# Washington

**FUNDING OVERVIEW** 

\$167,699,387

Federal Funding

**\$0** 

State Supplemental Funding



of 3- and 4-year-olds in poverty in Washington enrolled in Head Start



of children under 3 in poverty in Washington enrolled in Early Head Start

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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?

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



## **Funding Per Child**

**HEAD START** 

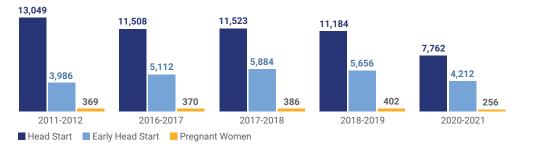
\$12,211

per child

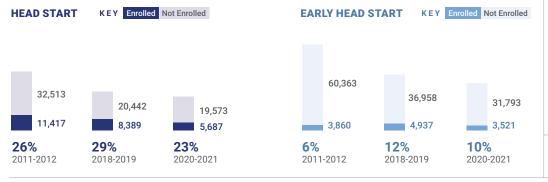
**EARLY HEAD START** 

**\$15,557** per child

### **Total Number of Children and Pregnant Women Enrolled**



Percent and Number of Children in Poverty Enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start Compared to Number of Children in Poverty in the State



## :O:IMPACTS OF COVID-19

### Impact of Covid-19 on: Number Enrolled

-3,422

fewer children enrolled in Head Start than in 2018-2019.

-1,444

fewer children enrolled in Early Head Start than in 2018-2019.

## Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled

**-6.6 percentage points** lower in 2020-2021 than 2018-2019.

## -2 percentage points

lower in 2020-2021 than 2018-2019.

■ Head Start ■ Early Head Start

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

### Head Start and Early Head Start Federal Funding Per Child



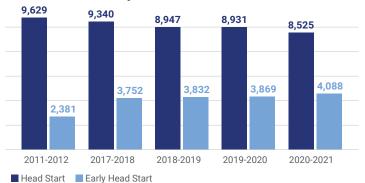


### **RACE & ETHNICITY**

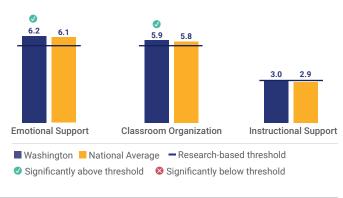
Nationally, Head Start funding per child is less in states with a higher percent of Black children in enrolled. Additionally, observed classroom quality—specifically Emotional Support and Classroom Organization scores—was significantly lower in states in which Black children were a larger percentage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

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



## Average CLASS Pre-K Scores 2016-2019





### STATE VARIATION

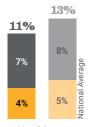
There are large state-by-state differences in Head Start and Early Head Start funding, enrollment, teacher salaries, program components, and quality that are not explained by differences in state population eligibility and needs. How does your state compare?

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

■ IEP/IFSP at enrollment

■ IEP/IFSP determined during program year





Head Start Early Head Start

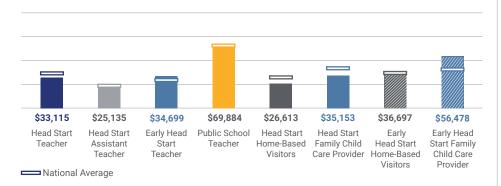


IMPACTS OF COVID-19

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?

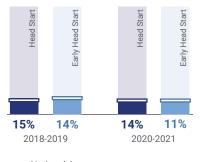
# Average Head Start and Early Head Start Education & Child Development Staff Salaries Compared to Public School Teacher Salaries

Salaries adjusted for state cost of living.



# Head Start and Early Head Start Staff Turnover

2018-2019 compared to 2020-2021



■ National Average

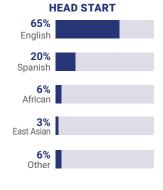
# Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled, by Race: **HEAD START** Asian 15% **Black or African American 23% White 20% Other 18%** ■■ National Average

# **EARLY HEAD START** Asian 5% **Black or African American 12%** White 9% 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?

## N/A Not available **Child Home Languages**



## Percent of Children in Poverty Enrolled, by Ethnicity:

### **HEAD START**



### **EARLY HEAD START**



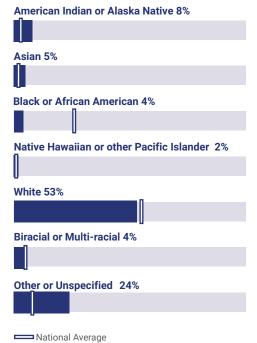
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### **HEAD START**



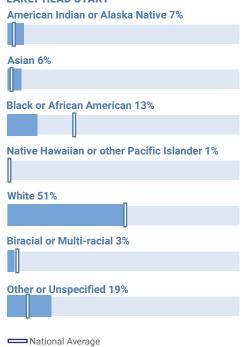
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### **HEAD START**

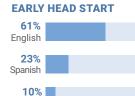


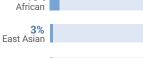
### **EARLY HEAD START**

■ National Average



## **Child Home Languages**





3% Other

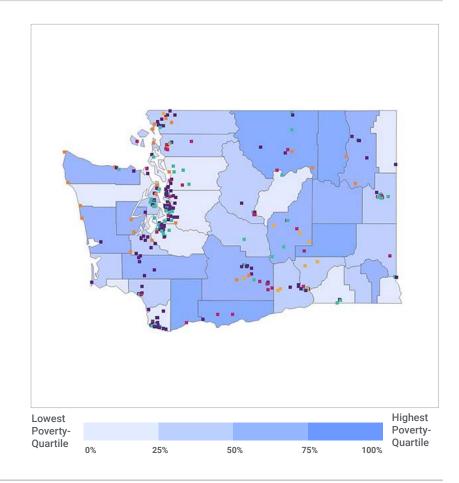
## **Education & Child Development Staff Language Proficiency**

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

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

Total Centers	359
■ Head Start	172
Early Head Start	87
■ Head Start & Early Head Start	45
■ AIAN Head Start & Early Head Start	27
■ Migrant and Seasonal Head Start	28





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.

