

Head Start Program Facts: Fiscal Year 2022



Administration and Federal Budget

The Head Start program is administered by the federal Office of Head Start (OHS), within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The U.S. Congress authorizes the amount of federal spending for the Head Start program each year. OHS awards nearly all funds directly to public agencies, private nonprofit and for-profit organizations, tribal governments, and school systems for operating Head Start programs in local communities.

Activity	Amount
Head Start Program, including Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership	\$10,647,159,826
Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)	\$248,062,416
Research, Demonstration, and Evaluation	\$20,555,007
Monitoring Support	\$34,994,989
Program Support	\$60,854,771
Designation Renewal System (DRS) Transitions Support	\$24,999,999
Total	\$11,036,627,008

Annual Federal Funding and Funded Enrollment by State

The Head Start program serves children, families, and pregnant women and pregnant people in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and six territories. It encompasses Head Start preschool programs, which primarily serve 3- and 4-year-old children; Early Head Start (EHS) programs for infants, toddlers, and expectant families; American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Head Start programs operated by tribal governments, tribal colleges, or tribal agencies; and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) programs designed to provide program services to farmworker families.

The tables in this section present the total annual federal funding and funded enrollment of Head Start programs in each state and territory, listed by program type. Federal funding amounts include neither TTA funding awarded directly to grant recipients nor state or other funding sources provided to local Head Start programs. Funded enrollment refers to the capacity or number of children and pregnant women and pregnant people supported by federal Head Start funds. It includes slots funded by state or other funds when used by grant recipients as required nonfederal match.

Federal Funded Enrollment and Amounts by State, Excluding AIAN and MSHS Programs

State	Head Start Preschool Funded Enrollment	EHS Funded Enrollment	Head Start Preschool Annual Operations Funded Amount	EHS Annual Operations Funded Amount
Alabama	10,444	2,994	\$107,794,956	\$53,101,058
Alaska	1,012	336	\$15,390,023	\$5,697,449
Arizona	9,557	3,254	\$122,140,131	\$57,517,666
Arkansas	5,665	3,465	\$50,883,285	\$58,306,777
California	58,344	26,205	\$855,093,837	\$492,850,200
Colorado	7,256	2,176	\$84,523,918	\$37,663,811
Connecticut	4,229	1,310	\$48,718,292	\$26,297,103
Delaware	1,425	471	\$14,637,032	\$7,460,367
District of Columbia	448	1,990	\$5,934,611	\$33,892,493
Florida	30,140	9,997	\$286,178,430	\$167,887,329
Georgia	18,654	4,799	\$185,332,192	\$83,107,799
Hawaii	2,220	721	\$22,579,633	\$10,263,407
Idaho	2,234	626	\$29,639,470	\$9,980,108
Illinois	17,971	11,059	\$229,511,185	\$191,734,116
Indiana	10,612	2,633	\$120,821,740	\$42,071,418
Iowa	5,422	1,694	\$56,337,924	\$26,442,943
Kansas	4,813	1,985	\$61,691,938	\$21,632,320
Kentucky	11,415	3,199	\$129,895,808	\$55,762,538
Louisiana	16,303	3,534	\$156,111,422	\$59,408,406
Maine	2,112	815	\$29,406,168	\$15,158,793
Maryland	6,898	2,157	\$80,005,566	\$42,023,728
Massachusetts	9,048	2,326	\$123,139,484	\$43,181,200
Michigan	21,897	7,051	\$258,666,140	\$118,118,467
Minnesota	8,194	2,599	\$93,716,623	\$35,396,960
Mississippi	17,619	3,826	\$167,100,653	\$64,432,942
Missouri	10,145	4,028	\$131,937,489	\$64,231,012
Montana	2,336	637	\$26,813,519	\$11,436,199
Nebraska	3,091	1,743	\$34,319,440	\$28,735,406
Nevada	1,902	929	\$24,461,644	\$18,212,719
New Hampshire	1,146	375	\$16,035,191	\$5,534,047
New Jersey	11,218	4,010	\$134,038,348	\$65,440,533
New Mexico	4,458	2,004	\$46,025,680	\$33,940,856
New York	34,266	11,722	\$449,605,230	\$190,884,262
North Carolina	15,133	5,427	\$150,569,117	\$100,938,500
North Dakota	1,455	406	\$18,177,254	\$7,493,380
Ohio	26,733	6,514	\$293,639,314	\$99,871,355
Oklahoma	9,306	3,603	\$79,324,072	\$61,967,486
Oregon	9,996	2,797	\$70,493,532	\$37,419,045
Pennsylvania	28,406	7,066	\$263,369,313	\$102,805,635

