

Having completed over 2 million health screenings, Special Olympics has amassed the largest database on the health of people with intellectual disabilities; showing, for example:

On a team of 10 Special Olympics athletes:



3 have untreated tooth decay



3 have low bone density



4 need eyeglasses



6 have problems with flexibility, meaning more risk of injury



3 will fail a hearing test



6 are overweight

Special Olympics data were referenced in the September 2017 Health and Human Rights: Progress Report of the Pan American Sanitary Conference of the Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO).