

Office of Head Start - Early Head Start Services Snapshot

NATIONAL (2021-2022)

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.

	# of funded enrollment slots	% of funded enrollment slots
Total Funded Enrollment	191,612	100%

Funded enrollment by program option

	# of funded enrollment slots	% of funded enrollment slots
Center-based option	119,188	62.2%
Home-based option	57,707	30.1%
Family child care option	6,899	3.6%
Locally designed option	1,917	1.0%
Total funded pregnant women	5,901	3.1%

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	116,655	97.9%
Of these, the number that are available for the full-working-day and full-calendar-year	58,389	
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	2,533	2.1%
Of these, the number that are available for 3.5 hours per day for 128 days	213	
Of these, the number that are available for a full working day	934	

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	221,771	100%
Children total cumulative enrollment	209,558	94.5%
Pregnant women total cumulative enrollment	12,213	5.5%

Participants by age

	# of participants	% of participants	
Under 1 year	52,948	23.9%	
1 year old	68,063	30.7%	
2 years old	80,779	36.4%	
3 years old	7,631	3.4%	
4 years old	134	0.06%	
5 years and older	3	0.001%	
Pregnant women	12,213	5.5%	

Homelessness services

	# of children	% of children
Total number of children experiencing homelessness that were served during the enrollment year	17,668	8.4%

Foster care

	# of children	% of children
Total number of enrolled children who were in foster care at any point during the program year	9,758	4.7%

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.

	# of children	% of children
The second year	56,355	26.9%
Three or more years	31,748	15.1%

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	1,663	0.7%	2,173	1.0%
Asian	151	0.07%	4,323	1.9%
Black or African American	2,867	1.3%	64,706	29.2%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	231	0.1%	773	0.3%
White	48,598	21.9%	51,329	23.1%
Bi-racial/Multi-racial	13,278	6.0%	11,908	5.4%
Other	12,897	5.8%	987	0.4%
Unspecified	4,801	2.2%	1,086	0.5%

Primary language of family at home

	# of participants	% of participants
English	161,134	72.7%
Of these, the number of children acquiring/learning another language in addition to English	13,274	
Spanish	47,067	21.2%
Native Central American, South American & Mexican Languages	397	0.2%
Caribbean Languages	947	0.4%

	# of participants	% of participants
Middle Eastern & South Asian Languages	3,218	1.5%
East Asian Languages	2,099	0.9%
Native North American/Alaska Native Languages	39	0.02%
Pacific Island Languages	246	0.1%
European & Slavic Languages	2,617	1.2%
African Languages	2,552	1.2%
American Sign Language	93	0.04%
Other	256	0.1%
Unspecified	1,106	0.5%

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	% at Beginning of Enrollment Year	# at End of Enrollment Year	% at End of Enrollment Year
Children with health insurance	200,529	95.7%	201,442	96.1%
Children with accessible health care	195,178	93.1%	197,881	94.4%
Children with up-to-date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date, or exempt	184,066	87.8%	187,050	89.3%
Children with accessible dental care	144,709	69.1%	160,335	76.5%

Disabilities services

	# of children	% of children
Children with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), indicating they were determined eligible to receive early intervention services	26,921	12.8%

Family services

	# of families	% of families
Total Number of Families	187,460	100%
	# of families	% of families
Families Who Received at Least One Family Service	152,449	81.3%

Specific services

	# of families	% of families
Emergency/crisis Intervention	59,562	31.8%
Housing assistance	18,710	10.0%
Asset building services	22,026	11.7%
Mental health services	26,821	14.3%
Substance misuse prevention	10,643	5.7%
Substance misuse treatment	2,734	1.5%
English as a Second Language (ESL) training	10,116	5.4%
Assistance in enrolling into an education or job training program	24,971	13.3%
Research-based parenting curriculum	80,672	43.0%
Involvement in discussing their child's screening and assessment results and their child's progress	113,731	60.7%
Supporting transitions between programs	69,721	37.2%
Education on preventive medical and oral health	93,878	50.1%
Education on health and developmental consequences of tobacco product use	35,836	19.1%

	# of families	% of families
Education on nutrition	90,737	48.4%
Education on postpartum care	17,478	9.3%
Education on relationship/marriage	12,481	6.7%
Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals	2,563	1.4%