State	Head Start Preschool Funded Enrollment	EHS Funded Enrollment	Head Start Preschool Annual Operations Funded Amount	EHS Annual Operations Funded Amount
Rhode Island	1,917	675	\$24,800,399	\$10,376,740
South Carolina	9,715	2,452	\$94,467,711	\$41,580,089
South Dakota	2,114	553	\$20,958,440	\$8,344,685
Tennessee	14,097	2,383	\$143,553,145	\$43,295,977
Texas	54,002	14,109	\$497,782,647	\$240,938,714
Utah	3,985	1,265	\$55,835,385	\$21,271,397
Vermont	861	558	\$14,210,068	\$10,774,846
Virginia	11,197	2,794	\$110,065,853	\$45,972,901
Washington	7,392	3,630	\$111,706,885	\$67,611,693
West Virginia	6,702	1,102	\$61,387,933	\$15,848,687
Wisconsin	10,036	2,953	\$111,405,726	\$43,925,951
Wyoming	1,079	363	\$15,534,247	\$6,195,423
American Samoa	1,332	-	\$4,614,995	\$0
Guam	534	-	\$3,849,883	\$0
No. Marianas	396	64	\$2,640,719	\$1,088,417
Palau	350	-	\$1,974,607	\$0
Puerto Rico	22,245	6,303	\$237,082,753	\$103,643,695
Virgin Islands	794	120	\$9,303,386	\$1,964,156
Subtotal	592,271	191,807	\$6,595,234,386	\$3,251,133,204

AIAN funding is awarded to AIAN tribal governments. AIAN programs operate in 26 states, and in some cases, their services cross state lines.

AIAN Federal Funded Enrollment and Amounts by State

State	AIAN Head Start Preschool Funded Enrollment	AIAN EHS Funded Enrollment	AIAN Head Start Preschool Annual Operations Funded Amount	AIAN EHS Annual Operations Funded Amount
Alaska	1,425	646	\$23,781,788	\$13,197,267
Arizona	2,353	359	\$30,380,611	\$6,070,713
California	597	220	\$9,720,507	\$4,839,385
Colorado	56	-	\$792,870	\$1,291
Idaho	204	115	\$3,007,771	\$1,953,626
Kansas	62	47	\$1,193,011	\$1,010,749
Maine	60	-	\$1,031,665	\$1,680
Michigan	357	241	\$4,671,827	\$3,596,652
Minnesota	678	432	\$9,075,168	\$7,965,671
Mississippi	208	60	\$1,791,160	\$734,095
Montana	1,095	389	\$12,231,032	\$5,453,727
North Carolina	144	86	\$1,669,137	\$1,438,550

