

2015 Autism and Disability Reports

Autism Reports

- [Estimated Prevalence of Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities Following Questionnaire Changes in the 2014 National Health Interview Survey](#) (PDF: 299 KB) - November 13, 2015

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

This report by the [CDC](#) describes survey-based estimates of the lifetime prevalence of autism spectrum disorder from the 2014 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS).

- [Draft Recommendation Statement : Autism Spectrum Disorder in Young Children: Screening](#) – August 2015

U.S. Preventative Services Task Force

The USPSTF commissioned a systematic review to evaluate the evidence on the accuracy, benefits, and potential harms of brief, formal screening instruments for ASD administered during routine primary care visits, and the benefits and potential harms of early behavioral treatment for children identified with ASD through screening. The review focused on studies of screening in children younger than age 3 years who were unselected (i.e., not identified because of risk factors or concerns regarding ASD).

- [National Autism Indicators Report: Transition into Young Adulthood](#) (PDF – 683 KB) - 2015
A.J. Drexel Autism Institute, Life Course Outcomes Research Program

This report published by the [A.J. Drexel Autism Institute's Life Course Outcomes Research Program](#) presents evidence on a wide range of experiences and outcomes of young adults on the autism spectrum between high school and their early 20s.

- [Federal Autism Research: Updated Information on Funding from Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012 \[HTML version\], \(PDF – 868 KB\)](#) - June 30, 2015
U.S. Government Accountability Office

This report provides information gathered by the GAO on federal funding for autism research activities from 2008-2012.

Disability Reports

- [Self-Driving Cars: Mapping Access to a Technology Revolution](#) (PDF – 693 KB) – November 2, 2015
National Council on Disability

The new report from the [National Council on Disability](#) maps out the emerging revolution in transportation technology and explores the ways these advances have the potential to increase independence for people with disabilities, along with an examination of the various roadblocks that may be encountered en route to that destination. The report evaluates current technology, regulatory considerations, and obstacles both scientific and political; and provides recommendations for preventing or eliminating barriers, including model legislative language.

- [National Disability Policy: A Progress Report](#) (PDF – 946 KB) – July 26, 2015
National Council on Disability

This report published by the [National Council on Disability](#) focuses on employment, education, health care, transportation, and housing, and demonstrates the impact of federal legislation and the critical role that disability advocates and state and local officials have played who translate the spirit and letter of the ADA and other federal legislation into practice.

- [The President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities 2015 Report to the President: Leveling the Playing Field Improving Technology Access and Design for People with Intellectual Disabilities](#) (PDF – 979 KB)
The President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities

This is the annual report to Congress from the [President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities](#).

- [Briefing Paper: Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act \(HEA\): The Implications for Increasing the Employment of People with Disabilities](#) – May 19, 2015
National Council on Disability

- The [National Council on Disability](#) (NCD) published this policy brief, making substantive recommendations for the impending Congressional reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) in order to improve higher education outcomes for students with disabilities.

- [Accessibility of America’s Housing Stock: Analysis of the 2011 American Housing Survey \(AHS\) \[HTML version\] \(PDF – 2 MB\)](#) - March 2015
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Multidisciplinary Research Team

In this report, the [Multidisciplinary Research Team](#) presents summary measures of housing accessibility based on the 2011 American Housing Survey, which included questions related to disability.

- [A Picture of Disability and Designated Housing \[HTML version\], \(PDF – 2 MB\)](#) March 2015
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Multidisciplinary Research Team Report

In this report, the [Multidisciplinary Research Team](#) examines the characteristics of federally-assisted housing designated for disabled households living in the U.S.

- [The 2020 Federal Youth Transition Plan: A Federal Interagency Strategy](#) (PDF – 316 KB) – February 2015
Federal Partners in Transition Workgroup

This report was created by an interagency working group, the [Federal Partners in Transition Workgroup](#), to identify ways to improve programs for [youth with disabilities](#) moving from school to work or higher education.

- [Home and Community-Based Services: Creating Systems for Success at Home, at Work and in the Community](#) (PDF – 1 MB) – February 24, 2015
National Council on Disability

In this report, the [National Council on Disability](#) reviews the research on outcomes since the Supreme Court’s Olmstead decision, and reports that trends indicate that smaller, more dispersed and individualized community settings further integration and positive outcomes for individuals with disabilities.