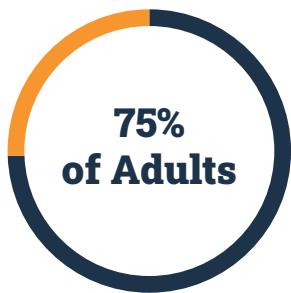




Quick Facts About Cerebral Palsy

- ★ Cerebral palsy is a group of disorders affecting movement, balance, and posture and is the most common motor disability in children.
- ★ According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cerebral palsy impacts approximately **1 in 345 children** in the United States.
- ★ Cerebral palsy is primarily caused by brain damage before or during birth with **85-90 percent** of cerebral palsy being congenital.
- ★ There is no known cure for cerebral palsy, but early intervention can improve outcomes.
- ★ About **75 to 85 percent** of children with cerebral palsy have spastic cerebral palsy, a type of cerebral palsy characterized by muscle stiffness. According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data from 2008, **77 percent** of 8-year-old children identified with cerebral palsy had spastic cerebral palsy.



- ★ **75 percent of adults** with cerebral palsy report experiencing pain.
- ★ A 2011 study found Black infants were **29 percent** more likely to have cerebral palsy than white infants. Racial disparities in cerebral palsy may be linked to differences in low birth weight and premature birth rates.



- ★ The ability to walk varies widely among individuals with cerebral palsy. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data shows **50-60 percent** of children with cerebral palsy can walk independently, **11 percent** walk using a hand-held mobility device, and **30 percent** have limited or no walking ability.

- ★ **About a third of adults** with cerebral palsy report declining mobility over time. Early intervention, physical therapy, and assistive devices can help optimize and maintain walking ability.

Has Your Child Developed Cerebral Palsy?

If your child developed cerebral palsy as the result of medical malpractice, you may be eligible for financial compensation. Contact **Brown & Crouppen** on our website or at 800-536-4357 to discuss your legal options.

