



English Learners (ELs) and Early Learning

State-funded Preschool Programs With Highest Percentage of ELs: Fall 2013

| State Program | Total Program Preschool Enrollment | Number of ELs | Percentage of ELs |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Texas | 226,226 | 96,772 | 42.8% |
| Washington | 8,741 | 3,042 | 34.8% |
| Minnesota | 1,740 | N/A | 32% |
| Oregon | 7,209 | 2,296 | 31.8% |
| Alabama | 5,505 | 1,655 | 30.1% |
| Rhode Island | 234 | 59 | 25.2% |
| Kansas State Pre-k | 7,109 | 1,703 | 24.0% |
| Illinois | 75,231 | 15,922 | 21.2% |
| North Carolina | 26,617 | 4,436 | 16.7% |
| Pennsylvania Pre-k Counts | 12,131 | 1,378 | 11.4% |

Fact

Texas has the highest percentage of ELs (42.8 percent) among the state-funded preschool programs reporting the number of enrolled ELs.

Note: Twenty of 53 state-funded programs in 40 states and the District of Columbia reported the number of EL students enrolled in state-funded programs. N/A means “Not available.”

Source: Barnett, W.S., Carolan, M.E., Squires, J.H., Clarke Brown, K., & Horowitz, M. (2015). The state of preschool 2014: State preschool yearbook. New Brunswick, NJ: National Institute for Early Education Research.

Support Services for ELs and Families Offered by Preschool Programs: Fall 2013

| Support Service | Percentage of Programs Offering Support Services |
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| Bilingual non-English classes | 56.6% |
| Screening and assessment for language needs | 45.2% |
| Professional development or coaching for teachers | 43.3% |
| Home language survey | 43.3% |
| Information presented to parents in their primary language | 43.3% |
| Translators or bilingual staff for children or adults who do not speak English | 35.8% |
| Monolingual non-English classes | 40.0% |
| A systematic, written plan for working with ELs | 24.5% |

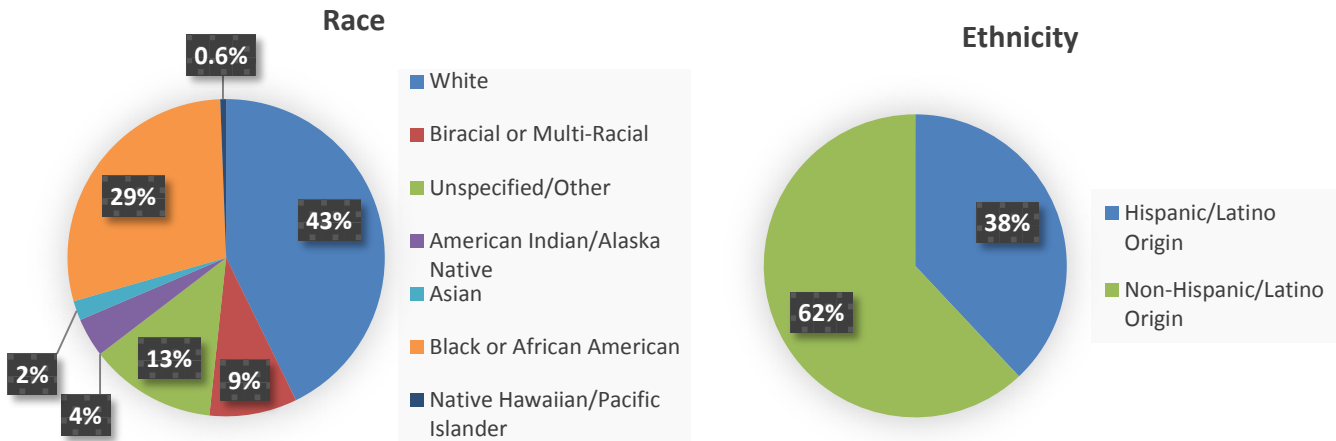
Note: There are 53 state-funded programs in 40 states and the District of Columbia. Ten states -- Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming—may have federally funded preschool programs, but do not report state-funded programs.

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Fact

The majority of state-funded preschool programs (56.6 percent) in the United States may offer bilingual non-English classes.

Race and Ethnicity of Head Start Participants: FY 2014



Note: The Head Start program serves children, families, and pregnant women in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and six territories. Families may self-identify as both an ethnicity and a race based on U.S. Census Bureau measures.

Source: Head Start Program Facts Fiscal Year 2014. Retrieved from <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/data/factsheets/docs/hs-program-fact-sheet-2014.pdf>

Primary Language of Head Start Participants at Home: FY 2014

| Language | Number of Participants | Percentage of Participants |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------|
| English | 756,854 | 70.4% |
| Spanish | 266,005 | 24.7% |
| East Asian Languages | 11,273 | 1.0% |
| Middle Eastern or South Asian Languages | 9,927 | 0.9% |
| European or Slavic Languages | 7,170 | 0.7% |
| African Languages | 7,355 | 0.7% |
| Unspecified Language | 4,499 | 0.4% |
| Central American, South American, or Mexican Languages | 3,315 | 0.3% |
| Caribbean Languages | 3,136 | 0.3% |
| Pacific Island Languages | 2,899 | 0.3% |
| Other Languages | 1,795 | 0.2% |
| Native North American or Alaska Native Languages | 702 | 0.07% |

Fact

In FY 2014, 30 percent of Head Start participants' families spoke a language other than English at home. Twenty-five percent of these participants' families spoke Spanish at home.

Source: Office of Head Start — Services Snapshot National All Programs (2013 – 14). Retrieved from http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/data/psr/2014/NATIONAL_SNAPSHOT_ALL_PROGRAMS.pdf

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