

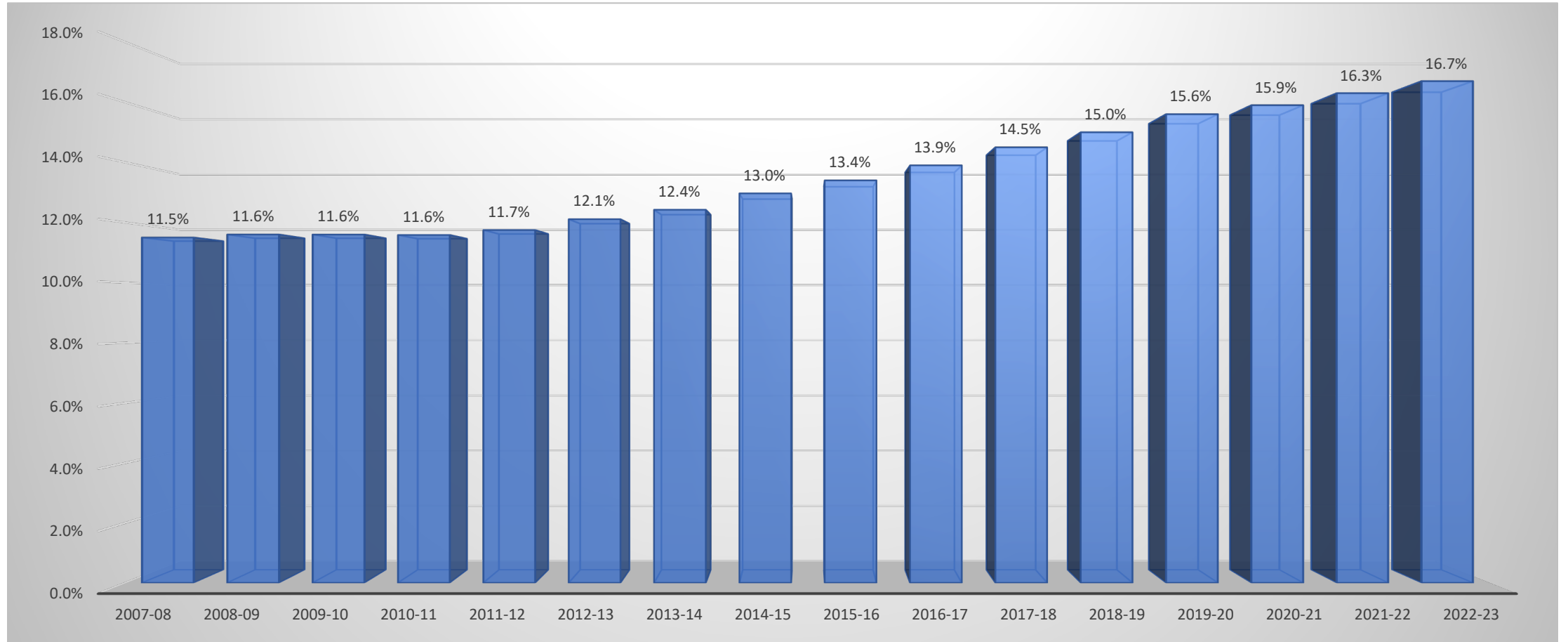
Special Education in Connecticut

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K-12 Prevalence in Connecticut



Prevalence Rate Data

Prevalence rates are calculated as a K-12 percentage because CT does not have universal PreK.