State	AIAN Head Start Preschool Funded Enrollment	AIAN EHS Funded Enrollment	AIAN Head Start Preschool Annual Operations Funded Amount	AIAN EHS Annual Operations Funded Amount
North Dakota	667	153	\$7,920,447	\$2,844,486
Nebraska	219	130	\$2,682,366	\$3,091,152
New Mexico	1,777	329	\$23,285,848	\$4,970,867
Nevada	362	-	\$4,586,046	\$7,469
New York	143	-	\$1,611,333	\$2,624
Oklahoma	2,131	490	\$21,493,535	\$9,578,746
Oregon	318	66	\$3,586,784	\$1,285,367
South Carolina	80	32	\$1,087,838	\$795,022
South Dakota	1,395	487	\$17,240,322	\$8,036,069
Texas	134	-	\$1,371,953	\$2,235
Utah	232	-	\$2,389,093	\$3,891
Washington	1,062	504	\$15,266,661	\$10,874,541
Wisconsin	703	362	\$7,843,202	\$6,569,474
Wyoming	165	96	\$1,755,998	\$1,413,331
Subtotal	16,627	5,244	\$211,467,973	\$95,738,680

MSHS funding and funded enrollment are shown as one total in the table below, as this program supports children and families who receive services in various states during the year. Thus, federal funding and funded enrollment for these services cannot be attributed to individual states. The totals do not include expansion funding opportunities that were posted but not awarded before end of FY 2022 for the listed program types.

Program Type	Annual Funded Enrollment	Annual Federal Operations Funding
Head Start programs, excluding AIAN and MSHS programs	784,078	\$9,846,367,590
AIAN Head Start programs	21,871	\$307,206,653
MSHS programs	27,126	\$467,230,468
Total	833,075	\$10,620,804,711

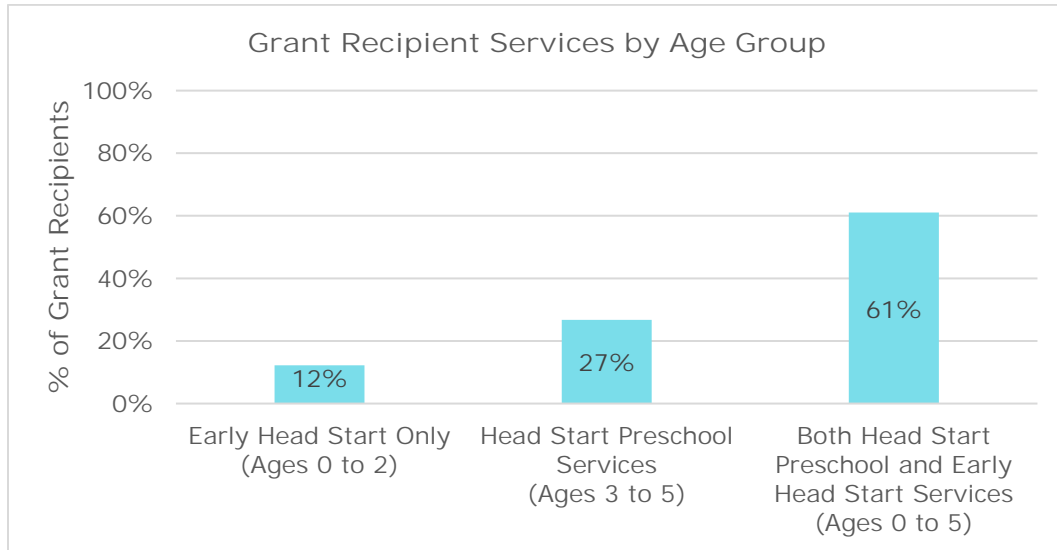
Program Year Statistics

Each year, Head Start programs are required to submit Program Information Reports (PIR) on the services they have provided to children and families throughout the program year, including child, family, and staff demographics and program characteristics.

