

CDC Announces 1 in 68 Children Has an Autism Spectrum Disorder

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention today released new data from the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network indicating 1 in 68 children have been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, based on surveillance in 2010. This represents a 30 percent increase in two years. To view the entire report, visit CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

A news release including statements from AAP leadership on the new data is posted at <http://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/Pages/Autism-Prevalence-on-the-Rise-1-in-68-Children-Diagnosed-With-Autism-Spectrum-Disorder.aspx>.

The AAP offers speaking points and resources to its members, including an AAP News article, clinical reports on identification and evaluation of ASD, a toolkit for clinicians, information for patients and families including brochures, a booklet, and a book for parents and caregivers, at <http://www.aap.org/autism>.