

Global prevalence of cerebral palsy

A systematic analysis (2022)



An international research team, led by Cerebral Palsy Alliance, has published the first global study of cerebral palsy trends in a decade.

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The paper analysed population-level data from:

- 5 continents
- 41 regions
- 27 countries

The prevalence of cerebral palsy (CP) varied significantly between regions:

In high-income regions of Europe and Australia, the rate of CP was:

1.6/1,000 live births

In low- and middle-income (LMI) countries, the rate was much higher:

3-4/1,000 live births

25% reduction

Since the mid 1990s, the rate of CP in high-income nations has fallen steadily

It's also a milestone study into the rate of CP in LMI countries, establishing an important baseline for future research

We've made incredible strides in treating and preventing cerebral palsy over the last decade. This hard work adds up, and we're now seeing these fantastic results internationally.

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