

**THE OHIO CENTER FOR**



**DEAFBLIND EDUCATION**

**2008 Deafblind Census  
Summary Report**

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2008 State Deafblind Census ~ Ohio

Each year, a census is conducted by all of the state deafblind projects for data submission to the National Consortium on Deafblindness (NCDB). In turn, NCDB compiles all data across state deafblind projects for submission to Federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in Washington, DC. This submission includes non-identifying data on the children in each state who, due to a dual sensory loss, have been recognized as having deafblindness. As a result of this data compilation, reports about the characteristics of these children can be generated to create a “snapshot” of items such as:

*Causes of Deafblindness*

*Vision Loss*

*Hearing Loss*

*Other Impairments*

*Gender*

*Ethnicity*

*Living Settings*

*Education Settings*

*Category Codes*

## **Taking a Closer Look at Ohio’s Children with Deafblindness:**

**2008 Total Child Count:** 389

### **Leading Etiology Categories:**

Complications of Prematurity	50
Pre-natal/Congenital Complications	67
Post-natal/Non-Congenital Complications	63
Hereditary/Chromosomal Syndrome or Disorder	150

### **Basic Demographics:**

#### **Age Distribution**

Birth – 2 Years of Age	14 (3.6%)
3 – 5 Years of Age	32 (8.2%)
6 – 21 Years of Age	341 (87.7%)
Did Not Report	2 (0.1%)

#### **Gender Distribution**

Male	226 (58.1%)
Female	163 (41.9%)
Did Not Report	0 (0.0%)

Please see the following images and graphs for a pictorial overview of primary data categories.

