

Facts about Autism

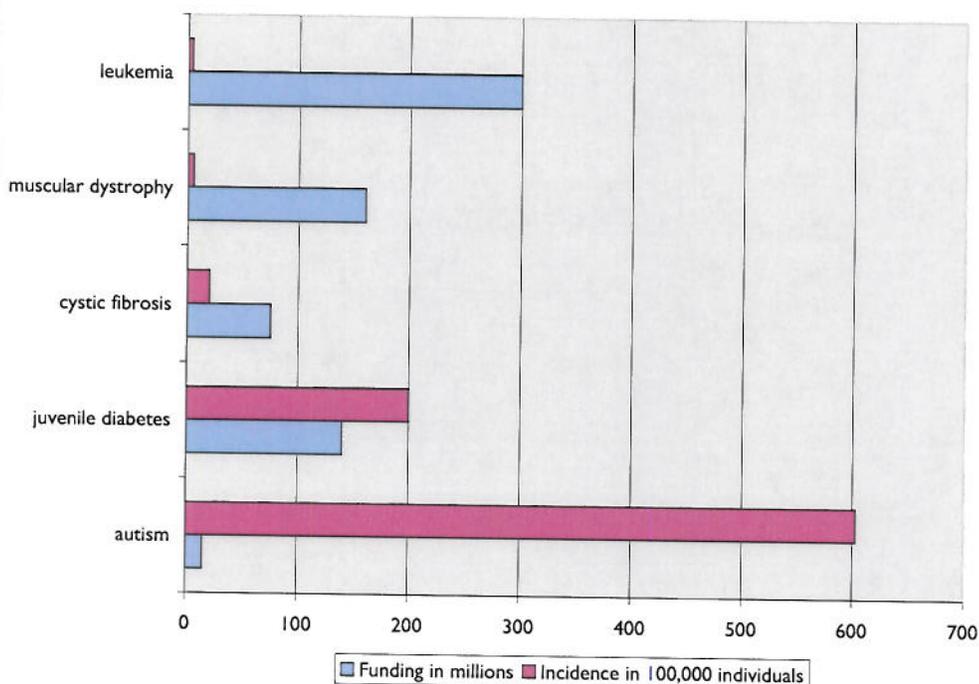
(Autism refers to a wide spectrum of disorders, ranging from severe to mild.)

- ❖ There are 1.77 million cases of autism in the U.S.
- ❖ A new case of autism is diagnosed nearly every 20 minutes
- ❖ There are 24,000 new cases diagnosed in the U.S. per year
- ❖ 1 in 150 children are diagnosed with autism
- ❖ Boys are 4 times more likely than girls to have autism
- ❖ Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.
- ❖ Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases
- ❖ There is no medical detection, treatment, or cure for autism
- ❖ The economic impact of autism is more than \$90 billion and expected to more than double in the next decade

Incidence vs. Funding

leukemia	1 in 25,000	\$300,000,000
muscular dystrophy	1 in 20,000	\$160,000,000
cystic fibrosis	1 in 5,000	\$75,000,000
juvenile diabetes	1 in 500	\$140,000,000
autism	1 in 150	\$15,000,000

(Dollar amounts reflect approximate annual funds raised by major private advocacy groups.)



National Institutes of Health Funds Allocation

\$29 billion
Total NIH funding

\$5 billion
Funding of relevant NIH departments: Child Health, Mental Health, Environmental Health, Neurological Disorders

\$100 million*
Portion of the \$5 billion allocation that directly or indirectly impacts autism research

***This represents 0.3% of total NIH funding.**

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