



National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (NS-CSHCN) MCHB Core Outcomes

Summary of key differences in measurement: 2001 to 2005-2006

✓ = Outcome comparable across survey years
⊘ = Outcome not comparable across survey years

MCHB Core Outcomes	Percent of CSHCN achieving outcome		Key differences to consider when comparing results across survey years*
	2001 NS-CSHCN	2005/06 NS-CSHCN	
Outcome #1: CSHCN whose families are partners in decision making at all levels, and are satisfied with the services they receive	57.5% 95% CI: 56.0-59.0	57.4% 95% CI: 56.5-58.2	✓ The wording of the two questions used to evaluate this outcome did not change; same as 2001. The ordering and placement of one of the questions (C6Q0C) changed significantly in the 2005/06 survey.
Outcome #2: CSHCN who receive coordinated, ongoing, comprehensive care within a medical home	52.6% 95% CI: 51.7 -53.6	47.1% 95% CI: 46.3-48.0	⊘ Substantial additions, wording changes, and skip pattern revisions were made in 2005/06 to the sets of questions used to construct the Care Coordination and Access to Referrals components of the medical home composite measure for this outcome.
Outcome #3: CSHCN whose families have adequate private and/or public insurance to pay for the services they need	59.6% 95% CI: 58.7-60.5	62.0% 95% CI: 61.2-62.8	✓ No changes; same as 2001.
Outcome #4: CSHCN who are screened early and continuously for special health care needs	<i>Not assessed in 2001 survey</i>	63.8% 95% CI: 63.0-64.6	⊘ Questions C4Q05_X031 – X31C about need for and receipt of preventive dental care used in this outcome were newly added for 2005/06.
Outcome #5: CSHCN whose community-based services are organized in ways that so families can use them easily	74.3% 95% CI: 72.9-75.7	89.1% 95% CI: 88.6-89.6	⊘ Significant revisions made to the wording, ordering and placement of question C6Q0D in the 2005/06 survey. A lengthy introduction was added. In 2005/06, the response options for question C6Q0D changed from "Never, Sometimes, Usually, or Always" to "Yes/No."
Outcome #6: Youth with special health care needs who receive the services necessary to make appropriate transitions to adult health care, work, and independence (CSHCN ages 12-17 only)	5.8% 95% CI: 4.6-7.0	41.2% 95% CI: 40.0-42.5	⊘ In 2005/06, substantial changes and additions were made to the set of questions and skip patterns used for this outcome. Two questions were removed and several new questions were added to address concepts not measured in 2001.

* For a detailed description of the key differences in measuring the outcomes in 2001 versus 2005/06 NS-CSHCN, go to: <http://cshcndata.org/Viewdocument.aspx?item=178>