

Autism Diagnosis Services Report

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Early Intervention (EI) is a system of services and supports individually designed to help families meet the specific needs of their children. EI programs provide services based on the regulations provided by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). The EI system includes children who are served by Nevada Early Intervention State Programs and Comprehensive Community Provider Programs contracted through NEIS.

Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) is required to report MCHAT screenings, diagnosis to date, and children engaged in the diagnostic process (NRS 427A.8803) and results of entry and exits assessments for children served by EI who have a diagnosis of ASD (NRS 427A.872) to the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders (CASD). Additionally, the CASD has requested ongoing reporting related to the services received by children who have a diagnosis.

The tables below recognize the number of children identified in the system as having an autism diagnosis and their services as they relate to the child's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)^{1,4,5}. These are point-in-time data as collected from TRAC-IV, Nevada's Part C IDEA data system.

Region ³	Children with Autism ¹	Active Caseload	Percentage of Active Caseload
South	69	2,140	3.2%
Northwest	16	813	2.0%
Rural	2	313	0.6%
Statewide Total	87	3,266	2.7%

Service Types	FY23	FY22			FY21	
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q1	Q4	Q1
Audiology	8	5	4	1	2	5
Feeding	10	12	9	8	8	3
Intensive Behavioral Services	2	2	3	2	8	31
Nutrition	11	11	11	13	5	2
Occupational Therapy	70	66	85	93	74	74
Physical Therapy	9	12	18	13	12	10
Service Coordination	0	1	0	0	0	0
Special Instruction	120	114	142	139	102	94
Speech/Language Therapy	97	93	114	104	92	85
Vision Services	3	0	1	2	2	2
Service Delivery Total⁴	330	316	387	375	305	306
Children with Autism¹	87	89	100	104	90	78
Ratio of Services to Child⁶	4:1	4:1	4:1	4:1	3:1	4:1

*Please note: an error was identified with previous data. This has been corrected.

These data will be collected at a more consistent rate going forward with data collected during the last full week of the first month of the quarter.

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†Data Notes:

¹ Includes children in Active status (demographics) who have “Yes” selected for Autism Diagnosis according to data entered in TRAC.

² Reporting periods refer to the date of data collection as applied to the last six service-related reports provided. Those dates include 9/14/20, 5/18/21, 9/22/21, 1/28/22, 4/25/22 and 7/25/22.

³ South region includes the state program serving Las Vegas and outlying rural regions plus community provider programs serving Las Vegas. The Northwest region includes the state program serving Reno plus the community provider programs. The Rural region includes Carson City and outlying areas plus the state programs serving Elko, Ely, Winnemucca, and other outlying rural locations.

⁴ Services include ongoing services in “Current” status plus services that have not yet initiated but are in “Needed” status. It does not include previously received services or assessments that are needed to determine an ongoing frequency. Service-related data may be duplicated by child if the child receives the same service but with different methods of delivery, i.e., individual and co-treatment.

⁵ Early Intervention services are driven by the identified needs of the child and concerns presented by the parent/caregiver. Services are not diagnosis driven.

⁶ Ratio of services to child represents the number of services by individual child. This number has been rounded up to the nearest whole number. The ratio reads services:child.