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American Indian & Alaska Native Head Start
**FUNDING OVERVIEW**

$299,256,477 Federal Funding

### Total Number of Children and Pregnant Women Enrolled

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>AIAN Head Start</th>
<th>AIAN Early Head Start</th>
<th>Pregnant Women</th>
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<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>21,216</td>
<td>16,788</td>
<td>4,428</td>
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<td>2016-2017</td>
<td>19,696</td>
<td>15,154</td>
<td>4,542</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>19,394</td>
<td>14,849</td>
<td>4,545</td>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>19,448</td>
<td>15,153</td>
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<td>2020-2021</td>
<td>13,367</td>
<td>10,481</td>
<td>2,886</td>
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### Funding Per Child

- **AIAN HEAD START**
  - $12,318 per child

- **AIAN EARLY HEAD START**
  - $18,288 per child

### IMPACTS OF COVID-19

- **-6,081** fewer children enrolled in AIAN Head Start than in 2018-2019.
- **-1,144** fewer children enrolled in AIAN Early Head Start than in 2018-2019.

Learn more about the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on page 12.

### Average CLASS Pre-K Scores 2016-2019

- **Emotional Support**
  - AIAN Average: 6.0

- **Classroom Organization**
  - AIAN Average: 5.7

- **Instructional Support**
  - AIAN Average: 2.6

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**AIAN PROFILE: 2020–2021**

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**Total AIAN Head Start and Early Head Start Federal Funding (in millions)**

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
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<tr>
<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>$261.1 M</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>$277.4 M</td>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>$279.0 M</td>
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**AIAN Head Start and Early Head Start Federal Funding Per Child (in 2021 Dollars)**

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**AIAN Head Start and Early Head Start Funded Enrollment**

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<th>AIAN Head Start</th>
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<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>20,503</td>
<td>4,860</td>
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<td>2016-2017</td>
<td>18,235</td>
<td>4,864</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>18,344</td>
<td>4,779</td>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>17,256</td>
<td>5,116</td>
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STATE VARIATION
There are large state-by-state differences in Head Start and Early Head Start funding, enrollment, teacher salaries, program components, and quality that are not explained by differences in state population eligibility and needs.

Learn more on page 22 of this report.

IMPEMDS OF COVID-19
Nationally, the Covid-19 pandemic did not have a negative impact on staff turnover, though it is still concerning that 14% of Head Start and 15% of Early Head Start staff left during the program year.

Average AIAN Head Start and Early Head Start Education & Child Development Staff Salaries Compared to Public School Teacher Salaries

Percent of Children Enrolled in AIAN Head Start and Early Head Start With an IEP/IFSP

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Percent of Education & Child Development Staff, by Race:

**AIAN HEAD START**
- American Indian or Alaska Native 71%
- Asian 1%
- Black or African American 2%
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander 2%
- White 19%
- Biracial or Multi-racial 2%
- Other or Unspecified 3%

**AIAN EARLY HEAD START**
- American Indian or Alaska Native 67%
- Asian 1%
- Black or African American 2%
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander 1%
- White 24%
- Biracial or Multi-racial 3%
- Other or Unspecified 2%

Child Home Languages

**AIAN HEAD START**
- English 95%
- Native N. Am./Alaska Native 2%
- Spanish < 1%
- American Sign < 1%
- Other 2%

**AIAN EARLY HEAD START**
- English 98%
- Native N. Am./Alaska Native 1%
- Spanish < 1%
- Other < 1%
Percent of Education & Child Development Staff, by Ethnicity:

**AIAN HEAD START**
- 13% Hispanic or Latino
- 87% Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino

**AIAN EARLY HEAD START**
- 12% Hispanic or Latino
- 88% Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino

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**RACE & ETHNICITY**

Head Start enrollment, funding, and classroom experiences vary by child race and ethnicity in ways that are not easily explained, highlighting inequities. Head Start reaches a smaller percent of eligible children in more racially and ethnically diverse states.

**Language Proficiency**

- 21% of AIAN Head Start Education & Child Development Staff are proficient in a language other than English.
- 10% of AIAN Early Head Start Education & Child Development Staff are proficient in a language other than English.

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**National AIAN Centers**

![Map of AIAN Centers](image)

**STATE VARIATION**

The location of Head Start programs in relation to where children in poverty live varies greatly by state.

In some states centers tend to be concentrated in higher poverty counties; but in other states, the location of Head Start centers is related to population density.

States should ensure programs are accessible to eligible families. This could include ensuring programs are located in neighborhoods near children living in poverty and/or providing transportation to a greater number of children.

*Learn more on page 22 of this report.*

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**Percent of Children Who Receive Transportation to and from Head Start**

- 28% of AIAN Head Start children receive transportation
- 7% of AIAN Early Head Start children receive transportation

**Percent of AIAN Head Start Funded Enrollment Receiving At Least 1,020 Hours Annually**

- 71%

**Percent of AIAN Early Head Start Funded Enrollment Receiving At Least 1,380 Hours Annually**

- 72%