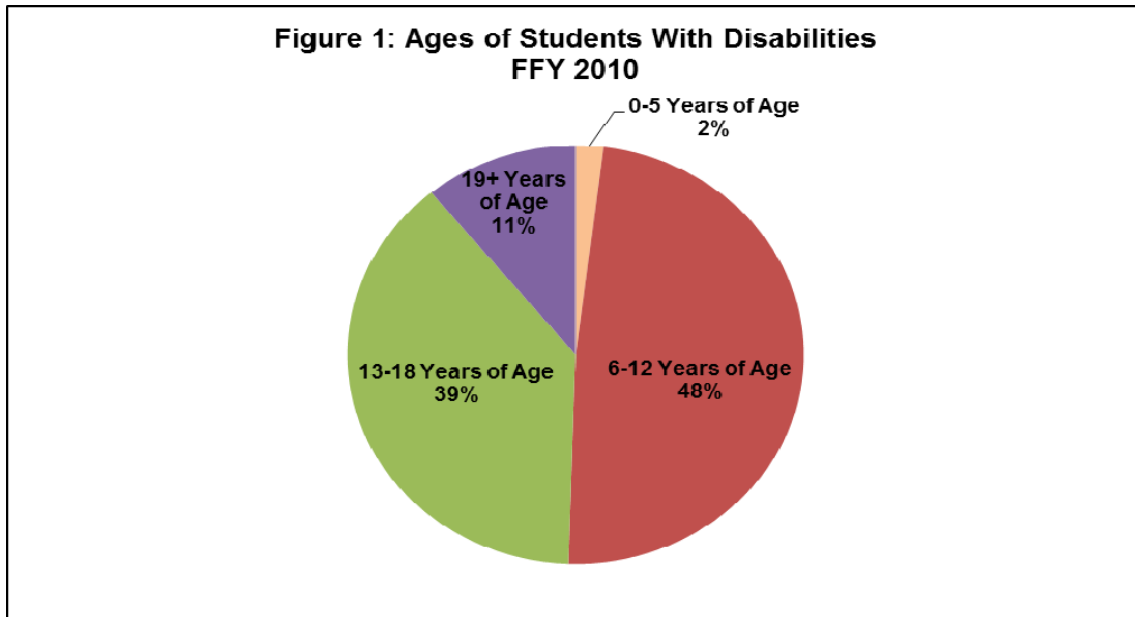


As shown in Figure 1, the majority of students with disabilities in California are between six and twelve years of age. The majority of special education students (68 percent) are male. Twenty-nine percent of special education students are English-language learners.



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California students diagnosed with at least one disability are eligible for services to meet those needs. There are 13 disability categories as identified in Table 2. The majority (42 percent) of students are identified as having a “Specific Learning Disability” as their primary disability category. The second most common primary disability designation for students (24.7 percent) is a “Speech/Language Impairment.”

**Table 2: Enrollment of Special Education Students by Disability Type**

Intellectual Disability	42,897	6.3%	Orthopedic Impairment	15,394	2.3%
Hard of Hearing	9,301	1.4%	Other Health Impairment	53,936	7.9%
Deaf	4,154	0.6%	Specific Learning Disability	287,773	42.3%
Speech and Language	168,046	24.7%	Deaf-Blindness	162	0%
Visual Impairment	4,456	0.7%	Multiple Disability	5,201	0.8%
Emotional Disturbance	27,314	4.0%	Autism	59,690	8.8%
Traumatic Brain Injury	1,831	0.3%			

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