



More than 1,000,000 California low-income preschool children and families have benefited from Head Start services since 1965, and Early Head Start services since 1994. Head Start services, however, are currently available to only forty six percent of the Head Start/Early Head Start eligible children in California.

2008 California Head Start Fact Sheet

***Head Start: The Nations Pride in Building Children and
Families 1965 – 2008***



Head Start/Early Head Start in California

Data from the 2007 Program Information Report

California has 1,939 Head Start/Early Head Start/Tribal/Migrant centers housing 5,279 classes, along with 690 family child care homes and 811 home-based socialization groups that serve funded enrollment. In California's Head Start community there are 23,387 staff serving children and families. 22.5% of the employees are or were Head Start or Early Head Start parents. During this past program year, over 123,140 volunteers provided service to local Head Start programs. 86% of the volunteers are current or former parents of the local Head Start program.

During the 2007 Program Year over 121,438 children enrolled in California's Head Start/Early Head Start/Tribal/Migrant completed all medical screenings -- of those screened, 20.61% were identified as needing follow-up treatment and of those referred 95.40% received/receiving treatment for the following conditions:

▪ Overweight	7.15%
▪ Anemia	5.16%
▪ Asthma	4.66%
▪ Vision	2.12%
▪ Hearing	.97%

89.08% of the children enrolled in California's Head Start/Early Head Start/Tribal/Migrant received dental examinations -- 31.14% were identified as needing treatment. Over 90,348 Head Start children received preventive dental care in 2006/2007.

During the 2007 Program Year 13,580 or 12.80% of California's Head Start/Early Head Start/Tribal/Migrant enrollment consisted of children with disabilities. Top five areas most identified were:

▪ Speech & Language	73.99%
▪ Autism	3.60%
▪ Developmental Delay	3.34%
▪ Mental Retardation	2.17%
▪ Health Impairment	1.48%

Fall 2007, Head Start programs sent 60,281 children on to kindergarten to over 1016 different local school districts. 45.07% of those districts have formal agreements to coordinate transition services for children and families.

During the 2007 Program Year, the majority of Head Start/Early Head Start/Tribal/Migrant families were employed, yet eligible for services under income guidelines. Almost 58% of the children enrolled come from two-parent families. For children attending Migrant Head Start, 75.8% of the children enrolled come from two-parent families.

- 22.5% of the two-parent families were both working
- 66.3% of the one-parent families were working during the year

Five different agency types delivered Head Start/Early Head Start services in 2007:

▪ Private/Public Non-Profits	37.6%
▪ School Systems	36.2%
▪ Community Action Agencies	12.5%
▪ Tribal Government/Consort	6.0%
▪ Government Agencies	6.9%
▪ Private/Public For-Profit	0.4%

5.1% of California Head Start/Early Head Start agencies were identified as "religiously affiliated agency, providing essentially secular services".

67% of California Head Start agencies also contract with the State Department of Education, Child Development Division. The most common program collaborations are Head Start & State Preschool, Head Start & General Child Care and Head Start & State Preschool Full Day (2007 California Combined Contract Report). These funding combinations benefited 38,733 children through enrollment in the following programs:

▪ State Preschool	49.9%
▪ General Child Care	37.9%
▪ PreKindergarten Family Literacy – Part Day	5.6%
▪ CA Migrant	4.9%
▪ State Preschool - Full Day	1.5%
▪ PreKindergarten Family Literacy – Full Day	.2%

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Head Start/Early Head Start in California

Head Start Funded Enrollment (FY07) -----90,787
 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment (FY07) -----7,608
 Migrant Head Start Funded Enrollment in California (FY07) -----5,553
 American Indian/Native American Head Start Funded Enrollment (FY07)--658

Age of Actual Enrollment

Children 0-1 year old 2.7%
 Children 1 year old 3.3%
 Children 2 years old 4.5%
 Children 3 years old 32.5%
 Children 4 years old 54.5%
 Children 5 years old 2.1%
 Pregnant Women.....1.1%

Between 2004 to 2007 a shift has been observed in fewer 5 year old children and more 3 year old children enrolled in Head Start in California

Ethnic Composition

Hispanic.....70.5%
 Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino29.5%

Racial Composition

White 40.9%
 Unspecified Race 34.6%
 Black/African American 9.7%
 Multi Racial/Other..... 4.5%
 Asian 4.6%
 American Indian/Alaska Native 4.7%
 Pacific Islander..... 0.6%

Teacher Information

Education Level

- ✓ Associates Degree, ECE & Related..... 51.2%
- ✓ Baccalaureate or Graduate Degree 24.8%
- ✓ CDA Credential/State Equivalent..... 20%

Enrolled, Related AA/BA Degree Program..... 20.6%

Average Annual Teacher Salary, AA Degree

- ✓ Head Start/Early Head Start\$28,668.28
- ✓ Migrant Head Start.....\$25,276.64
- ✓ Tribal Head Start.....\$22,845.00

Average Annual Teacher Salary, BA Degree

- ✓ Head Start/Early Head Start\$32,895.62
- ✓ Migrant Head Start.....\$27,766.67
- ✓ Tribal Head Start.....\$25,900.00

Ethnicity of Child Development Staff

- Hispanic or Latino 59.0%
- Non Hispanic or Non Latino 40.1%
- ✓ Black or African American..... 12.2%
- ✓ American Indian..... 6.5%
- ✓ Asian..... 8.0%

Program Models

Full-day (4 & 5 day)23.5%
 Part-day & variations in attendance48.7%
 Double Session13.2%
 Home-based6.5%
 Combination Option0.7%
 Locally Designed (LDO).....0.8%
 Family Child Care.....1.9%

The average class size is 17. The staff to child ratio in 2007 was 1:7

Family Information

Actual Number of families served..... 121,479
 Pregnant Women – 1477 (19.1% were under 18)
 Families on TANF 19.0%
 Families on WIC.....60.6%
 Families on SSI.....3.5%
 Children without insurance, *start* of the program year.....9.8%
 Children without insurance, *end* of the program year4.1%
 Parent with less than High School Grad.....47.8%
 Parent with High School or GED.....32.2%
 Families served who were Homeless1.6%

Home Language

- ✓ English.....39.3%
- ✓ Spanish.....54.4%
- ✓ East Asian3.3%
- ✓ Other2.8%

Family Service provided/requested during program year

- ✓ Emergency/ Crisis Intervention 16.9%
- ✓ Health Education.....37.7%
- ✓ Parenting Education42.2%
- ✓ English Classes (ESL) 17.8%
- ✓ Adult Education (GED) 16.1%
- ✓ Marriage Education2.6%
- ✓ Mental Health 13.3%
- ✓ Child Abuse & Neglect Services 12.4%
- ✓ Assistance to families of incarcerated 1.7%

Over the past few years, Head Start programs have made father involvement a high priority. 74% of California Head Start programs have established formal outreach to dads. On average 12.2% of the children's fathers participated. Tribal programs reported the highest level of participation at 35.4%





*"It's easier to
build a child
than repair an
adult."*
*-Author
Unknown*

"Research on Head Start and similar programs has found substantial long-term benefits in educational achievement and attainment, employment, and social behavior. It is reasonable to conclude that Head Start has positive benefits for school readiness".

Head Start's Lasting Benefits, Barnett & Hustedt, 2005

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