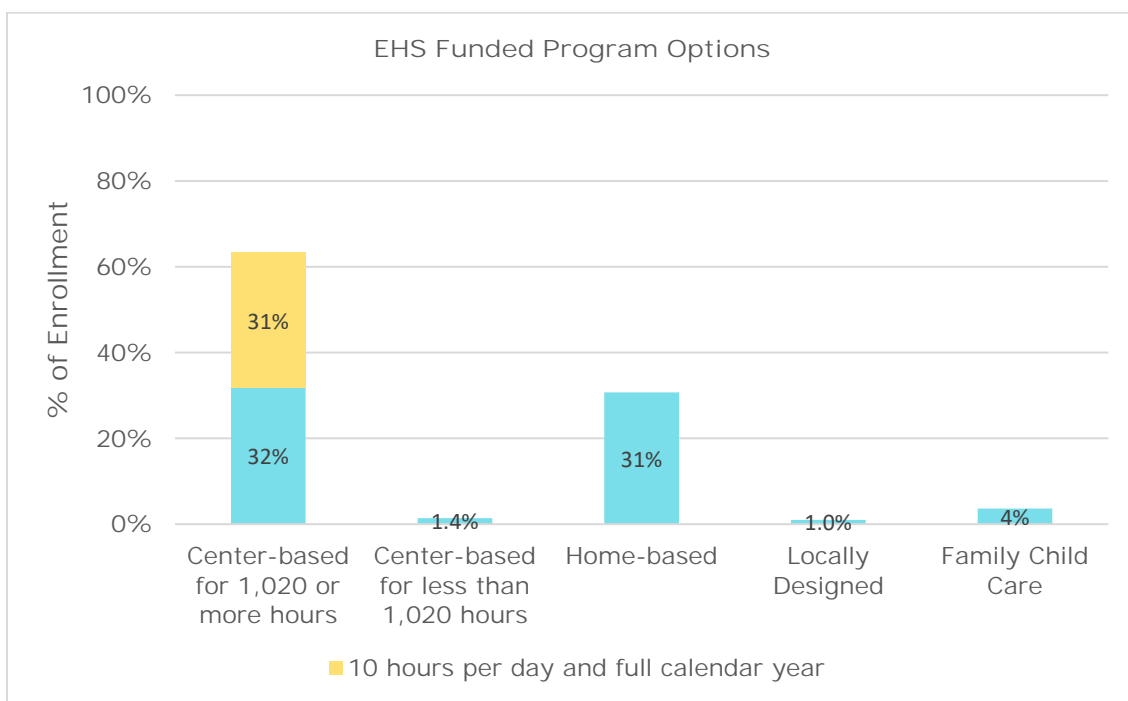
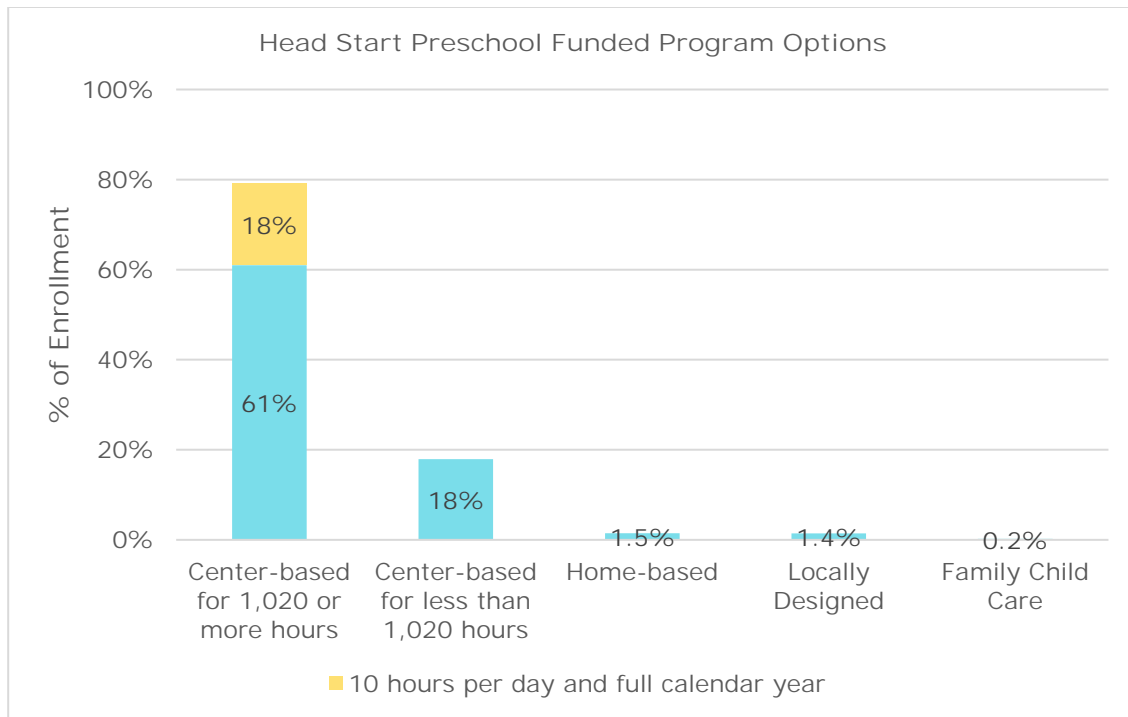
For a copy of the PIR form, detailed reports, data sets for the 2022 PIR and prior years, and further information, please visit the [Program Information Report \(PIR\) page](#).

