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Did you know...

- 1 in 150 children is diagnosed with autism
- 1 in 94 boys is on the autism spectrum
- 67 children are diagnosed per day
- A new case is diagnosed almost every 20 minutes
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes & cancer combined
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.
- Autism costs the nation over \$35 billion per year, a figure expected to significantly increase in the next decade
- Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases
- Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism



Incidence vs. Private Funding

- Leukemia: Affects 1 in 25,000 / Funding: \$310 million
- Muscular Dystrophy: Affects 1 in 20,000 / Funding: \$175 million
- Pediatric AIDS: Affects 1 in 8,000 / Funding: \$394 million
- Juvenile Diabetes: Affects 1 in 500 / Funding: \$130 million
- Autism: Affects 1 in 150 / Funding: \$42 million

National Institutes of Health Funds Allocation

- Total 2007 NIH budget: \$29 billion
- Of this, \$80 million goes directly to autism research. This represents 0.28% of total NIH funding.

(According to Autism Speaks' review, only 63% of the \$127 million of the NIH's autism-related spending in FY2007 was on direct autism spending.)