Annual State Report on Preschool Children with Disabilities in Ohio:  
State Fiscal Year 2015  
(July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015)

Schools provide services to children with disabilities as early as preschool. Every year, the Ohio Department of Education reports the number of preschool-age children receiving special education services. Preschool children are at least three years old and not yet in kindergarten.

Disability categories

- Autism (AUT)
- Deaf-blindness (DB)
- Developmental Delay (DD)
- Emotional Disturbance (EMN)
- Visual Impairment (VI)
- Hearing impaired/Deafness (HI)
- Multiple Disabilities (MD)
- Intellectual Disability (ID)
- Other Health Impairment (OHI)
- Orthopedic Impairment (OI)
- Specific Learning Disability (SLD)
- Speech or Language Impairment (SLI)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Developmental Delay (DD) and Speech or Language Impairment (SLI) are the most common disability categories among preschool-age children. Seventy-six percent (16,974) of children served in preschool special education receive services for one of these disabilities.

Autism (AUT) accounted for 9 percent of the total; and the categories Multiple Disabilities (MD) and Other Health Impairment (OHI) made up another 8 percent; with all other disability categories describing the remaining 7 percent.
Table 2: Age distribution of preschool children in Ohio special education

Of the 22,411 preschool-age children served in Ohio special education last year, 24 percent were three years old, 37 percent were four years old and the remaining 39 percent were five years old.

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![Pie chart showing age distribution of Ohio children with disabilities provided preschool services.](image)