

Learning Disabilities Statistics

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Below are some statistics compiled from a variety of sources regarding the incidence rate of learning disabilities and the affect they have on when left undiagnosed and untreated.

1. 4.6 million people in the United States have learning disabilities. (National Institute of Mental Health)
2. 44% of females and 57% of men with learning disabilities drop out of high school. (National Adult Literacy Survey)
3. Only 13% of students with learning disabilities attend any post-secondary school program. (National Longitudinal Transition Study)
4. 50% of juvenile delinquents tested were found to have undetected learning disabilities. (National Center for State Courts and the Educational Testing Service)
5. 60% of adolescents in treatment for substance abuse have learning disabilities. (Hazelton Foundation)
6. 31% of adolescents with learning disabilities will be arrested 3-5 years out of high school. (National Longitudinal Transition Study)
7. Up to 40 percent of all adults on welfare have learning disabilities. (Learning Disability Institute).
8. The leading variable accounting for suicides among youths under the age of 14 is learning disabilities. (Director of the Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center)