



# Office of Head Start - Early Head Start Services Snapshot

NATIONAL (2023-2024)

This National Early Head Start Services Snapshot summarizes key data on demographics and services for infants, toddlers, and pregnant women served by Early 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	187,966	100%

## Funded enrollment by program option

	<i># of funded enrollment slots</i>	<i>% of funded enrollment slots</i>
Center-based option	122,269	65.0%
Home-based option	51,451	27.4%
Family child care option	6,397	3.4%
Locally designed option	2,069	1.1%
Total funded pregnant women	5,780	3.1%

## 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	120,375	98.5%
Of these, the number that are available for the full-working-day and full-calendar-year	47,349	
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	1,894	1.5%
Of these, the number that are available for 3.5 hours per day for 128 days	730	
Of these, the number that are available for a full working day	515	

## 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	232,842	100%
Children total cumulative enrollment	219,916	94.4%
Pregnant women total cumulative enrollment	12,926	5.6%

## Participants by age

	<i># of participants</i>	<i>% of participants</i>
Under 1 year	56,796	24.4%
1 year old	73,144	31.4%
2 years old	82,930	35.6%
3 years old	6,985	3.0%
4 years old	61	0.03%
5 years and older	0	0%
Pregnant women	12,926	5.6%

## Homelessness services

	<i># of children</i>	<i>% of children</i>
Total number of children experiencing homelessness that were served during the enrollment year	20,313	9.2%

## 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	8,625	3.9%

## Prior enrollment

Children who were enrolled previously in Early Head Start, 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	61,594	28.0%
Three or more years	29,605	13.5%

## 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	1,783	0.8%	2,225	1.0%
Asian	211	0.09%	4,838	2.1%
Black or African American	3,414	1.5%	67,202	28.9%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	185	0.08%	937	0.4%
White	53,897	23.1%	49,701	21.3%
Bi-racial/Multi-racial	13,795	5.9%	12,719	5.5%
Other	14,380	6.2%	1,055	0.5%
	<i># of children / pregnant women</i>		<i>% of children / pregnant women</i>	
Unspecified ethnicity or race	6,500		2.8%	

## Primary language of family at home

	<i># of participants</i>	<i>% of participants</i>
English	165,670	71.2%
Of these, the number of children acquiring/learning another language in addition to English	16,846	

	# of participants	% of participants
Spanish	51,910	22.3%
Native Central American, South American & Mexican Languages	665	0.3%
Caribbean Languages	1,603	0.7%
Middle Eastern & South Asian Languages	3,413	1.5%
East Asian Languages	2,226	1.0%
Native North American/Alaska Native Languages	55	0.02%
Pacific Island Languages	296	0.1%
European & Slavic Languages	3,030	1.3%
African Languages	2,428	1.0%
American Sign Language	104	0.04%
Other	302	0.1%
Unspecified	1,140	0.5%

## 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	210,644	95.8%	211,559	96.2%
Children with accessible health care	206,084	93.7%	209,166	95.1%
Children with up-to-date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date, or exempt	196,103	89.2%	199,482	90.7%
Children with accessible dental care	157,609	71.7%	175,399	79.8%

## Disabilities services

	# of children	% of children
Children with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), indicating they were determined eligible to receive early intervention services	31,522	14.3%

## Family services

	# of families	% of families
Total Number of Families	198,429	100%

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Families Who Received at Least One Family Service	164,613	83.0%

## Specific services

	# of families	% of families
Emergency/crisis Intervention	58,602	29.5%
Housing assistance	18,373	9.3%
Asset building services	24,846	12.5%
Mental health services	30,188	15.2%
Substance misuse prevention	13,108	6.6%
Substance misuse treatment	2,773	1.4%
English as a Second Language (ESL) training	12,634	6.4%
Assistance in enrolling into an education or job training program	26,153	13.2%
Research-based parenting curriculum	94,553	47.7%
Involvement in discussing their child's screening and assessment results and their child's progress	131,975	66.5%

	<i># of families</i>	<i>% of families</i>
Supporting transitions between programs	81,798	41.2%
Education on preventive medical and oral health	106,546	53.7%
Education on health and developmental consequences of tobacco product use	39,273	19.8%
Education on nutrition	103,788	52.3%
Education on postpartum care	20,557	10.4%
Education on relationship/marriage	14,493	7.3%
Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals	2,695	1.4%