



Office of Head Start - Head Start Services Snapshot

NATIONAL (2020-2021)

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 | 628,262 | 100% |

Funded enrollment by program option

| | <i># of funded enrollment slots</i> | <i>% of funded enrollment slots</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Center-based option | 606,294 | 96.5% |
| Home-based option | 10,287 | 1.6% |
| Family child care option | 1,418 | 0.2% |
| Locally designed option | 10,263 | 1.6% |

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 | 479,739 | 79.1% |
| Of these, the number that are available for the full-working-day and full-calendar-year | 94,667 | |
| 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 | 126,555 | 20.9% |
| Of these, the number that are available for 3.5 hours per day for 128 days | 73,287 | |
| Of these, the number that are available for a full working day | 8,697 | |

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 | 505,876 | 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 | 6 | 0.001% |
| 2 years old | 23,808 | 4.7% |
| 3 years old | 205,523 | 40.6% |
| 4 years old | 270,160 | 53.4% |
| 5 years and older | 6,375 | 1.3% |

Homelessness services

| | <i># of children</i> | <i>% of children</i> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total number of children experiencing homelessness that were served during the enrollment year | 26,191 | 5.2% |

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 | 17,098 | 3.4% |

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 | 187,348 | 37.0% |
| Three or more years | 42,391 | 8.4% |

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 | 3,440 | 0.7% | 4,800 | 0.9% |
| Asian | 344 | 0.07% | 12,296 | 2.4% |
| Black or African American | 5,828 | 1.2% | 145,802 | 28.8% |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 647 | 0.1% | 3,215 | 0.6% |
| White | 107,196 | 21.2% | 129,109 | 25.5% |
| Bi-racial/Multi-racial | 28,219 | 5.6% | 24,964 | 4.9% |
| Other | 25,166 | 5.0% | 2,436 | 0.5% |
| Unspecified | 10,959 | 2.2% | 1,455 | 0.3% |

Primary language of family at home

| | <i># of participants</i> | <i>% of participants</i> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| English | 369,080 | 73.0% |
| Of these, the number of children acquiring/learning another language in addition to English | 16,498 | |
| Spanish | 104,327 | 20.6% |
| Native Central American, South American & Mexican Languages | 871 | 0.2% |
| Caribbean Languages | 2,952 | 0.6% |

| | # of participants | % of participants |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Middle Eastern & South Asian Languages | 8,510 | 1.7% |
| East Asian Languages | 5,681 | 1.1% |
| Native North American/Alaska Native Languages | 151 | 0.03% |
| Pacific Island Languages | 1,703 | 0.3% |
| European & Slavic Languages | 4,884 | 1.0% |
| African Languages | 4,966 | 1.0% |
| American Sign Language | 164 | 0.03% |
| Other | 687 | 0.1% |
| Unspecified | 1,900 | 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 | 475,504 | 94.0% | 478,637 | 94.6% |
| Children with accessible health care | 469,723 | 92.9% | 476,426 | 94.2% |
| Children with up-to-date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date, or exempt | 467,683 | 92.5% | 474,824 | 93.9% |
| Children with accessible dental care | 421,357 | 83.3% | 445,718 | 88.1% |

Disabilities services

| | # of children | % of children |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP), indicating they were determined eligible to receive special education and related services | 67,312 | 13.3% |

Family services

| | # of families | % of families |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Number of Families | 469,690 | 100% |

| | # of families | % of families |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Families Who Received at Least One Family Service | 377,723 | 80.4% |

Specific services

| | # of families | % of families |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Emergency/crisis Intervention | 157,185 | 33.5% |
| Housing assistance | 36,791 | 7.8% |
| Asset building services | 42,407 | 9.0% |
| Mental health services | 53,834 | 11.5% |
| Substance misuse prevention | 14,044 | 3.0% |
| Substance misuse treatment | 4,404 | 0.9% |
| English as a Second Language (ESL) training | 19,442 | 4.1% |
| Assistance in enrolling into an education or job training program | 49,525 | 10.5% |
| Research-based parenting curriculum | 150,093 | 32.0% |
| Involvement in discussing their child's screening and assessment results and their child's progress | 258,013 | 54.9% |
| Supporting transitions between programs | 193,947 | 41.3% |
| Education on preventive medical and oral health | 201,888 | 43.0% |
| Education on health and developmental consequences of tobacco product use | 58,657 | 12.5% |

| | <i># of families</i> | <i>% of families</i> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Education on nutrition | 184,617 | 39.3% |
| Education on postpartum care | 11,582 | 2.5% |
| Education on relationship/marriage | 16,001 | 3.4% |
| Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals | 4,068 | 0.9% |