Connecticut

FUNDING OVERVIEW

$63,575,962
Federal Funding

$4,064,508
State Supplemental Funding

20%
of 3- and 4-year-olds in poverty in Connecticut enrolled in Head Start

8%
of children under 3 in poverty in Connecticut enrolled in Early Head Start

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

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Head Start</th>
<th>Early Head Start</th>
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<tr>
<td>2020-2021</td>
<td>$73.6 M</td>
<td>$16,324 per child</td>
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<td>2019-2020</td>
<td>$70.9 M</td>
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Funding Per Child

HEAD START
$10,401 per child

EARLY HEAD START
$16,324 per child

Total Number of Children and Pregnant Women Enrolled

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<th>Head Start</th>
<th>Early Head Start</th>
<th>Pregnant Women</th>
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<td>2020-2021</td>
<td>3,296</td>
<td>1,674</td>
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<td>2019-2020</td>
<td>2,613</td>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>1,992</td>
<td>1,428</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>1,734</td>
<td>1,268</td>
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<td>993</td>
<td>728</td>
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<td>178</td>
<td>127</td>
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<td>102</td>
<td>59</td>
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<td>102</td>
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<td>67</td>
<td>41</td>
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<td>99</td>
<td>43</td>
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Impact of Covid-19 on:
Number Enrolled


Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled


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

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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<th>Year</th>
<th>Head Start</th>
<th>Early Head Start</th>
<th>National Average</th>
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<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>$8,980</td>
<td>$12,802</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>$10,821</td>
<td>$17,473</td>
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<td>$11,535</td>
<td>$17,341</td>
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<td>$11,972</td>
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*In 2021 Dollars*

**RACE & ETHNICITY**

Nationally, Head Start funding per child is less in states with a higher percent of Black children in enrolled. Additionally, observed classroom quality—specifically Emotional Support and Classroom Organization scores—was significantly lower in states in which Black children were a larger percentage of Head Start enrollment.

*Learn more on page 18 of this report.*

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

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<td>6,124</td>
<td>736</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>4,400</td>
<td>1,187</td>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>4,206</td>
<td>1,292</td>
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<td>2019-2020</td>
<td>4,009</td>
<td>1,349</td>
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<td>2020-2021</td>
<td>3,970</td>
<td>1,365</td>
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**Average CLASS Pre-K Scores 2016-2019**

- **Emotional Support**
  - National Average: 6.0
  - Connecticut: 6.0
  - Connecticut: 6.1

- **Classroom Organization**
  - National Average: 5.8
  - Connecticut: 5.8
  - Connecticut: 2.9

- **Instructional Support**
  - National Average: 2.9
  - Connecticut: 2.9

**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. How does your state compare?

*Learn more on page 22 of this report.*

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

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<td>14%</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>2020-2021</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>11.6%</td>
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**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.

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<th>Position</th>
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<th>National Average</th>
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<td>Teacher</td>
<td>$35,332</td>
<td>$21,920</td>
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<td>Assistant Teacher</td>
<td>$32,791</td>
<td>$23,177</td>
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<td>Public School Teacher</td>
<td>$69,311</td>
<td>$39,000</td>
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<td>Home-Based Visitors</td>
<td>$23,975</td>
<td>$23,250</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider</td>
<td>$33,790</td>
<td>$37,605</td>
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**Head Start and Early Head Start Staff Turnover**

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<td>10%</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>18%</td>
<td>15%</td>
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*2018-2019 compared to 2020-2021*
HEAD START
Asian 14%
Black or African American 29%
White 14%
Other 27%

EARLY HEAD START
Asian 3%
Black or African American 11%
White 5%
Other 12%

Child Home Languages
HEAD START
56% English
36% Spanish
9% Other

EARLY HEAD START
68% English
26% Spanish
1% Other

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 Race:

HEAD START
Black or African American 29%
White 14%
Other 27%

EARLY HEAD START
Black or African American 11%
White 5%
Other 12%

Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled, by Ethnicity:

HEAD START
Hispanic or Latino 18%
Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 25%

EARLY HEAD START
Hispanic or Latino 6%
Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 10%

Percent of Education & Child Development Staff, by Race:

HEAD START
American Indian or Alaska Native 0%
Asian 3%
Black or African American 24%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander < 1%
White 61%
Biracial or Multi-racial 3%
Other or Unspecified 9%

EARLY HEAD START
American Indian or Alaska Native 0%
Asian 2%
Black or African American 27%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander 0%
White 59%
Biracial or Multi-racial 4%
Other or Unspecified 8%

Percent of Education & Child Development Staff, by Ethnicity:

HEAD START
Hispanic or Latino 28%
Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 72%

EARLY HEAD START
Hispanic or Latino 44%
Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 56%

Child Home Languages
EARLY HEAD START
English 68%
Spanish 26%
Other 1%

Education & Child Development Staff Language Proficiency
39% of Head Start Education & Child Development Staff are proficient in a language other than English.
49% 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.*