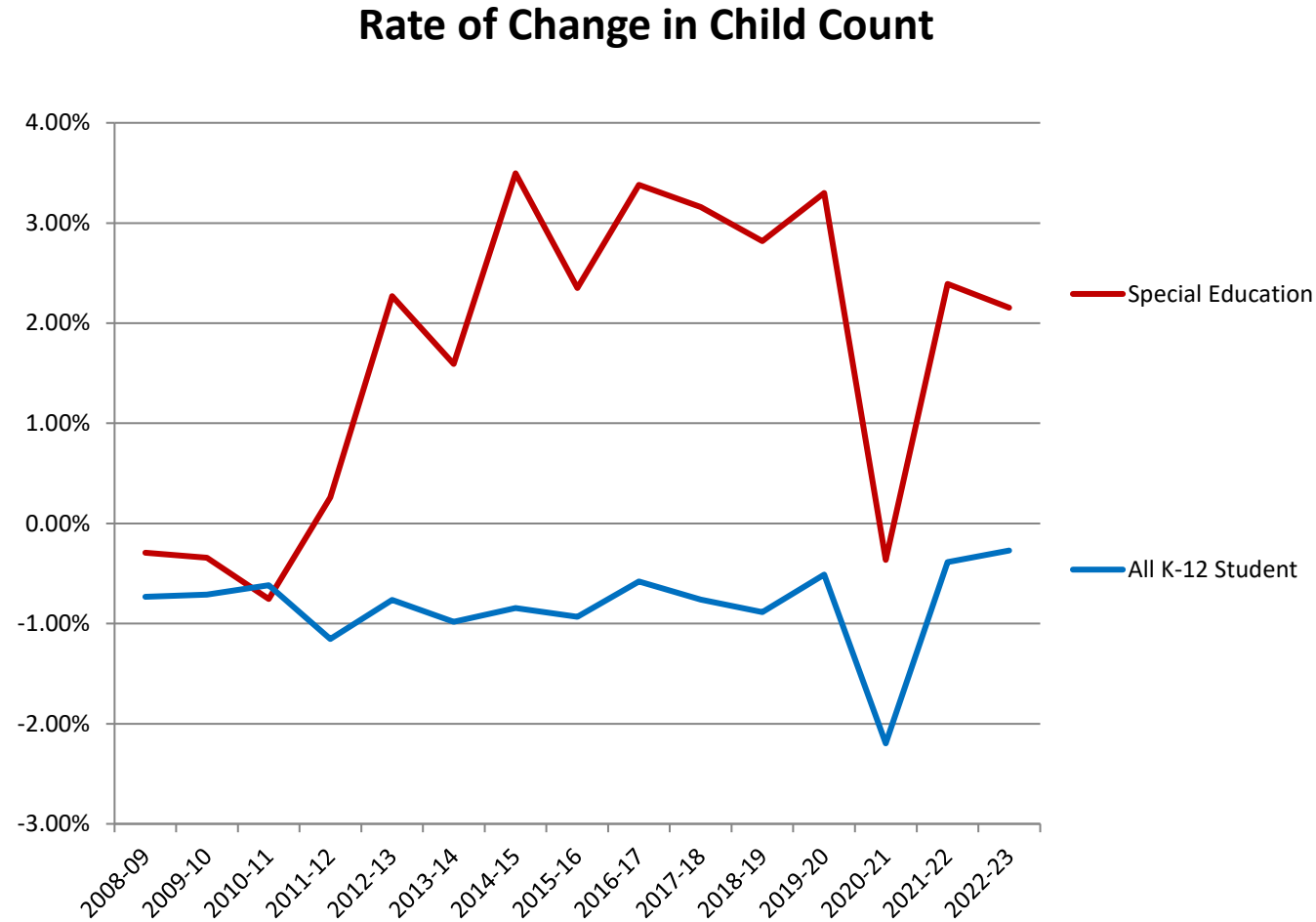
Preschool is generally approximately 30% special education students and 70% peer mentors. Due to the high proportion of students with disabilities in the statewide preschool population, they are excluded from the prevalence rate calculation.

Prevalence rate is influenced by 2 numbers:

- the increasing identification of students with disabilities and,
- the decreasing total K-12 enrollment in Connecticut.

Special education student counts are increasing at approximately 2.5% per year, while the total enrollment is dropping at a rate of about 0.5% per year.

