



STRATEGY: EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

State Variation in Early Intervention Services: State Criteria for Eligibility and Children Receiving Services

State	Criteria Used to Determine Eligibility for EI Services	Categorical Assessment of State's Eligibility Criteria	% of All Children <3 Receiving EI Services
Alabama	25% delay in one area	Broad	2.1%
Alaska	50% delay in one area	Narrow	2.7%
Arizona	50% delay in one area	Narrow	2.3%
Arkansas	25% delay in one area	Broad	0.9%
California	33% delay in one area or are at high risk for developing a delay, for children up to 36 months old	Moderate	3.5%
Colorado	25% delay in one area	Broad	4.1%
Connecticut	2 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Narrow	4.9%
Delaware	25% delay or 1.75 standard deviations below the mean in one area	Broad	3.3%
District of Columbia	50% delay in one area or 25% delay in two areas	Broad	3.7%
Florida	2 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Narrow	2.5%
Georgia	Diagnosed developmental delay confirmed by a qualified team of professionals	Narrow	2.5%
Hawaii	1.4 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 1 standard deviation below the mean in two areas	Broad	3.1%
Idaho	30% delay, 6-month delay or 2 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Narrow	3.0%
Illinois	30% or more delay one area	Moderate	3.8%
Indiana	25% delay or 2 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 20% delay or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Moderate	4.6%
Iowa	25% or more delay in one area	Broad	2.6%

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Kansas	25% delay in one area; or 20% delay in two areas	Broad	4.8%
Kentucky	2 standard deviations below the mean in one area or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Narrow	3.2%
Louisiana	1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Narrow	3.1%
Maine	2 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Narrow	2.5%
Maryland	25% delay or more in one area; or manifests behavior that is likely to result in a subsequent delay	Broad	4.0%
Massachusetts	1.5 standard deviations below the mean in one area	Moderate	10.1%
Michigan	20% delay or 1 standard deviation below the mean in one area	Broad	3.3%
Minnesota	1.5 standard deviations below the mean in one area	Moderate	2.9%
Mississippi	33% delay or 2 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 25% delay or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Moderate	2.0%
Missouri	50% delay in one area	Narrow	3.2%
Montana	50% delay in one area or 25% delay in two areas	Narrow	2.3%
Nebraska	2 standard deviations below the mean in one area or 1.3 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Moderate	2.7%
Nevada	50% delay in one area or 25% delay in two areas	Narrow	3.0%
New Hampshire	33% delay in one area or "atypical behavior" as documented by the family and qualified personnel	Moderate	5.7%
New Jersey	2 standard deviations below the mean in one area or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Narrow	4.6%
New Mexico	25% delay or 1.5 standard deviations in one area	Broad	8.7%
New York	33% delay, 12-month delay, or 2 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 25% delay or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Moderate	4.6%
North Carolina	30% delay or 2 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 25% delay or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Moderate	3.0%
North Dakota	50% delay in one area or 25% delay in two areas	Moderate	4.6%

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Ohio	1.5 standard deviations below the mean in one area	Moderate	2.7%
Oklahoma	50% delay or 2 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 25% delay or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Narrow	1.7%
Oregon	30% delay or 2 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 15% delay or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Narrow	3.2%
Pennsylvania	25% delay or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in one area	Broad	5.4%
Rhode Island	2 standard deviations below the mean in one area or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Moderate	6.5%
South Carolina	40% delay or 2 standard deviations below the mean in one area; or 25% delay or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two areas	Narrow	3.2%
South Dakota	1.5 standard deviations below the mean in one area	Moderate	3.3%
Tennessee	40% delay in one area or 25% delay in two areas	Moderate	3.2%
Texas	25% delay in one area; if the only delay is expressive language development there must be a 33% delay	Broad	2.3%
Utah	1.5 standard deviations below the mean or at or below the 7th percentile in one area	Moderate	3.1%
Vermont	Clearly observable and measurable delay in one area	Broad	6.1%
Virginia	25% delay in one area	Broad	3.5%
Washington	25% delay or 1.5 standard deviation below the mean in at least one area	Broad	3.4%
West Virginia	40% delay in one area; or 25% delay in two areas	Moderate	6.6%
Wisconsin	25% delay in one area	Broad	3.0%
Wyoming	25% delay or 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in one area	Moderate	5.9%

Sources: **Criteria used to determine eligibility:** legal statutes, health department regulations, and Early Intervention program websites, as of June 2020. **Categorical assessment and Percentage of children receiving services:** IDEA Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association, as of 2018.

Note: For additional information, please refer to the Methods and Sources section of pn3policy.org.