Program Characteristics

Most grant recipients provided both Head Start and Early Head Start services during the 2021-2022 program year.



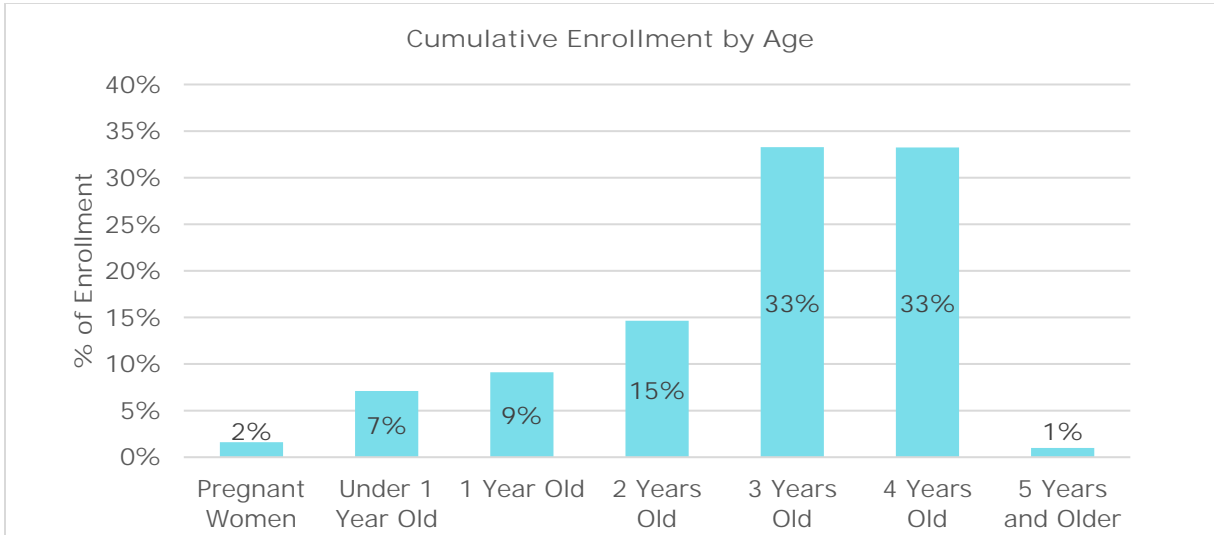
About 97% of funded Head Start preschool services were in center-based settings, and the majority were funded for 1,020 or more hours, including 19% to operate in center-based settings for 10 hours per day for the full calendar year. About 63% of funded EHS services were in center-based settings, including about 49% to operate in center-based settings for 10 hours per day for the full calendar year. Additionally, about 30% of funded EHS services were in home-based settings.



