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?

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 have a communication or swallowing disorder. Among children with any communication or swallowing disorder:

- Less than half of these children received treatment during the past 12 months.

Among Hispanic children, boys, and non-Hispanic black children:

- These children are more likely than other children to have a communication or swallowing disorder.

Approximately 55% of children ages 3–17 who have a 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?

1 in 3 children ages 3–10
1 in 4 children ages 11–17

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

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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

- Among Hispanic children, boys, and non-Hispanic black children:
  - These children are more likely than other children to have a communication or swallowing disorder.

SEX

- Among boys and girls:
  - Boys are more likely than girls to have a communication or swallowing disorder.

AGE (YEARS)

- Among children ages 3–17 with a communication or swallowing disorder who received treatment during the past 12 months:
  - Younger children are more likely than other children to receive treatment for their disorder.

Source: