

Some factors that might affect autism diagnoses frequency

- Increasing awareness & knowledge of autism in society and among professionals
- Better access to help and service, and diagnostic assessment
- Earlier diagnoses of autism than previously
- Girls and adults are diagnosed more with autism than previously
- People how previously got no or other diagnosis are now diagnosed with autism
- Changing school policies – higher demands on being social and independent
- General expectations & demands on health & functioning in the society
- Destigmatization of diagnostic labels – less “shameful” to get an autism diagnosis
- Access to care and support via autism diagnosis ("diagnostic upgrading")