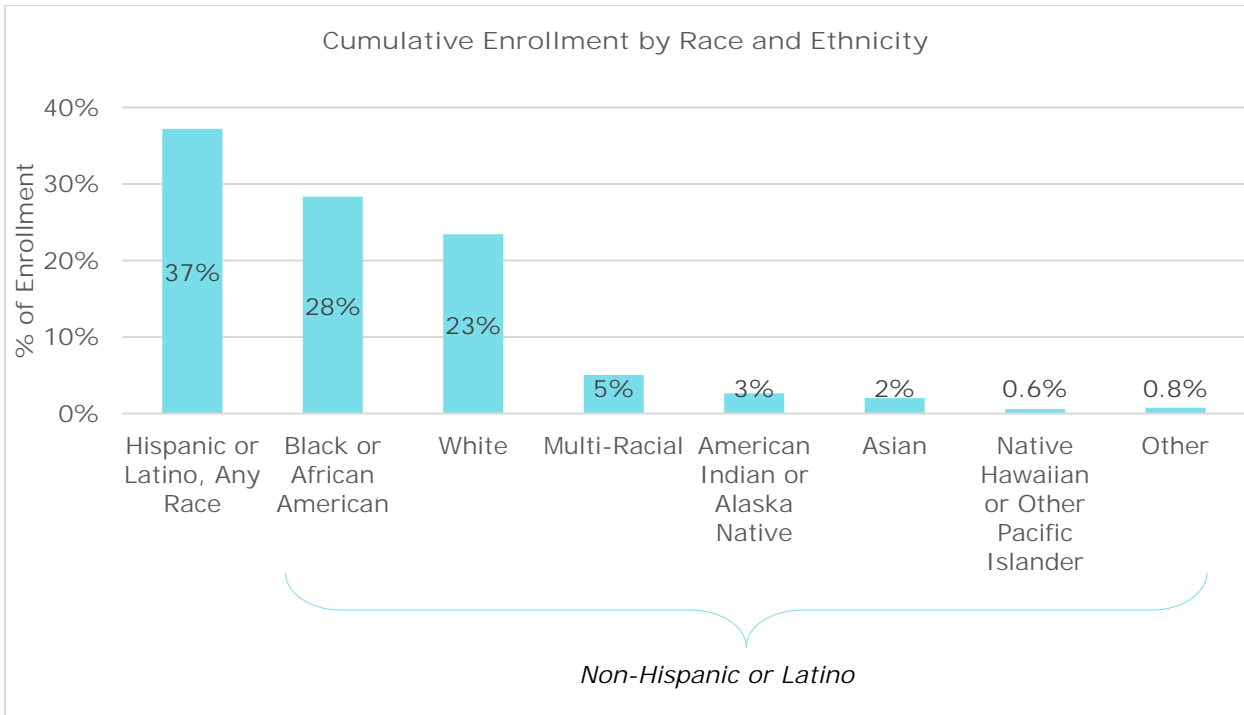
Child and Family Demographics

During the 2021-2022 program year, programs experienced significant challenges in meeting full enrollment during which were primarily workforce related and largely due to staff shortages. Head Start programs cumulatively served 801,859 children ages birth to 5 and pregnant women and pregnant people throughout the 2021-2022 program year.

Note that cumulative enrollment refers to the actual number of children, pregnant women, and pregnant people that Head Start programs served throughout the entire program year, inclusive of enrollees who left during the program year and the enrollees who filled those vacancies. Due to turnover, more children and expectant families may receive Head Start services cumulatively throughout the program year, all of whom are reported in the PIR, than indicated by the funded enrollment.

