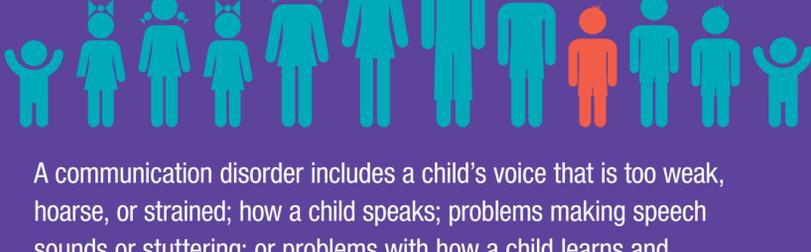
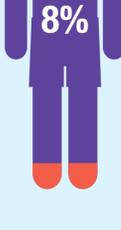


Nearly 1 in 12 Children Ages 3–17 Has a Disorder Related to Voice, Speech, Language, or Swallowing



A communication disorder includes a child's voice that is too weak, hoarse, or strained; how a child speaks; problems making speech sounds or stuttering; or problems with how a child learns and understands words or sentences. A swallowing disorder means that a child has trouble swallowing food or liquids for at least 1 week.

Treatment, such as speech and language therapy, can help these children overcome their communication or swallowing disorders.



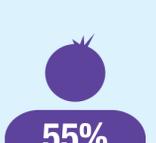
Nearly **8%** of children ages 3–17 has had a communication or swallowing disorder during the **past 12 months**.



Among those with any communication or swallowing disorder, **younger children, boys, and non-Hispanic white children** were more likely than other children **to receive treatment** for their disorder.

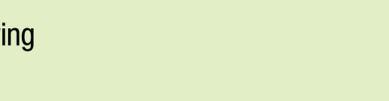
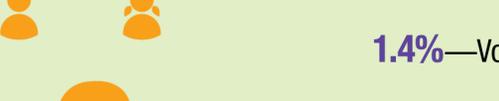
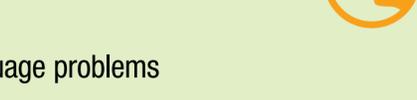


Children ages 3–6, boys, and non-Hispanic black children are more likely than other children **to have** any communication or swallowing disorder.



Approximately **55%** of children ages 3–17 who had any communication or swallowing disorder **received treatment** during the past 12 months.

What percentage of children ages 3–17 years had a communication disorder during the past 12 months?



Among children with a communication or swallowing disorder during the past 12 months, what proportion had multiple types of these disorders?



Did the percentage of children ages 3–17 with any communication or swallowing disorder during the past 12 months vary by race/Hispanic origin, sex, or age group?

RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN



Non-Hispanic white



Non-Hispanic black



Hispanic

SEX



Girls



Boys

AGE (YEARS)



3–6 year olds



7–10 year olds



11–17 year olds

Among children ages 3–17 with a communication or swallowing disorder, what percentage received treatment during the past 12 months?



Any communication or swallowing disorder



Speech problems



Language problems



Voice problems



Swallowing problems

Did the percentage of children ages 3–17 who received treatment during the past 12 months for any communication or swallowing disorder vary by race/Hispanic origin, sex, and age group?

RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN



Non-Hispanic white

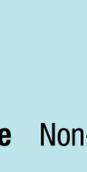


Non-Hispanic black

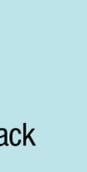


Hispanic

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