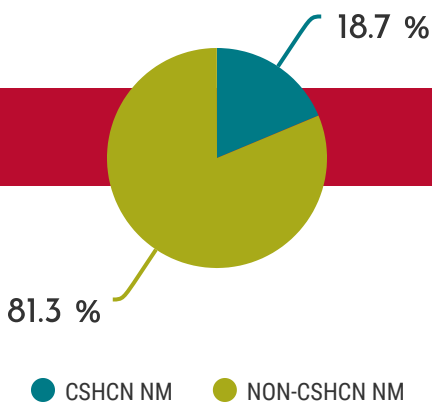


A Profile of Children with Special Health Care Needs in New Mexico

Summary of 2018-2019 National Survey of Children's Health

Nearly 1 in 5 Children in NM Have a Special Health Care Need

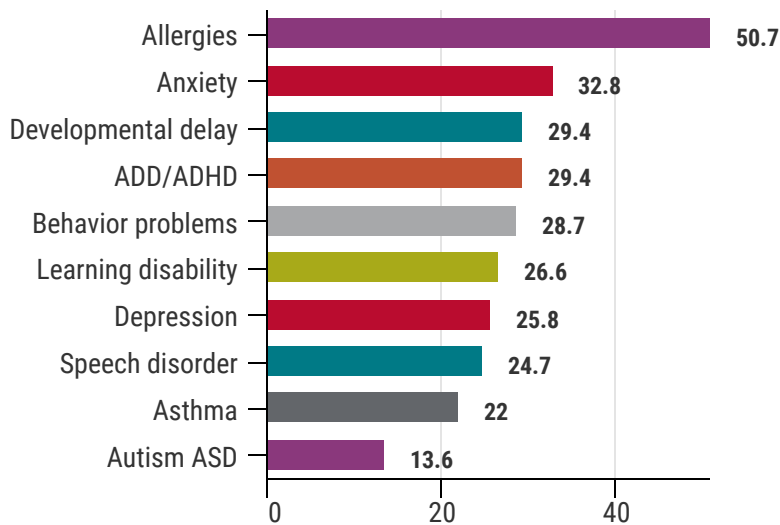


18.7% of children have a special health care need

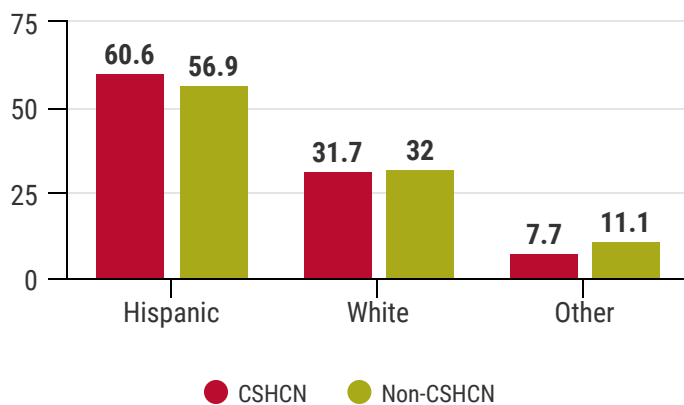
Who Are CSHCNs?

According to the CDC, children with special health care needs (CSHCN) are 0-17 and "require more care for their physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional differences than their typically developing peers. A special healthcare need can include physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities, as well as long-standing medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, a blood disorder, or muscular dystrophy."

Top Conditions of CSHCNs: Allergies & Anxiety



No Disparity by Race/Ethnicity



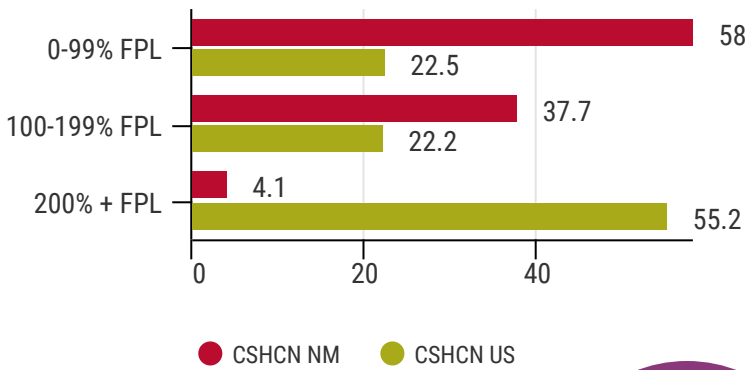
CSHCNs Have Greater Odds of Visiting ER & Missing School

Twice as likely to receive needed care coordination.

3.8 times more likely to miss 7 days or more of school



Families of CSHCNs Face Greater Economic Hardship



58% of households with CSHCNs in NM fall under 100% federal poverty level compared to 22.5% of CSHCN in the US.

1.5

times more likely to receive Medicaid

2

times more likely to have a hard time covering basics like food & housing

5.3

times more likely to stop or cut back on work due to their child's health

What can Public Health do?



Strengthen Economic Infrastructure:

Fully fund care coordination and strengthen assistance programs that help reduce the effects of poverty



Increase Resources:

Improve access to specialty care by promoting the medical home model and expanding access to specialty care



Provide Culturally Sensitive Healthcare:

Assess the extent to which providers understand the role of culture and language for NM's diverse communities