Children Birth-21 who are Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing in Minnesota

Characteristics of students in Minnesota who are D/HH, 2016-17

Enrollment count by region for all students who are D/HH

Statewide total 2,040

2% of the total MN student population

Statewide total special education and D/HH students K-12

119,045 special education students

1.7% of which are D/HH

GRADE K-12

AGE 0-21

Age distribution of all D/HH students

Cases referred:
5%
Cases identified:
242 permanent
91 transient
Cases lost to follow-up:
216
40%
newborns with REFER results had no audiology appointment after a failed newborn screening

Source: Early hearing detection and intervention (EHDI)

2017 Kindergarten readiness for D/HH students

Percentage of children who were D/HH with no cognitive delays/disabilities exiting Part B and transitioning to kindergarten that demonstrated:

Source: Minnesota Department of Education

SCHOOL-AGE KIDS

Source: Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) test scores

2016-17 Statewide proficiency by student category for the proportion of students who met or exceeded proficiency in math and reading

59% All students
26% Special education
40% D/HH*

Math

Reading

* D/HH students who are on an IEP and for whom hearing loss is listed as their primary disability

Newborns screened for hearing loss in 2015: 68,063

Cases referred: 5%
Cases identified: 242 permanent
91 transient
Cases lost to follow-up: 216
40%
newborns with REFER results had no audiology appointment after a failed newborn screening

Source: Minnesota Department of Education Legislative report

Outcomes by age group

BIRTH TO AGE 5

Of the 242 cases of permanent hearing loss reported to MDH in 2015:
61% are bilateral
30% are unilateral
10% are unknown/closed cases

Of the 61% bilateral hearing loss cases
3% Severe or profound
23% Moderate or moderately severe
41% Mild or slight
31% Unknown

Source: Early hearing detection and intervention (EHDI)

2015-2016 Post-school outcomes for D/HH students

Sector of college enrollment

PN Private 2-Year
9%
MN Private 4-Year
3%
MN Public 4-Year
17%
Out-of-State
22%
MN Public 2-Year
49%

Minnesota has:
2,545 deaf children age 0-21
83 deafblind children age 0-21

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