STATE PROFILES

Colorado

FUNDING OVERVIEW

$104,940,079
Federal Funding

$0
State Supplemental Funding

ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW

22%
of 3- and 4-year-olds in poverty in Colorado enrolled in Head Start

9%
of children under 3 in poverty in Colorado enrolled in Early Head Start

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

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Head Start</th>
<th>Early Head Start</th>
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Funding Per Child

HEAD START
$9,878 per child

EARLY HEAD START
$14,793 per child

POVERTY

Both Head Start and Early Head Start are falling short of reaching children in poverty, despite a decrease in the number of children in poverty.

Nationally, Head Start funding per child is less in states with higher child poverty whereas Early Head Start funding per child is higher in states with higher child poverty. How does your state compare?

Learn more on page 16 of this report.

IMPACTS OF COVID-19

Impact of Covid-19 on:
Number Enrolled


Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled


-1 percentage point lower in 2020-2021 than 2018-2019.

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

All funding and salary amounts have been adjusted for differences in cost of living between states. See the Methodology for more information.
Head Start and Early Head Start Federal Funding Per Child

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In 2021 Dollars

Head Start and Early Head Start Funded Enrollment

Average CLASS Pre-K Scores 2016-2019

- Emotional Support
- Classroom Organization
- Instructional Support

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

National Average

IMPACTS 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 Early Head Start staff left during the program year. How did your state compare?

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

Salaries adjusted for state cost of living.

Head Start and Early Head Start Staff Turnover

2018-2019 compared to 2020-2021

Learn more on page 22 of this report.
Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled, by Race:

**HEAD START**
- **Asian** 9%
- **Black or African American** 18%
- **White** 23%
- **Other** 16%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- **Asian** 3%
- **Black or African American** 8%
- **White** 10%
- **Other** 7%

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. How does your state compare?

Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled, by Ethnicity:

**HEAD START**
- **Hispanic or Latino** 25%
- **Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino** 22%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- **Hispanic or Latino** 8%
- **Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino** 12%

Percent of Education & Child Development Staff, by Race:

**HEAD START**
- **American Indian or Alaska Native** 2%
- **Asian** 1%
- **Black or African American** 8%
- **Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander** 1%
- **White** 72%
- **Biracial or Multi-racial** 2%
- **Other or Unspecified** 15%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- **American Indian or Alaska Native** 1%
- **Asian** 2%
- **Black or African American** 11%
- **Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander** 0%
- **White** 72%
- **Biracial or Multi-racial** 2%
- **Other or Unspecified** 12%

**CHILD HOME LANGUAGES**

**HEAD START**
- **English** 71%
- **Spanish** 24%
- **Middle Eastern & South Asian** 1%
- **Other** 3%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- **English** 66%
- **Spanish** 21%
- **Middle Eastern & South Asian** 1%
- **Other** 11%

**EDUCATION & CHILD DEVELOPMENT STAFF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

28% of Head Start Education & Child Development Staff are proficient in a language other than English.

54% of Early Head Start Education & Child Development Staff are proficient in a language other than English.
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.