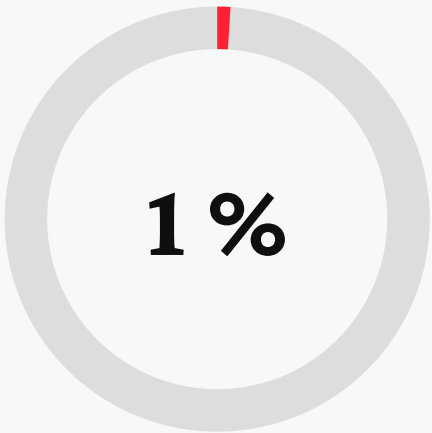


Autism Spectrum Disorder

Fighting Disability Discrimination



1% or 75 million people have autism spectrum disorder worldwide

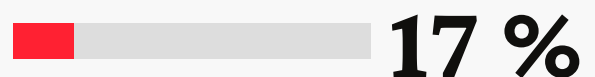
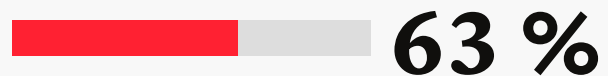
Mental illness, also called mental health disorders, refers to a wide range of mental health conditions – disorders that affect your mood, thinking and behavior.

Autism is a neurological and developmental condition existing in different degrees, related to brain development. It impacts how individuals perceive and socialize with others. Signs are usually observed in the early childhood years, but autism is a life long condition.

It affects one percent of the world's population.

« I want the world to know that autism is not a tragedy, but a journey of learning and growing »

According to Autism Society, approximately one in three kids are bullied in hallways, classrooms and during school-related activities each year. More troubling – students living with autism spectrum disorder are 63 percent more likely to be recipients of bullying behavior than typically developing peers. Adults are in no way immune to the problem. One in six has experienced bullying behavior in the workplace according to the report.



Bullying Prevention - Autism Society. (autism-society.org)



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In Greece, some autistic people are enclosed in institutions, where they receive bad treatments and negligence.

In the UK, only 15% of people with autism have a full-time job.

Autism Europe (autismeurope.org)



Everyone is Entitled to All the Rights and Freedoms

According to Article 2 (Universal Declaration of Human Rights), everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Declaration without any kind of distinctions. This means that everyone should have equal rights in our society. People with autism have to be able to work, study and live without any obstacles and they mustn't be discriminated against in any way.

One important way to develop better support systems is to listen to autistic people about how society harms them

All children, regardless of ability, deserve to learn in a safe and nurturing environment where positive relationships are cultivated. Kids have a right to feel cared for and protected in school.

Adults should be given the opportunities and chances of living the life they deserve!

We as a society, have to be aware of autistic people's problems and combat any form of hate speech and discrimination.

