**Massachusetts**

**FUNDING OVERVIEW**

$135,771,822
Federal Funding

$12,552,091
State Supplemental Funding

**STATE PROFILE: 2020–2021**

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Head Start</th>
<th>Early Head Start</th>
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<tr>
<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>$143.2 M</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>$152.6 M</td>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>$155.7 M</td>
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<td>$161.0 M</td>
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<td>2020-2021</td>
<td>$135.8 M</td>
<td>$35.1 M</td>
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**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 and Number of Children in Poverty Enrolled**
  - $0.6 percentage points 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>
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<th>National Average</th>
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<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>$10,406</td>
<td>$13,884</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>$11,936</td>
<td>$17,326</td>
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<td>$12,455</td>
<td>$17,658</td>
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<td>$12,984</td>
<td>$18,195</td>
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<td>2020-2021</td>
<td>$10,977</td>
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In 2021 Dollars

Head Start and Early Head Start Funded Enrollment

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<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>11,535</td>
<td>1,503</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>9,833</td>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>9,520</td>
<td>2,115</td>
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<td>2019-2020</td>
<td>9,437</td>
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<td>2020-2021</td>
<td>9,169</td>
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Average CLASS Pre-K Scores 2016-2019

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Emotional Support</th>
<th>Classroom Organization</th>
<th>Instructional Support</th>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>6.1</td>
<td>5.7</td>
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<td>2020-2021</td>
<td>6.1</td>
<td>5.8</td>
<td>2.9</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. How does your state compare?

Learn more on page 22 of this report.

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.

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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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Head Start Teacher</th>
<th>Head Start Assistant Teacher</th>
<th>Early Head Start Teacher</th>
<th>Public School Teacher</th>
<th>Head Start Home-Based Visitors</th>
<th>Head Start Family Child Care Provider</th>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>$31,165</td>
<td>$24,882</td>
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Head Start and Early Head Start Staff Turnover

2018-2019 compared to 2020-2021

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<td>14%</td>
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<td>2020-2021</td>
<td>16%</td>
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National Average
Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled, by Race:

**HEAD START**
- Asian 85%
- Black or African American 35%
- White 27%
- Other 29%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- Asian 20%
- Black or African American 11%
- White 8%
- Other 10%

National Average

N/A Not available

Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled, by Ethnicity:

**HEAD START**
- Hispanic or Latino 42%
- Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 38%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- Hispanic or Latino 12%
- Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 11%

National Average

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 41%
- Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 59%

National Average

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?

Child Home Languages

**HEAD START**
- English 51%
- Spanish 29%
- Middle Eastern & South Asian 6%
- European & Slavic 4%
- Other 10%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- English 52%
- Spanish 28%
- Middle Eastern & South Asian 5%
- Caribbean 4%
- Other 11%

Education & Child Development Staff Language Proficiency

42% of Head Start Education & Child Development Staff are proficient in a language other than English. 45% 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.