



Facts About Autism

Did you know...

- 1 in 150 children is diagnosed with autism
- 1 in 94 boys is on the autism spectrum
- 67 children are diagnosed per day
- A new case is diagnosed almost every 20 minutes
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes & cancer combined
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the United States
- Autism costs the nation over \$90 billion per year, a figure expected to double in the next decade
- Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases
- Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism

Incidence vs. Private Funding

Leukemia	Affects 1 in 25,000	Funding: \$310 million
Muscular Dystrophy	Affects 1 in 20,000	Funding: \$175 million
Pediatric AIDS	Affects 1 in 8,000	Funding: \$394 million
Juvenile Diabetes	Affects 1 in 500	Funding: \$130 million
Autism	Affects 1 in 150	Funding: \$15 million

National Institutes of Health Funds Allocation

- Total 2005 NIH budget: \$29 billion
- Of this, only \$100 million goes towards autism research. This represents 0.3% of total NIH funding.

