



AUTISM RATES IN THE UNITED STATES

Chart shows an increase in Autism rates at the same time Aspartame came on the market and chart also shows a slight decrease in rates when many of the Aspartame products were replaced with Sucralose. In 1983, the FDA further approved aspartame for use in carbonated beverages, and for use in other beverages, baked goods, and confections in 1993. In 1996, the FDA removed all restrictions from aspartame, allowing it to be used in all foods. Diet Coke was sweetened with partially sweetened with aspartame in 1983 and 100% sweetened with Aspartame soon after. In 2005, Diet Coke switched to Splenda (Sucralose) instead of Aspartame.

Example of California Statistics

Birth Years	Age	# of Individuals	% Rounded
2006-2007	0-2 years	44	0%
2002-2004	3-5 years	7,245	20%
1998-2001	6-9 years	9,740	26%
1994-1997	10-13 years	7,010	19%
1990-1993	14-17 years	4,783	13%
1986-1989	18-21 years	2,554	7%
1976-1985	22-31 years	2,624	7%
1966-1975	32-41 years	1,364	4%
1956-1965	42-51 years	1,112	3%
1946-1955	52-61 years	387	1%
1945 and earlier	62+ years	79	0%
CA Total Individuals with Autism		35,716	