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SUBJECT: Data Gathering for GODHH – ***Updated on 1/21/26 with preliminary 2025-2026 Data***

This memo is written in response to the request from the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GODHH) for data relating to Maryland's deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing student population. Please review the enclosed data and let us know if there is additional information that would be helpful to the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard-of-Hearing Workgroup that we may provide.

Students by Select Disability

Students with Disabilities, by Disability Category (Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hearing Impairment) and IEP Special Considerations – Deaf or Hearing Impaired, Ages 3-21

The table below includes data for students whose primary disability was deaf, deaf-blind, or hearing impairment during the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and **2025-2026** school years. Addtitional data is provided in the far-right columns for students whose IEP teams indicate are deaf or hearing impaired under the special considerations section of the IEP. These students include all students receiving special education services who, regardless of primary disability, are deaf or hearing impaired.

Year	Total	Disability Category						IEP Special Considerations	
		Deaf		Deaf-Blind		Hearing Impairment		Deaf or Hearing Impaired	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2022-2023	114,754	346	0.30%	8	0.01%	443	0.39%	1,425	1.24%
2023-2024	119,140	316	0.27%	8	0.01%	444	0.37%	1,598	1.34%
2024-2025	121,958	323	0.26%	11	0.01%	456	0.37%	1,742	1.43%
2025-2026	124,034	318	0.26%	6	<0.01%	461	0.37%	1,801	1.45%

Students by Age

Students with Select Disability Categories (Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hearing Impairment) and IEP Special Considerations – Deaf or Hearing Impaired by Age, **2025-2026**

Age	Disability Category						IEP Special Considerations	
	Deaf		Deaf-Blind		Hearing Impairment		Deaf or Hearing Impaired	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total	**318**	**100%**	**6**	**100%**	**461**	**100%**	**1,801**	**100%**
3	19	5.97%	0	0.00%	16	3.47%	46	2.55%
4	9	2.83%	0	0.00%	21	4.56%	56	3.11%
5	22	6.92%	0	0.00%	31	6.72%	96	5.33%
6	14	4.40%	2	33.33%	25	5.42%	87	4.83%
7	32	10.06%	0	0.00%	46	9.98%	122	6.77%
8	21	6.60%	0	0.00%	36	7.81%	122	6.77%
9	18	5.66%	1	16.67%	33	7.16%	112	6.22%
10	34	10.69%	0	0.00%	33	7.16%	149	8.27%
11	16	5.03%	1	16.67%	36	7.81%	147	8.16%
12	25	7.86%	0	0.00%	31	6.72%	131	7.27%
13	19	5.97%	0	0.00%	35	7.59%	117	6.50%
14	20	6.29%	1	16.67%	33	7.16%	124	6.89%
15	20	6.29%	1	16.67%	28	6.07%	123	6.83%
16	13	4.09%	0	0.00%	22	4.77%	98	5.44%
17	19	5.97%	0	0.00%	22	4.77%	128	7.11%
18	12	3.77%	0	0.00%	12	2.60%	74	4.11%
19	4	1.26%	0	0.00%	1	0.22%	40	2.22%
20	1	0.31%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	24	1.33%
21	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	5	0.28%

Students by Race/Ethnicity

Students with Select Disability Categories (Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hearing Impairment) and IEP Special Considerations – Deaf or Hearing Impaired by Race/Ethnicity, **2025-2026**

Race/Ethnicity	Disability Category						IEP Special Considerations	
	Deaf		Deaf-Blind		Hearing Impairment		Deaf or Hearing Impaired	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total	**318**	**100%**	**6**	**100%**	**461**	**100%**	**1,801**	**100%**
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	0.65%	6	0.33%
Asian	22	6.92%	1	16.67%	36	7.81%	130	7.22%
Black or African American	66	20.75%	2	33.33%	90	19.52%	422	23.43%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	0.17%
White	124	38.99%	3	50.00%	139	30.15%	653	36.26%
Hispanic or Latino	95	29.87%	0	0.00%	171	37.09%	501	27.82%
Two or More Races	11	3.46%	0	0.00%	22	4.77%	86	4.78%

