

Trends for Continuing Needs for Guardianship of Adults

A. Population trends which are critical related to Guardianship of Adults:

1. **Projected growth in the general population in our state,**
 - According to the Census Bureau’s projections, the elderly populations will more than double between now and the year 2050, and as many as 1 in 5 Americans could be elderly.
 - Most of this growth should occur between 2010 and 2030, when the “baby boom” generation enters their elderly years.
 - The “oldest old” – those aged 85 and over—are the most rapidly growing elderly age group, and are projected to be 24 percent of elderly Americans and 5 percent of all Americans.

2. **Elderly population along with Alzheimer’s Disease,**
 - Aging is the greatest risk factor for Alzheimer’s: 1 in 10 individuals over 65 and nearly half over 85 will contract the disease.
 - All Alzheimer’s patients will need guardianship.
 - A person with Alzheimer’s Disease will live an average of 8-12 years (and up to 20 years) from the onset of symptoms.
 - The Alzheimer’s Association indicates that the number of Americans with Alzheimer’s Disease will continue to grow from an estimate of 11.3 million to 16 million by 2050.

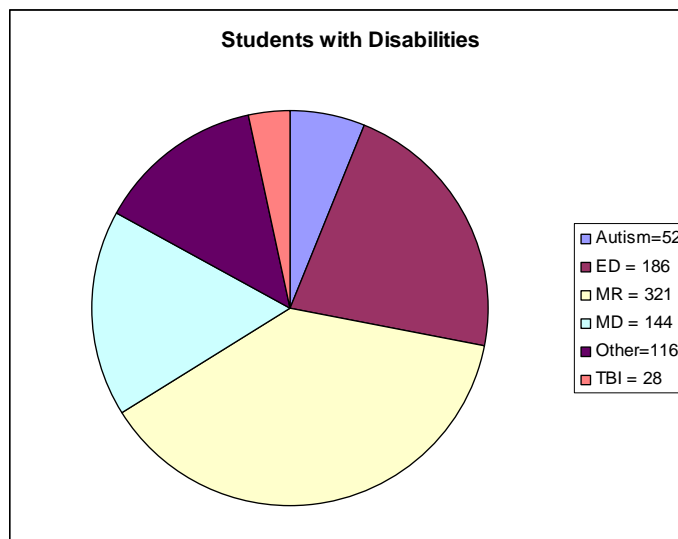
3. **Population of Veterans, including Brain Injuries**
 - Our state ranks 14th in the Nation for population of Veterans
 - 2.8% of our population is Veterans 18 Years and Over

4. **The homeless population**
 - There are 17,000 homeless in our state, according to Coalition to End Homeless.

B. Public Schools – Students with Disabilities Age 18-21

Populations needing guardianship (FY-07):

Autism	Emotional Disturbance - MH	Mental Retardation	Multiple Disabilities	Other Health Impaired	Traumatic Brain Injury	Total
52	186	321	144	116	28	847



Persons turning age 18 who fall in Special Education categories:

The five year projections for persons turning age 18 who fall in these Special Education categories of populations which may result in need for guardianship services, are as follows (per school years):

