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The "Youth with disabilities: A changing population," a report of findings from the National Longitudinal Transition Study (NLTS) and National Longitudinal Transition Study-2 (NLTS2), has recently been released. Conducted by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), this report compares differences between the population of 15-17 year old youth with disabilities in 1987 with those in 2001, including: household and student characteristics, services provided by the schools, and youths' achievements in academic and social domains. The Executive Summary reports that there were considerably more students diagnosed with autism and ADHD, and that more students with emotional disabilities than other disabilities received services in the schools. The NLTS2 was originally reported on in Data Trends News Brief #9. The Executive Summary of the report is available at:  
<http://www.cec.sped.org/pp/nlts2.pdf>

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