

IDEA PART C DATA FACT SHEET

Exiting

Legislative Authority: "(a) IN GENERAL- Each State that receives assistance under this part, and the Secretary of the Interior, shall provide data each year to the Secretary -- (1)(A) on -- . . . (vi) the number of children with disabilities, by race and ethnicity, who, from birth through age 2, stopped receiving early intervention services because of program completion or for other reasons" (Section 618 of IDEA).

Description of Data: State counts of the number of infants and toddlers with disabilities, ages birth through age 2, who exited Part C services during a 12-month reporting period. All children who reached their third birthday while still receiving Part C services should also be reported as exits. Only infants and toddlers who had an active individualized family service plan (IFSP) in place at some time during the State-determined 12-month reporting period are to be reported. Data are collected as a two-way tabulation of reason for exit by race/ethnicity. These data are not collected by individual age year.

Dimensions of Data:

- State (all 50 States, DC, and Outlying Areas).
- Reasons for Exit (Completion of IFSP Prior to Reaching Maximum Age for Part C; Part B Eligible, continuing in Part C; Part B Eligible, Exiting Part C; Not Eligible for Part B, Exit to Other Programs; Not Eligible for Part B, Exit with No Referrals; Part B Eligibility Not Determined; Deceased; Moved Out of State; Withdrawal by Parent or Guardian; and Attempts to Contact Unsuccessful). See below for definitions of these categories.
- Gender
- Race/ethnicity (American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black or African American (not Hispanic), Hispanic or Latino, and White (not Hispanic)).

Brief History of Collection: Data have been collected since the 1998-1999 reporting period. In the 2006-07 reporting period the labels for exiting types were changed. Part B eligible was broken into two categories: Part B eligible, continuing in Part C and Part B eligible, exiting Part C. See *OSEP Part C Data Collection History* for a complete description of how these data have been collected.

Considerations for Analysis/Interpretation of Data:

- As with all new data collections, it is important to interpret the exiting data cautiously. These data have improved over time as States modified their data collection systems and procedures to accurately capture exits from Part C. In the past, some states failed to report as exits those children who reached their third birthday while receiving Part C services.
- States determine the 12-month reporting period of data collection; therefore, the reporting period varies from State to State.
- Differences in State Part C and Part B eligibility criteria affect the rate at which children exiting Part C are eligible for Part B.

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- See the data notes provided in each *Annual Report to Congress* for State reporting practices.

Definitions of Exiting Categories:

Program Completion:

- 1 Completion of IFSP prior to reaching maximum age for Part C. Count of children who have *not reached maximum age* for Part C, have completed their IFSP, and no longer require services under IDEA, Part C.
- 2 Part B Eligible, continuing in Part C. Count of children whose parents chose to remain in Part C until the child is eligible for kindergarten.
- 3 Part B Eligible, exiting Part C. Count of children served in Part C who exited (or will soon exit) Part C and were determined to be eligible for Part B during the reporting period. This includes children who receive Part B services in conjunction with Head Start.
- 4 Not eligible for Part B, exit with referrals to other programs. Count of children *who reached maximum age* for Part C, were determined not eligible for Part B, and were referred to other programs, which may include preschool learning centers, Head Start (but not receiving Part B services), and child care centers, and/or were referred for other services, which may include health and nutrition services, such as WIC.
- 5 Not eligible for Part B, exit with no referrals. Count of children *who reached maximum age* for Part C and were determined not eligible for Part B services, but were not referred to other programs.
- 6 Part B eligibility not determined. Count of children for whom Part B eligibility has not been made. This category includes children who were referred for Part B evaluation, but for whom the eligibility determination has not yet been made or reported and children for whom parents did not consent to transition planning. This category includes any child *who reached maximum age* for Part C, and who has not been counted in categories 2 through 4 above.

Other Exit Reasons:

- 7 Deceased. Count of children who died during the reporting period, even if their death occurred at the age of exit.
- 8 Moved out of State. Count of children who moved out of State during the reporting period. Do not report a child who moved within State (i.e., from one program to another) if services are known to be continuing.
- 9 Withdrawal by parent (or guardian). Count of children whose parents declined all services after an IFSP was in place, as well as children whose parents declined to consent to IFSP services and provided written or verbal indication of withdrawal from services.

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- 10 Attempts to contact the parent and/or child were unsuccessful. Count of children who have not reached the maximum age of service under Part C, who had an active IFSP, and for whom Part C personnel have been unable to contact or locate the family or child after repeated, documented attempts. This category includes any child who did not complete an IFSP and exited Part C before reaching maximum age and who has not been counted in categories 6 through 8 above.

Definitions of Race/Ethnicity Categories:

- American Indian or Alaska Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- Asian or Pacific Islander. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This includes, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, Vietnam, Hawaii, Guam, and Samoa.
- Black or African American (not Hispanic). A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.
- Hispanic or Latino. A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- White (not Hispanic). A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
- Total. The unduplicated total across the race/ethnicity designations.