Rate of Change in Prevalence Numerator & Denominator



Historic Prevalence

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-2023
Prev.	11.6%	11.7%	12.1%	12.4%	13.0%	13.4%	13.9%	14.5%	15.0%	15.6%	15.9%	16.3%	16.7%
K-12	63,486	63,651	65,100	66,132	68,445	70,055	72,420	74,708	76,815	79,349	79,059	80,950	82,680
3 - 21	68,165	68,280	69,730	70,785	73,293	75,030	77,519	79,758	82,336	85,010	84,155	86,103	88,635
S.Plan	634	603	577	572	548	553	525	540	581	615	534	580	589
K12All	548,052	541,727	537,595	532,320	527,835	522,906	519,885	515,935	511,367	508,748	497,576	495,656	494,321

Prevalence by Disability

YEAR	District	Learning Disability Prevalence	Intellectual Disability Prevalence	Emotional Disturbance Prevalence	Speech/Lang. Impairment Prevalence	Other Health Impairment Prevalence	Autism Prevalence	Other Disability Prevalence	Special Education Prevalence
2022-23	Statewide	6.3%	0.6%	1.0%	1.9%	3.4%	2.4%	1.1%	16.7%
2021-22	Statewide	6.1%	0.6%	1.1%	1.9%	3.3%	2.3%	1.1%	16.3%
2020-21	Statewide	5.8%	0.5%	1.1%	1.9%	3.3%	2.1%	1.2%	15.9%
2019-20	Statewide	5.7%	0.5%	1.1%	1.8%	3.3%	2.0%	1.1%	15.6%
2018-19	Statewide	5.5%	0.5%	1.1%	1.8%	3.2%	1.9%	1.1%	15.0%
2017-18	Statewide	5.2%	0.5%	1.1%	1.8%	3.1%	1.8%	1.1%	14.5%
2016-17	Statewide	4.9%	0.5%	1.0%	1.8%	2.9%	1.7%	1.1%	13.9%
2015-16	Statewide	4.6%	0.5%	1.0%	1.9%	2.8%	1.6%	1.0%	13.4%
2014-15	Statewide	4.4%	0.5%	1.0%	1.9%	2.6%	1.5%	1.0%	13.0%
2013-14	Statewide	4.2%	0.4%	1.0%	1.9%	2.5%	1.4%	1.0%	12.4%
2012-13	Statewide	4.0%	0.4%	1.0%	2.0%	2.4%	1.3%	1.0%	12.1%
2011-12	Statewide	3.9%	0.4%	1.0%	2.1%	2.2%	1.2%	1.0%	11.7%
2010-11	Statewide	3.9%	0.4%	1.0%	2.2%	2.1%	1.1%	0.9%	11.6%
2009-10	Statewide	3.9%	0.5%	1.0%	2.2%	2.1%	1.0%	0.9%	11.6%
2008-09	Statewide	3.9%	0.5%	1.0%	2.3%	2.1%	0.8%	0.9%	11.6%

Rate of Change by Disability

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2008-2023	2014-2023
Learning Disability	21,893	21,658	21,164	21,048	21,647	22,272	23,416	24,287	25,659	26,907	28,069	29,090	28,837	30,174	31,082		
LD Change		-1.1%	-2.3%	-0.5%	2.8%	2.9%	5.1%	3.7%	5.6%	4.9%	4.3%	3.6%	-0.9%	4.6%	3.0%	42.0%	39.6%
Intellectual Disability	2,605	2,545	2,448	2,418	2,148	2,324	2,380	2,406	2,525	2,576	2,589	2,680	2,708	2,782	2,782		
ID Change		-2.3%	-3.8%	-1.2%	-11.2%	8.2%	2.4%	1.1%	4.9%	2.0%	0.5%	3.5%	1.0%	2.7%	0.0%	6.8%	19.7%
Emotional Disturbance	5,592	5,397	5,326	5,299	4,972	5,231	5,400	5,413	5,452	5,542	5,715	5,839	5,637	5,241	5,092		
ED Change		-3.5%	-1.3%	-0.5%	-6.2%	5.2%	3.2%	0.2%	0.7%	1.7%	3.1%	2.2%	-3.5%	-7.0%	-2.8%	-8.9%	-2.7%
Speech/Lang. Impairment	12,964	12,393	11,785	11,131	10,689	10,274	10,058	9,690	9,365	9,204	9,094	9,260	9,348	9,357	9,629		
SLI Change		-4.4%	-4.9%	-5.5%	-4.0%	-3.9%	-2.1%	-3.7%	-3.4%	-1.7%	-1.2%	1.8%	1.0%	0.1%	2.9%	-25.7%	-6.3%
Other Health Impairment	11,398	11,559	11,712	12,133	12,885	13,394	13,946	14,553	15,166	15,790	16,151	16,637	16,268	16,582	16,712		
OHI Change		1.4%	1.3%	3.6%	6.2%	4.0%	4.1%	4.4%	4.2%	4.1%	2.3%	3.0%	-2.2%	1.9%	0.8%	46.6%	24.8%
Autism	4,712	5,324	5,866	6,402	6,828	7,289	7,788	8,222	8,653	9,078	9,606	10,197	10,528	11,195	11,841		
AU Change		13.0%	10.2%	9.1%	6.7%	6.8%	6.8%	5.6%	5.2%	4.9%	5.8%	6.2%	3.2%	6.3%	5.8%	151.3%	62.5%
Other Disability	5,023	5,092	5,185	5,220	4,975	5,348	5,457	5,484	5,600	5,611	5,591	5,646	5,733	5,603	5,556		
OD Change		1.4%	1.8%	0.7%	-4.7%	7.5%	2.0%	0.5%	2.1%	0.2%	-0.4%	1.0%	1.5%	-2.3%	-0.8%	10.6%	3.9%
K-12 SWD	64,187	63,968	63,486	63,651	65,096	66,132	68,445	70,055	72,420	74,708	76,815	79,349	79,059	80,950	82,694		
SWD Change		-0.3%	-0.8%	0.3%	2.3%	1.6%	3.5%	2.4%	3.4%	3.2%	2.8%	3.3%	-0.4%	2.4%	2.2%	28.8%	25.0%

