

Data Trends

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This News brief alerts you to the following report from ChildStats.gov: "*America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being 2005*." A summary of this report is available at: <http://childstats.gov/americaschildren/spe3.asp> with links to the full report by section.

The report found that "in 2003, 5% of children ages 4-17 were reported by a parent to have definite or severe difficulties with emotions, concentration, behavior, or being able to get along with other people. Sixty-five percent of the parents of these children reported contacting a mental health professional or general doctor and/or that the child received special education for these difficulties."

The percentage of children with definite or severe emotional or behavioral difficulties differed by age and gender. The overall percentage for males was 6 percent; it ranged from a low of 5 percent among ages 4-7 to a high of 7 percent among ages 8-10 and 15-17. The overall percentage for females was 3 percent; it ranged from a low of 2 percent among ages 4-7 to a high of 5 percent among ages 15-17."

"America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2005 is a biennial report to the Nation on the condition of children in America. Nine contextual measures describe the changing population, family, and environmental context in which children are living, and 25 indicators depict the well-being of children in the areas of economic security, health, behavior and social environment, and education. This year's report has special features on children with asthma, children with specified blood lead levels, and parental reports of children's emotional and behavioral difficulties. In addition, the report includes a special section on family structure and the well-being of children."

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