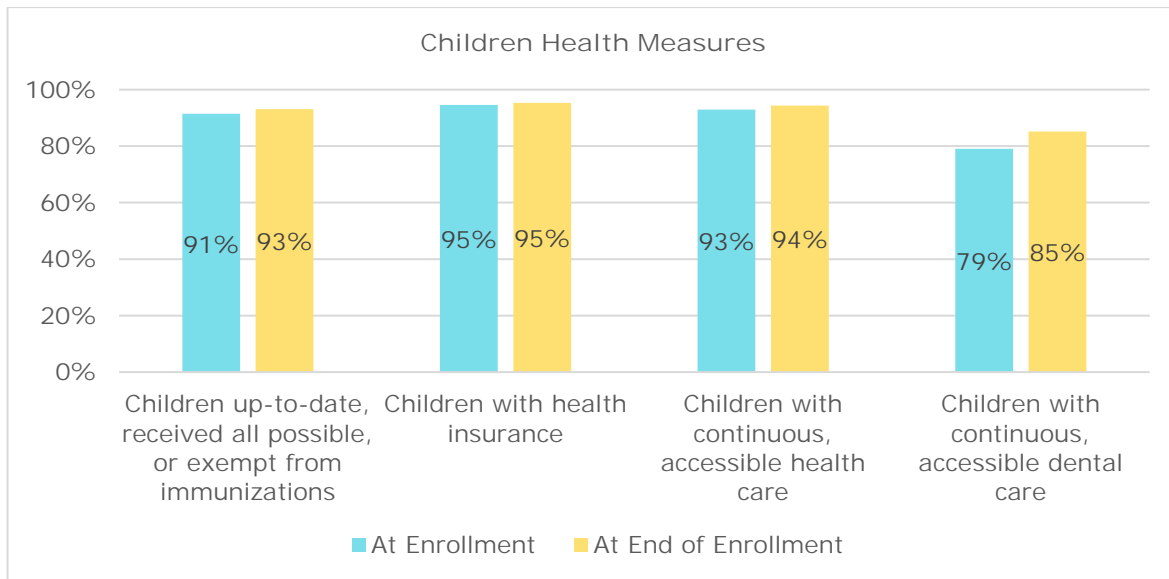


The Head Start program served a diverse group of children, families, and pregnant women and pregnant people. Thirty-seven percent identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino, and 28% were Black or African-American, non-Hispanic or Latino. Additionally, about 33% of children enrolled were dual language learners, of which nearly two-thirds were in families that primarily spoke Spanish at home.



Services to Children and Families

Head Start programs work with families to help ensure children have access to needed services and resources. The number of children who were up to date on immunizations (or had otherwise received all possible immunizations, or were exempt) increased from the beginning of the program year to the end of the program year. Also, more families had continuous, accessible health care and dental care for their children at the end of the 2021-2022 program year than at the beginning.



Head Start programs work with families to ensure they have the means to obtain health insurance, services for children with disabilities, adequate housing, job training, and more.

During the 2021-2022 program year:

- Most children had public health insurance. At the end of the program year, 95% of children had health insurance and were primarily enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) program.
- Thirteen percent of Head Start cumulative enrollment was made up of children with disabilities, defined as children having special plans under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Among pregnant women and pregnant people enrolled in EHS, approximately 86% received prenatal education on fetal development and 24% had medically high-risk pregnancies.
- The Head Start program served about 722,000 families cumulatively throughout the program year. The number of families served is less than the number of participants served, since some families have more than one child enrolled.
- Approximately 47,000 families served during the enrollment year experienced homelessness. Of those families, 23% found housing during the program year. Approximately 54,000 Head Start families received housing assistance, such as subsidies, utilities, and repairs.

- Approximately 80,000 families, or 11%, received services related to job training and adult education, such as general equivalency diploma (GED) programs and college selection.

Program Staff

Head Start programs employed and contracted with 260,000 staff. Parents of current or former Head Start children made up 23% of Head Start staff.

- Approximately 465,000 adults volunteered in their local Head Start program. Of these, 357,000 were parents of Head Start children.
- About 117,000 staff members provided child development services to children, including teachers, assistant teachers, home visitors, and family child care providers.
- Among child development staff, 30% were proficient in a language other than English
- Of all Head Start center-based preschool teachers, 70% had a baccalaureate degree or higher in early childhood education or a related field with experience. The Head Start Act specifies that 50% of center-based preschool teachers nationwide should have had these credentials by 2013.

