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April is World Autism Month

Autism Prevalence

The CDC releases ASD prevalence reports from the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network that are based on information collected from 11 communities across the United States that participate in the CDC's ADDM Network. Missouri (specifically the St. Louis region) has been a monitoring site for over 17 years.

Among 8-year-old children living in the 11 ADDM areas:

• For every **44 children**, one child had autism. This was a little more than what was found in earlier studies (1 in every 54 children had autism in the previous study).

The <u>ADDM Network is also collecting prevalence information on 4 year-olds</u>. Link to more information and data, from the <u>CDC's ASD Homepage</u>.

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