TRENDS IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS
Voice, Speech, Language And Swallowing

1 in 12 children ages 3–17 has had a disorder related to voice, speech, language, or swallowing in the past 12 months.

4.9% of children aged 3–6 years experience a communication disorder.

11% of children aged 7-10 years experience a communication disorder.

9.3% of children aged 11-17 years experience a communication disorder.

BOYS are more likely than girls to be diagnosed with a communication disorder with 9.6% of boys and 5.7% of girls.

SPEECH disorders are the most common communication disorder, accounting for more than 5% of the 7.7% total.

50% + of children with a communication disorder receive intervention services.

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