



Office of Head Start - Head Start Services Snapshot

NATIONAL (2023-2024)

This National Head Start Services Snapshot summarizes key data on demographics and services for preschool-age children served by 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	541,021	100%

Funded enrollment by program option

	<i># of funded enrollment slots</i>	<i>% of funded enrollment slots</i>
Center-based option	526,685	97.4%
Home-based option	6,782	1.3%
Family child care option	1,292	0.2%
Locally designed option	6,262	1.2%

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	456,356	86.6%
Of these, the number that are available for the full-working-day and full-calendar-year	55,515	
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	70,329	13.4%
Of these, the number that are available for 3.5 hours per day for 128 days	41,414	
Of these, the number that are available for a full working day	4,304	

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	533,868	100%

Participants by age

Children's ages for this program year are reported as of the date used by the local school system in determining eligibility for public school.

	<i># of participants</i>	<i>% of participants</i>
1 year old	17	0.003%
2 years old	29,165	5.5%
3 years old	247,364	46.3%
4 years old	253,436	47.5%
5 years and older	3,886	0.7%

Homelessness services

	<i># of children</i>	<i>% of children</i>
Total number of children experiencing homelessness that were served during the enrollment year	34,229	6.4%

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	15,329	2.9%

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	148,528	27.8%
Three or more years	34,670	6.5%

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	4,077	0.8%	5,604	1.0%
Asian	582	0.1%	11,368	2.1%
Black or African American	7,327	1.4%	158,624	29.7%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1,152	0.2%	3,553	0.7%
White	117,494	22.0%	125,039	23.4%
Bi-racial/Multi-racial	30,729	5.8%	28,386	5.3%
Other	26,028	4.9%	2,632	0.5%

	<i># of children / pregnant women</i>	<i>% of children / pregnant women</i>
Unspecified ethnicity or race	11,273	2.1%

Primary language of family at home

	<i># of participants</i>	<i>% of participants</i>
English	391,575	73.3%
Of these, the number of children acquiring/learning another language in addition to English	30,915	

	<i># of participants</i>	<i>% of participants</i>
Spanish	108,791	20.4%
Native Central American, South American & Mexican Languages	1,161	0.2%
Caribbean Languages	4,898	0.9%
Middle Eastern & South Asian Languages	7,939	1.5%
East Asian Languages	4,892	0.9%
Native North American/Alaska Native Languages	81	0.02%
Pacific Island Languages	1,650	0.3%
European & Slavic Languages	5,120	1.0%
African Languages	4,899	0.9%
American Sign Language	198	0.04%
Other	559	0.1%
Unspecified	2,105	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>	<i># at Beginning of Enrollment Year</i>	<i>% at Beginning of Enrollment Year</i>	<i># at End of Enrollment Year</i>	<i>% at End of Enrollment Year</i>
Children with health insurance	508,309	95.2%	511,850	95.9%
Children with accessible health care	499,985	93.7%	509,280	95.4%
Children with up-to-date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date, or exempt	500,337	93.7%	509,135	95.4%
Children with accessible dental care	447,607	83.8%	478,512	89.6%

Disabilities services

	<i># of children</i>	<i>% of children</i>
Children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP), indicating they were determined eligible to receive special education and related services	81,119	15.2%

Family services

	<i># of families</i>	<i>% of families</i>
Total Number of Families	499,336	100%

	<i># of families</i>	<i>% of families</i>
Families Who Received at Least One Family Service	412,368	82.6%

Specific services

	<i># of families</i>	<i>% of families</i>
Emergency/crisis Intervention	129,615	26.0%
Housing assistance	33,370	6.7%
Asset building services	56,642	11.3%
Mental health services	68,526	13.7%
Substance misuse prevention	22,424	4.5%
Substance misuse treatment	6,191	1.2%
English as a Second Language (ESL) training	25,395	5.1%
Assistance in enrolling into an education or job training program	55,047	11.0%
Research-based parenting curriculum	181,290	36.3%
Involvement in discussing their child's screening and assessment results and their child's progress	325,324	65.2%

	<i># of families</i>	<i>% of families</i>
Supporting transitions between programs	222,286	44.5%
Education on preventive medical and oral health	241,848	48.4%
Education on health and developmental consequences of tobacco product use	68,060	13.6%
Education on nutrition	225,464	45.2%
Education on postpartum care	13,799	2.8%
Education on relationship/marriage	19,503	3.9%
Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals	4,906	1.0%