

National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (2005/06 NS-CSHCN)

Health Conditions and Functional Difficulties

The list of conditions and functional difficulties asked about in the survey is not comprehensive and does not include every condition or difficulty that CSHCN might experience. Rather, the survey asks about a broad range of conditions and difficulties, including some that are common and some for which prevalence estimates are important for research or policy objectives.

Functional Difficulties		Current Health Conditions	
“The next questions are about ways [child’s name] might experience difficulties due to [his/her] health. Would you say [he/she] experiences any difficulty with...”	Survey Item Number(s)	“To the best of your knowledge, does [child’s name] currently have any of the following:”	Survey Item Number(s)
Seeing even when wearing glasses or contact lenses	S3Q01-01B	Asthma	S3Q16
Hearing even when using hearing aids	S3Q02-02B	Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	S3Q17
Breathing or other respiratory problems	S3Q03	Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder	S3Q18
Swallowing, digesting food, or metabolism	S3Q04	Down Syndrome	S3Q19
Blood circulation	S3Q05	Mental retardation or developmental delay	S3Q20
Repeated or chronic pain, including headaches	S3Q06	Depression, anxiety, an eating disorder or other emotional problem	S3Q21
Taking care of self, such as eating, dressing or bathing	S3Q07	Diabetes	S3Q22-22A
Coordination or moving around (age appropriate examples provided)	S3Q08	Heart problem, including congenital heart disease	S3Q23
Using his/her hands (age appropriate examples provided)	S3Q09	Blood problems, such as anemia or sickle cell disease (not including sickle cell trait)	S3Q25
Learning, understanding or paying attention	S3Q10	Cystic Fibrosis	S3Q26
Speaking, communicating, or being understood	S3Q11	Cerebral Palsy	S3Q27
Feeling anxious or depressed	S3Q12	Muscular Dystrophy	S3Q28
Behavior problems, such as acting-out, fighting, bullying or arguing	S3Q13	Epilepsy or seizure disorder	S3Q29
Making and keeping friends	S3Q14	Migraine or frequent headaches	S3Q30
		Arthritis or joint problems	S3Q32
		Allergies	S3Q31-31A