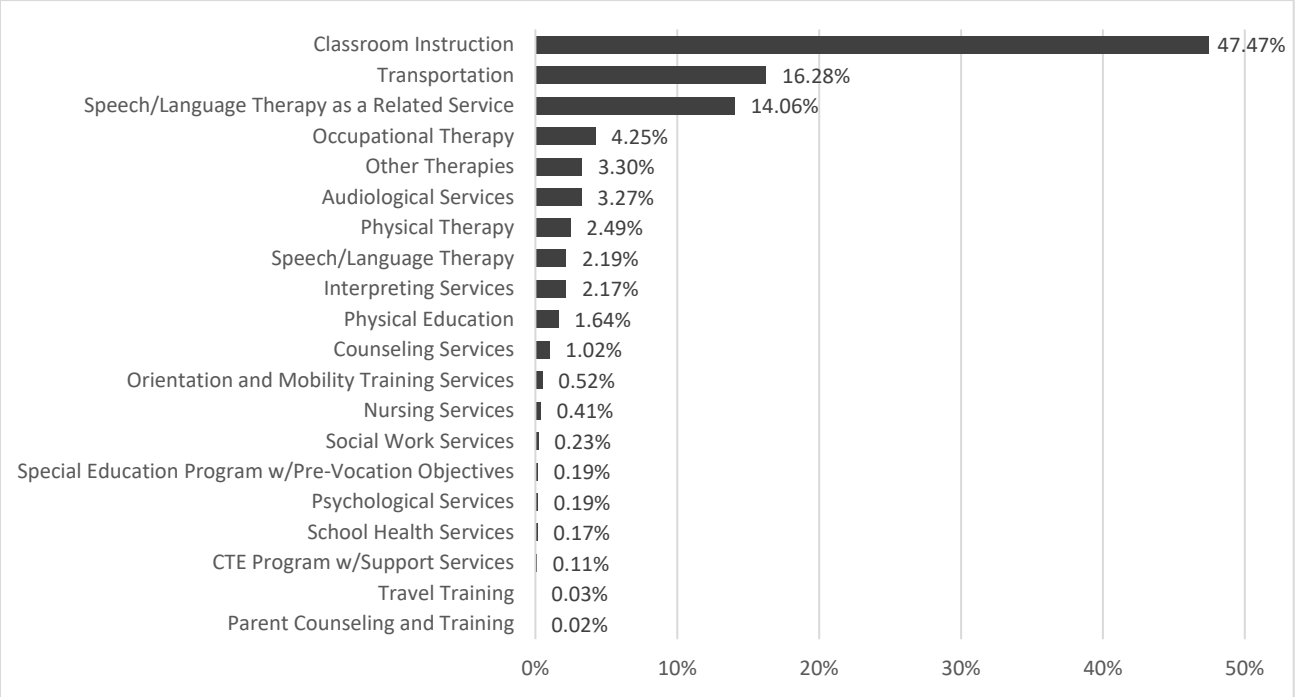
Assistive Technology Access

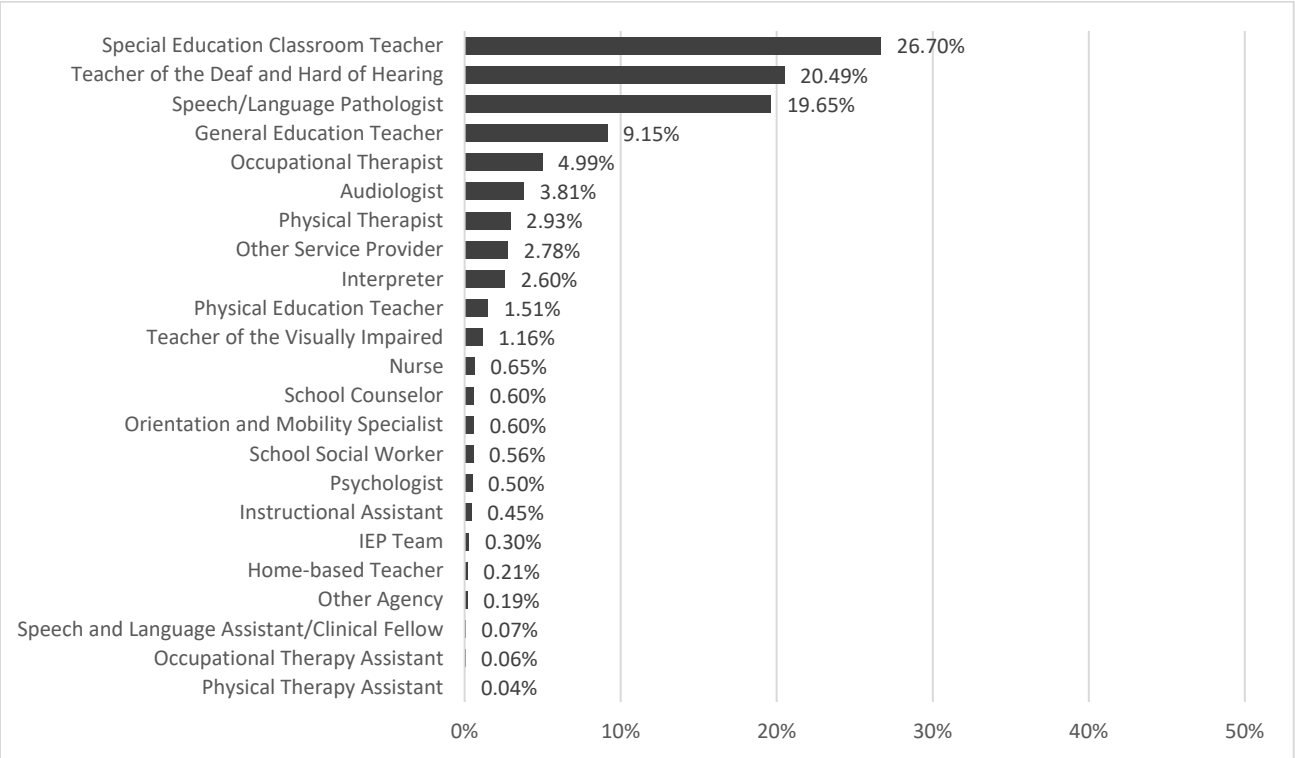
Students with Select Disability Categories (Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hearing Impairment) and IEP Special Considerations – Deaf or Hearing Impaired by Assistive Technology Access, **2025-2026**

Assistive Technology Device (ATD) Access	Disability Category						IEP Special Considerations	
	Deaf		Deaf-Blind		Hearing Impairment		Deaf or Hearing Impaired	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total	**318**	**100%**	**6**	**100%**	**461**	**100%**	**1,801**	**100%**
Yes (Accessed ATDs)	92	28.93%	6	100.00%	220	47.72%	888	49.31%
No (Did Not Access ATDs)	226	71.07%	0	0.00%	241	52.28%	913	50.69%

Service Utilization Data

Service Utilization for Students with IEP Special Considerations – Deaf or Hearing Impaired, **2025-2026**



Service Provider Data

Providers of Services to Students with IEP Special Considerations – Deaf or Hearing Impaired, **2025-2026**