteristics&source2=iep&Stateid=IL>
- **34,694** in Illinois under age 18 received SSI (Supplemental Security Income) for very low-income children with severe disabilities as of 12/2019:
https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_asr/2019/sect04.html#table17
- **16,090** children and youth (up to age 22) with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are on the Illinois DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities waiting list (PUNS) to receive funding for waiver services as of 12/20:
<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=56033>

