

Office of Head Start - Head Start Services Snapshot

NATIONAL (2021-2022)

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.

	# of funded % of funded enrollment slots enrollment s	
Total Funded Enrollment	600,926	100%

Funded enrollment by program option

	# of funded enrollment slots	% of funded enrollment slots
Center-based option	581,960	96.8%
Home-based option	8,958	1.5%
Family child care option	1,341	0.2%
Locally designed option	8,667	1.4%

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	475,125	81.6%
Of these, the number that are available for the full-working-day and full-calendar-year	107,546	
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	106,835	18.4%
Of these, the number that are available for 3.5 hours per day for 128 days	65,259	
Of these, the number that are available for a full working day	5,790	

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	542,033	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.

	# of participants	% of participants
1 year old	30	0.006%
2 years old	30,053	5.5%
3 years old	248,949	45.9%
4 years old	256,581	47.3%
5 years and older	6,420	1.2%

Homelessness services

	# of children	% of children
Total number of children experiencing homelessness that were served during the enrollment year	29,714	5.5%

Foster care

	# of children	% of children
Total number of enrolled children who were in foster care at any point during the program year	18,182	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.

	# of children % of children		
The second year	127,298	23.5%	
Three or more years	38,695	7.1%	

Ethnicity and race

	# of Hispanic or Latino Origin participants	Ĺatino Origin	# of Non- Hispanic or Non-Latino Origin participants	% of Non- Hispanic or Non-Latino Origin participants
American Indian or Alaska Native	4,026	0.7%	5,248	1.0%
Asian	391	0.07%	11,682	2.2%
Black or African American	6,330	1.2%	162,145	29.9%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	811	0.1%	3,757	0.7%
White	116,529	21.5%	134,485	24.8%
Bi-racial/Multi-racial	29,037	5.4%	28,056	5.2%
Other	25,886	4.8%	2,399	0.4%
Unspecified	9,929	1.8%	1,322	0.2%

Primary language of family at home

	# of participants	% of participants
English	403,239	74.4%
Of these, the number of children acquiring/learning another language in addition to English	26,997	
Spanish	105,496	19.5%
Native Central American, South American & Mexican Languages	1,082	0.2%
Caribbean Languages	3,046	0.6%

	# of participants	% of participants
Middle Eastern & South Asian Languages	8,443	1.6%
East Asian Languages	5,306	1.0%
Native North American/Alaska Native Languages	71	0.01%
Pacific Island Languages	1,945	0.4%
European & Slavic Languages	4,817	0.9%
African Languages	5,574	1.0%
American Sign Language	209	0.04%
Other	531	0.10%
Unspecified	2,274	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	% at Beginning of Enrollment Year	# at End of Enrollment Year	% at End of Enrollment Year
Children with health insurance	512,282	94.5%	516,962	95.4%
Children with accessible health care	504,192	93.0%	512,598	94.6%
Children with up-to-date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date, or exempt	504,118	93.0%	514,171	94.9%
Children with accessible dental care	448,210	82.7%	479,831	88.5%

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	71,905	13.3%

Family services

	# of families	% of families
Total Number of Families	503,194	100%
	# of families	% of families
Families Who Received at Least One Family Service	400,706	79.6%

Specific services

	# of families	% of families
Emergency/crisis Intervention	134,920	26.8%
Housing assistance	33,949	6.7%
Asset building services	48,031	9.5%
Mental health services	61,953	12.3%
Substance misuse prevention	17,654	3.5%
Substance misuse treatment	4,866	1.0%
English as a Second Language (ESL) training	21,866	4.3%
Assistance in enrolling into an education or job training program	52,743	10.5%
Research-based parenting curriculum	162,860	32.4%
Involvement in discussing their child's screening and assessment results and their child's progress	291,948	58.0%
Supporting transitions between programs	202,706	40.3%
Education on preventive medical and oral health	222,546	44.2%
Education on health and developmental consequences of tobacco product use	63,611	12.6%

	# of families	% of families
Education on nutrition	202,576	40.3%
Education on postpartum care	13,263	2.6%
Education on relationship/marriage	19,715	3.9%
Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals	4,176	0.8%