STATE PROFILE: 2020–2021

Mississippi

FUNDING OVERVIEW

$233,586,352
Federal Funding

$0
State Supplemental Funding

153,698,854
In 2021 Dollars

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>
<th>Pregnant Women</th>
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<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>$199.4 M</td>
<td>$177.4 M</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>$218.1 M</td>
<td>$175.7 M</td>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>$218.3 M</td>
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<td>2019-2020</td>
<td>$226.2 M</td>
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<td>$233.6 M</td>
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Funding Per Child

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<td>HEAD START</td>
<td>$9,445 per child</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.

All funding and salary amounts have been adjusted for differences in cost of living between states. See the Methodology for more information.
### Percent of Children Enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start With an IEP/IFSP

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<td>Head Start</td>
<td>$6,927</td>
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<td>Early Head Start</td>
<td>$12,860</td>
<td>$14,801</td>
<td>$15,337</td>
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In 2021 Dollars

### 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 Federal Funding Per Child

- Head Start: $12,860
- Early Head Start: $14,801
- National Average: $16,850

### Average Head Start and Early Head Start Funded Enrollment

- Head Start: 25,614
- Early Head Start: 21,039
- National Average: 18,113

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

- Emotional Support: 6.0
- Classroom Organization: 5.7
- Instructional Support: 2.8

### 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

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Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled, by Race:

**HEAD START**
- Asian 2%
- Black or African American 66%
- White 25%
- Other 37%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- Asian 0%
- Black or African American 12%
- White 2%
- Other 6%

Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled, by Ethnicity:

**HEAD START**
- Hispanic or Latino 47%
- Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 55%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- Hispanic or Latino 19%
- Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 9%

Percent of Education & Child Development Staff, by Race:

**HEAD START**
- American Indian or Alaska Native 1%
- Asian < 1%
- Black or African American 85%
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander 0%
- White 14%
- Biracial or Multi-racial < 1%
- Other or Unspecified < 1%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- American Indian or Alaska Native 2%
- Asian 0%
- Black or African American 91%
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander 0%
- White 6%
- Biracial or Multi-racial < 1%
- Other or Unspecified 1%

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 96%
- Spanish 3%
- Native N. Am./Alaska Native < 1%
- Middle Eastern & South Asian < 1%
- Other 9%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- English 98%
- Spanish 1%
- Native N. Am./Alaska Native 1%
- Other 2%

Education & Child Development Staff Language Proficiency

1% of Head Start Education & Child Development Staff are proficient in a language other than English.

2% of Early Head Start Education & Child Development Staff are proficient in a language other than English.
Location of Head Start Centers Compared to the Percent of Families with Children under age 5 in Poverty, by County

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.