

Data Calculation—Indicator C2: Natural Environments



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Indicator

Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings.

Measurement

Percent = [(# of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings) divided by the (total # of infants and toddlers with IFSPs)] multiplied by 100.

General Considerations

- Only children ages 0 through 2 are included in the indicator calculation.
- The calculations are affected by how states define the “primary setting” for a child as reported in the annual IDEA Part C Child Count and Settings Survey.
 - Primary setting: The service setting in which the child receives the largest number of hours of Part C early intervention services, as listed in the IFSP as of the child count date.

Numerator and Denominator Guidance

These values are prefilled in the SPP/APR with the 618 data submitted in the state’s most recent annual child count and settings survey. Only single-day counts are used in the calculation.

The **numerator** includes:

- The single-day count of children reported in the annual child count under the settings of home or community-based setting

The **denominator** includes:

- The single-day total number of children reported in the annual child count, regardless of setting

Data Source

- The most recently submitted 618 IDEA Part C Child Count and Settings Survey

Data Points Needed for Calculation

- Service setting, as submitted in the annual child count survey

Example Calculation

4,102 children who received early intervention services in natural environments

4,223 total children who had active IFSPs

OR

$4,102 / 4,223 = 0.971 \times 100 = 97.1\%$ of the children who had IFSPs received services in natural environments

Resources

- [EMAPS User Guide: IDEA Part C Child Count and Settings \(July 2024\)](#): See this 618 data submission guide for definitions and details about what must be submitted and how.

This data calculation document is one in a series of documents available at: <https://dasycenter.org/spp-apr-checklists-and-tips/>

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