



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

To: Indiana State Board of Education  
From: Dr. Pamela Wright, Director of Special Education  
Date: January 26, 2017  
Re: Special Education Child Count

Indiana Code 20-43-4-4 provides that the State Board shall monitor changes that occur in the number of students enrolled in programs for students with disabilities. The State Superintendent shall certify the December special education child count to the State Budget Committee no later than February 5.

This memo provides this information in the tables below. The first table lists the unduplicated special education child count taken from the DOE-SE and DOE-SV data reported on December 1, 2016. The second table lists the preschool child count taken from the DOE-SE reported on December 1, 2016. Both tables provide comparisons to the totals between this year's counts and the counts taken on December 1, 2015.

CHILD COUNT COMPARISONS (DECEMBER 1, 2015 AND DECEMBER 1, 2016 SOURCE: DOE-SE AND DOE-SV AGES 5B-22			
UNDUPLICATED STATE TOTALS (AGES 5B-22) DEC 1 DOE-SE and DOE-SV CHILD COUNTS			
Exceptionality Category	12-1-15 Count	12-1-16 Count	Increase/Decrease
Multiple Disability	2,098	2,092	-6
Orthopedic Impairment	1,466	1,463	-3
Blind or Low Vision	980	944	-36
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	2,193	2,224	31
Emotional Disability – FT	6,488	6,487	-1
Emotional Disability - All Other	6,237	6,318	81
Specific Learning Disability	54,739	54,874	135
Language/Speech Impairment	34,217	34,055	-162
Mild Cognitive Disability	10,361	10,224	-137
Moderate Cognitive Disability	3,701	3,654	-47
Severe Cognitive Disability	417	389	-28
Deaf Blind	26	28	2
Autism Spectrum Disorder	14,706	15,210	504
Traumatic Brain Injury	453	469	16
Other Health Impairment	21,119	22,705	1,586
<b>Total Unduplicated Count</b>	<b>159,201</b>	<b>161,136</b>	<b>1,935 (+1.22%)</b>

PRESCHOOL CHILD COUNT COMPARISONS DECEMBER 1, 2015 AND DECEMBER 1, 2016			
SOURCE: DOE-SE			
AGES 3-5A			
STATE TOTAL (AGES 3-5A) PRE-SCHOOL DECEMBER 1 DOE-SE CHILD COUNT			
	12-1-15 Count	12-1-16 Count	Difference
Multiple Disability	128	105	-23
Orthopedic Impairment	155	141	-14
Blind or Low Vision	48	42	-6
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	204	183	-21
Emotional Disability – FT	4	4	0
Emotional Disability - All Other	6	3	-3
Specific Learning Disability	15	24	9
Developmental Delay	4,241	4,349	108
Language/Speech Impairment	6,746	6,837	91
Mild Cognitive Disability	112	100	-12
Moderate Cognitive Disability	47	31	-16
Severe Cognitive Disability	9	7	-2
Deaf Blind	1	2	1
Autism Spectrum Disorder	632	605	-27
Traumatic Brain Injury	13	13	0
Other Health Impairment	297	284	-13
<b>Total Preschool Count</b>	<b>12,658</b>	<b>12,730</b>	<b>72 (+0.57%)</b>