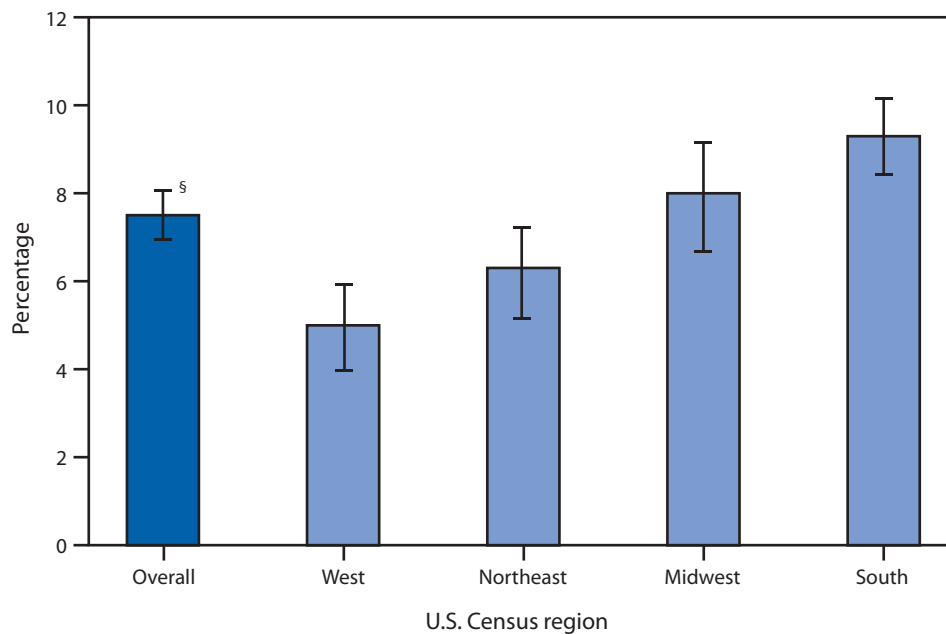


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Percentage of Children Aged 6–17 Years Prescribed Medication During the Preceding 6 Months for Emotional or Behavioral Difficulties,* by Census Region — National Health Interview Survey,[†] United States, 2011–2012



* Based on responses to the question, "During the past 6 months, was [child's name] prescribed medication or taking medication for difficulties with emotions, concentration, behavior, or being able to get along with others?"

[†] Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the noninstitutionalized, civilian U.S. population and are derived from the National Health Interview Survey sample child component.

[§] 95% confidence interval.

During 2011–2012, among children aged 6–17 years, 7.5% overall had been prescribed medication for emotional or behavioral difficulties during the preceding 6 months. By U.S. Census region, the percentages were 9.3% in the South, 8.0% in the Midwest, 6.3% in the Northeast, and 5.0% in the West.

Source: National Health Interview Survey, 2011–2012. Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm>.

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