**West Virginia**

### Funding Overview

- **Total Federal Funding**: $76,866,372
- **State Supplemental Funding**: $0

### Enrollment Overview

- **Head Start**: 49% of 3- and 4-year-olds in poverty in West Virginia enrolled in Head Start
- **Early Head Start**: 10% of children under 3 in poverty in West Virginia enrolled in Early Head Start

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

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Head Start</th>
<th>Early Head Start</th>
<th>Pregnant Women</th>
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### Funding Per Child

- **Head Start**: $9,102 per child
- **Early Head Start**: $14,305 per child

### Impacts of COVID-19

- **Number Enrolled**

- **Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled**
  - **Head Start**: +2 percentage points higher in 2020-2021 than 2018-2019.
  - **Early Head Start**: +2 percentage points higher 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.
## Percent of Children Enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start With an IEP/IFSP

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In 2021 Dollars

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## Average CLASS Pre-K Scores 2016-2019

- **Emotional Support:**
  - National Average: 6.2
  - West Virginia: 6.1
  - Significant above threshold: 6.2

- **Classroom Organization:**
  - National Average: 5.9
  - West Virginia: 5.8
  - Significant above threshold: 5.9

- **Instructional Support:**
  - National Average: 3.0
  - West Virginia: 2.9
  - Significant above threshold: 3.0

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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.

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## 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.

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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?

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## 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 Teacher:** $45,764
- **Head Start Assistant Teacher:** $26,145
- **Early Head Start Teacher:** $30,412
- **Public School Teacher:** $33,292
- **No Data:**
  - Head Start Home-Based Visitors
  - Head Start Family Child Care Provider
  - Early Head Start Home-Based Visitors
  - Early Head Start Family Child Care Provider
- **National Average:**
  - Head Start: $39,066
  - Early Head Start: $41,617

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## Head Start and Early Head Start Staff Turnover

2018-2019 compared to 2020-2021

- **Head Start:**
  - 2018-2019: 7%
  - 2020-2021: 16%
- **Early Head Start:**
  - 2018-2019: 13%
  - 2020-2021: 26%
Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled, by Race:

**HEAD START**
- Asian: N/A
- Black or African American: 70%
- White: 45%
- Other: 88%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- Asian: N/A
- Black or African American: 16%
- White: 9%
- Other: 22%

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Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled, by Ethnicity:

**HEAD START**
- Hispanic or Latino: 100%
- Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino: 45%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- Hispanic or Latino: 73%
- Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino: 9%

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Percent of Education & Child Development Staff, by Race:

**HEAD START**
- American Indian or Alaska Native: < 1%
- Asian: < 1%
- Black or African American: 3%
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: 2%
- White: 95%
- Biracial or Multi-racial: < 1%
- Other or Unspecified: < 1%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 0%
- Asian: 1%
- Black or African American: 4%
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: 1%
- White: 93%
- Biracial or Multi-racial: 1%
- Other or Unspecified: 0%

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Percent of Education & Child Development Staff, by Ethnicity:

**HEAD START**
- Hispanic or Latino: 2%
- Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino: 98%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- Hispanic or Latino: 23%
- Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino: 77%

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Child Home Languages

**HEAD START**
- English: 98%
- Spanish: 1%
- Middle Eastern & South Asian: < 1%
- African: < 1%
- Other: < 1%

**EARLY HEAD START**
- English: 96%
- Spanish: 2%
- Middle Eastern & South Asian: 1%
- European & Slavic: < 1%
- Other: < 1%

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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.