

Office of Head Start - Services Snapshot

NATIONAL ALL PROGRAMS (2020-2021)

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.

	# of funded enrollment slots	% of funded enrollment slots
Total Funded Enrollment	860,591	100%

Funded enrollment by program option

	# of funded enrollment slots	% of funded enrollment slots
Center-based option	762,167	88.6%
Home-based option	69,381	8.1%
Family child care option	10,554	1.2%
Locally designed option	12,515	1.5%
Total funded pregnant women	5,974	0.7%

Detail - Center-based funded enrollment

	# of center-based funded enrollment slots	% of center-based funded enrollment slots
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	619,138	81.2%
Of these, the number that are available for the full-working-day and full-calendar-year	155,618	
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	143,029	18.8%
Of these, the number that are available for 3.5 hours per day for 128 days	76,712	
Of these, the number that are available for a full working day	14,790	

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.

	# of participants	% of participants
Total cumulative enrollment	756,690	100%
Children total cumulative enrollment	744,922	98.4%
Pregnant women total cumulative enrollment	11,768	1.6%

Participants by age

	# of participants	% of participants
Under 1 year	53,308	7.0%
1 year old	70,576	9.3%
2 years old	107,718	14.2%
3 years old	224,733	29.7%
4 years old	280,324	37.0%
5 years and older	8,263	1.1%
Pregnant women	11,768	1.6%

Homelessness services

	# of children	% of children
Total number of children experiencing homelessness that were served during the enrollment year	45,509	6.1%

Foster care

	# of children	% of children
Total number of enrolled children who were in foster care at any point during the program year	28,210	3.8%

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.

	# of children % of childre		
The second year	263,810	35.4%	
Three or more years	85,938	11.5%	

Ethnicity and race

	# of Hispanic or Latino Origin participants	Latino Origin	# of Non- Hispanic or Non-Latino Origin participants	% of Non- Hispanic or Non-Latino Origin participants
American Indian or Alaska Native	5,880	0.8%	21,494	2.8%
Asian	478	0.06%	16,635	2.2%
Black or African American	8,658	1.1%	207,141	27.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	881	0.1%	4,098	0.5%
White	164,242	21.7%	183,701	24.3%
Bi-racial/Multi-racial	41,106	5.4%	37,567	5.0%
Other	41,942	5.5%	3,755	0.5%
Unspecified	16,685	2.2%	2,427	0.3%

Primary language of family at home

	# of participants	% of participants
English	545,351	72.1%
Of these, the number of children acquiring/learning another language in addition to English	29,318	
Spanish	162,963	21.5%
Native Central American, South American & Mexican Languages	2,534	0.3%
Caribbean Languages	3,925	0.5%

	# of participants	% of participants
Middle Eastern & South Asian Languages	11,697	1.5%
East Asian Languages	7,942	1.0%
Native North American/Alaska Native Languages	516	0.07%
Pacific Island Languages	1,953	0.3%
European & Slavic Languages	7,370	1.0%
African Languages	7,550	1.0%
American Sign Language	257	0.03%
Other	1,234	0.2%
Unspecified	3,398	0.4%

Health services

Services to All Children at Beginning of Enrollment Year Compared to End of Enrollment Year (based on Cumulative Enrollment)	# at Beginning of Enrollment Year	of	# at End of Enrollment Year	% at End of Enrollment Year
Children with health insurance	699,806	93.9%	704,138	94.5%
Children with accessible health care	690,767	92.7%	699,847	93.9%
Children with up-to-date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date, or exempt	676,455	90.8%	686,059	92.1%
Children with accessible dental care	590,543	79.3%	629,159	84.5%

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	94,758	12.7%

Family services

	# of families	% of families
Total Number of Families	681,557	100%
	# of families	% of families
Families Who Received at Least One Family Service	549.281	80.6%

Specific services

	# of families	% of families
Emergency/crisis Intervention	237,211	34.8%
Housing assistance	58,656	8.6%
Asset building services	63,444	9.3%
Mental health services	80,360	11.8%
Substance misuse prevention	24,472	3.6%
Substance misuse treatment	7,035	1.0%
English as a Second Language (ESL) training	29,463	4.3%
Assistance in enrolling into an education or job training program	75,489	11.1%
Research-based parenting curriculum	237,371	34.8%
Involvement in discussing their child's screening and assessment results and their child's progress	378,195	55.5%
Supporting transitions between programs	269,494	39.5%
Education on preventive medical and oral health	303,038	44.5%

	# of families	% of families
Education on health and developmental consequences of tobacco product use	97,221	14.3%
Education on nutrition	280,760	41.2%
Education on postpartum care	28,006	4.1%
Education on relationship/marriage	27,146	4.0%
Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals	6,416	0.9%