Prevalence by Grade

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	% Change 2022-23 2021-22	% Change 2021-22 2020-21	% Change 2020-21 2019-20	% Change 2019-20 2018-19	% Change 2018-19 2017-18	% Change 2022-23 2015-16
K	9.8%	10.3%	10.6%	11.1%	11.5%	12.3%	12.0%	11.9%	-0.8%	-2.4%	7.0%	3.6%	4.7%	21.4%
1	9.4%	10.0%	10.6%	10.9%	11.5%	11.8%	11.9%	12.7%	6.7%	0.8%	2.6%	5.5%	2.8%	35.1%
2	10.5%	11.2%	11.7%	12.6%	13.2%	12.6%	13.4%	14.3%	6.7%	6.3%	-4.5%	4.8%	7.7%	36.2%
3	12.1%	12.7%	13.5%	14.2%	15.1%	14.8%	15.1%	16.0%	6.0%	2.0%	-2.0%	6.3%	5.2%	32.2%
4	13.9%	13.6%	14.4%	15.2%	16.0%	16.0%	16.4%	16.7%	1.8%	2.5%	0.0%	5.3%	5.6%	20.1%
5	14.3%	15.3%	15.0%	15.8%	16.5%	16.8%	17.0%	17.6%	3.5%	1.2%	1.8%	4.4%	5.3%	23.1%
6	14.8%	15.3%	16.3%	15.9%	16.6%	16.8%	17.3%	17.7%	2.3%	3.0%	1.2%	4.4%	-2.5%	19.6%
7	14.5%	15.2%	15.8%	16.9%	16.4%	16.7%	17.3%	17.7%	2.3%	3.6%	1.8%	-3.0%	7.0%	22.1%
8	14.7%	14.8%	15.7%	16.3%	17.3%	16.7%	17.2%	17.6%	2.3%	3.0%	-3.5%	6.1%	3.8%	19.7%
9	15.2%	16.0%	16.0%	16.8%	17.3%	18.1%	17.9%	18.2%	1.7%	-1.1%	4.6%	3.0%	5.0%	19.7%
10	14.5%	14.9%	15.5%	15.7%	16.6%	16.8%	18.0%	17.6%	-2.2%	7.1%	1.2%	5.7%	1.3%	21.4%
11	13.6%	14.1%	14.5%	14.8%	15.1%	16.2%	16.2%	17.0%	4.9%	0.0%	7.3%	2.0%	2.1%	25.0%
12	15.8%	16.7%	17.4%	17.8%	18.4%	19.1%	21.0%	21.0%	0.0%	9.9%	3.8%	3.4%	2.3%	32.9%