



Office of Head Start - Services Snapshot

NATIONAL ALL PROGRAMS (2023-2024)

This National Services Snapshot summarizes key data on demographics and services for children from birth to age five and pregnant women served by Head Start, Early Head Start, and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs. The data in this Snapshot is a subset of the annual Program Information Report (PIR) submission to the Office of Head Start.

Funded enrollment

Number of enrollment slots the program is funded to serve.

	<i># of funded enrollment slots</i>	<i>% of funded enrollment slots</i>
Total Funded Enrollment	774,450	100%

Funded enrollment by program option

	<i># of funded enrollment slots</i>	<i>% of funded enrollment slots</i>
Center-based option	690,123	89.1%
Home-based option	59,252	7.7%
Family child care option	10,096	1.3%
Locally designed option	8,712	1.1%
Total funded pregnant women	6,267	0.8%

Detail - Center-based funded enrollment

	<i># of center-based funded enrollment slots</i>	<i>% of center-based funded enrollment slots</i>
Number of slots equal to or greater than 1,020 annual hours for Head Start preschool children or 1,380 annual hours for Early Head Start infants and toddlers	612,487	88.8%
Of these, the number that are available for the full-working-day and full-calendar-year	106,384	
Number of slots with fewer than 1,020 annual hours for Head Start preschool children or 1,380 annual hours for Early Head Start infants and toddlers	77,636	11.2%
Of these, the number that are available for 3.5 hours per day for 128 days	43,113	
Of these, the number that are available for a full working day	6,789	

Total cumulative enrollment

Actual number of children and pregnant women served by the program throughout the entire program year, inclusive of enrollees who left during the program year and the enrollees who filled those empty places. Due to turnover, more children and 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 numbers.

	<i># of participants</i>	<i>% of participants</i>
Total cumulative enrollment	805,660	100%
Children total cumulative enrollment	792,147	98.3%
Pregnant women total cumulative enrollment	13,513	1.7%

Participants by age

	<i># of participants</i>	<i>% of participants</i>
Under 1 year	60,963	7.6%
1 year old	78,390	9.7%
2 years old	118,647	14.7%
3 years old	264,996	32.9%
4 years old	263,355	32.7%
5 years and older	5,796	0.7%
Pregnant women	13,513	1.7%

Homelessness services

	<i># of children</i>	<i>% of children</i>
Total number of children experiencing homelessness that were served during the enrollment year	58,287	7.4%

Foster care

	<i># of children</i>	<i>% of children</i>
Total number of enrolled children who were in foster care at any point during the program year	25,344	3.2%

Prior enrollment

Children who were enrolled previously in Early Head Start, Head Start, or some combination for at least half of the time that classes or home visits were in session.

	<i># of children</i>	<i>% of children</i>
The second year	221,778	28.0%
Three or more years	72,112	9.1%

Ethnicity and race

	<i># of Hispanic or Latino Origin participants</i>	<i>% of Hispanic or Latino Origin participants</i>	<i># of Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino Origin participants</i>	<i>% of Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino Origin participants</i>
American Indian or Alaska Native	7,282	0.9%	21,793	2.7%
Asian	795	0.10%	16,282	2.0%
Black or African American	10,797	1.3%	226,082	28.1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1,343	0.2%	4,562	0.6%
White	185,382	23.0%	176,306	21.9%
Bi-racial/Multi-racial	45,218	5.6%	41,697	5.2%
Other	45,395	5.6%	4,027	0.5%
			<i># of children / pregnant women</i>	<i>% of children / pregnant women</i>
Unspecified ethnicity or race			18,699	2.3%

Primary language of family at home

	<i># of participants</i>	<i>% of participants</i>
English	577,350	71.7%
Of these, the number of children acquiring/learning another language in addition to English	52,919	

	# of participants	% of participants
Spanish	177,283	22.0%
Native Central American, South American & Mexican Languages	3,081	0.4%
Caribbean Languages	6,838	0.8%
Middle Eastern & South Asian Languages	11,352	1.4%
East Asian Languages	7,133	0.9%
Native North American/Alaska Native Languages	440	0.05%
Pacific Island Languages	1,949	0.2%
European & Slavic Languages	8,163	1.0%
African Languages	7,335	0.9%
American Sign Language	307	0.04%
Other	1,016	0.1%
Unspecified	3,413	0.4%

Health services

<i>Services to All Children at Beginning of Enrollment Year Compared to End of Enrollment Year (based on Cumulative Enrollment)</i>	# at Beginning of Enrollment Year	% at Beginning of Enrollment Year	# at End of Enrollment Year	% at End of Enrollment Year
Children with health insurance	752,791	95.0%	757,807	95.7%
Children with accessible health care	740,889	93.5%	753,413	95.1%
Children with up-to-date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date, or exempt	731,129	92.3%	743,323	93.8%
Children with accessible dental care	636,436	80.3%	687,080	86.7%

Disabilities services

	# of children	% of children
Children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), indicating they were determined eligible to receive special education, early intervention, and related services	117,278	14.8%

Family services

	# of families	% of families
Total Number of Families	730,514	100%

	# of families	% of families
Families Who Received at Least One Family Service	602,784	82.5%

Specific services

	# of families	% of families
Emergency/crisis Intervention	194,492	26.6%
Housing assistance	53,448	7.3%
Asset building services	85,177	11.7%
Mental health services	102,052	14.0%
Substance misuse prevention	36,888	5.0%
Substance misuse treatment	9,469	1.3%
English as a Second Language (ESL) training	39,272	5.4%
Assistance in enrolling into an education or job training program	83,614	11.4%
Research-based parenting curriculum	286,438	39.2%
Involvement in discussing their child's screening and assessment results and their child's progress	477,694	65.4%

	<i># of families</i>	<i>% of families</i>
Supporting transitions between programs	314,264	43.0%
Education on preventive medical and oral health	363,269	49.7%
Education on health and developmental consequences of tobacco product use	111,298	15.2%
Education on nutrition	342,944	46.9%
Education on postpartum care	35,886	4.9%
Education on relationship/marriage	35,619	4.9%
Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals	7,837	1.1%