

The Dangers of Ignoring Mental Health and Developmental Issues:

The Prevalence of Disorders



It is estimated that

13-20%

of children living in the United States (up to 1 out of 5 children) experience a mental disorder in a given year...¹



Of children and adolescents 6-17 years old who were defined as needing mental health services, nearly

80%

 did not receive mental health care.²

Latinos and the uninsured were the most likely to have their mental health needs unmet.²

In 2008, just over half (58.7%) of adults in the United States with a serious mental illness received treatment.

This includes all adults who received care in inpatient or outpatient settings and/or used prescription medication for mental or emotional problems.

(This means that 41.3% were left untreated.)³

High School Graduation rates (nationally):⁵

Students with emotional, behavioral and mental health disorders

40%



National average

76%



In 2014, there were an estimated 43.6 million adults aged 18 or older in the United States with any mental illness (AMI) in the past year. This number represented 18.1% of all U.S. adults.⁴

According to a 2004 study, approximately

83%

 of students with emotional and behavioral disorders scored below the mean of the control group in reading, writing, and math.⁶

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