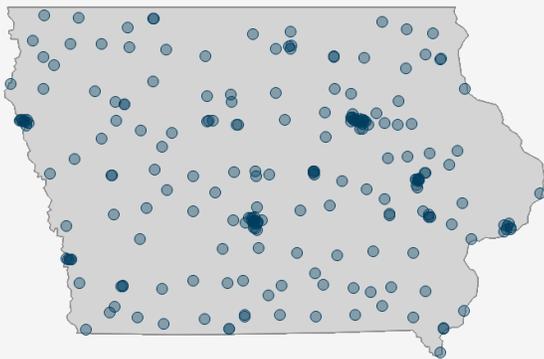


Iowa

2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“I give a tremendous amount of credit to Head Start for helping me to achieve my career goals. I’ve met people in the community who saw my potential and recognized that I was striving for more, for both for myself and my daughter. Without Head Start, I don’t believe I’d be nearly as successful as I have been in achieving my career dreams.”

– Lisa Reid, Creston



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Head Start Centers Statewide

Visit nhsa.org/locator to view the map in more detail.

\$81,477,752

FY21 Funding

(Excluding Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding)

7,180

Funded Slots Statewide

5,477

Funded Head Start Slots

1,703

Funded Early Head Start Slots

Head Start's Model

Nationwide, Comprehensive, Multi-Generational

In the six decades since our founding, we have reached a new milestone: 37 million children have been served by Head Start. Innovators and small business owners, police officers and members of the service, nurses and teachers—our alumni represent the vast and diverse fabric of our country. From early math and reading skills, to confidence and resilience, Head Start helps children build the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

Head Start takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of young children and their families. **There are four pillars in every program:**

Education: Learning experiences support intellectual, social, and emotional growth

Health Services: Immunizations, dental, medical, and mental health support, nutritional services, and early screenings ensure healthy development

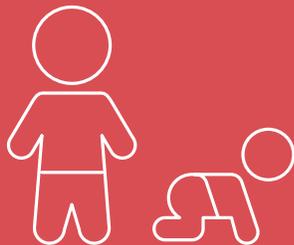
Family Involvement: Opportunities for parents and caregivers to be involved in decision making, participate in classes, and volunteer in the program strengthen families

Wraparound Support: Tailored services meet local and individual needs and link children and families to community supports.

“**Head Start and Early Head Start programs successfully implemented CDC recommended guidance and other ancillary measures for child care programs that remained open, allowing them to continue offering in-person learning.**”

— CDC, *Implementing Mitigation Strategies in Early Care and Education Settings for Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Transmission*

December 2020



Children

54,638

Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year

161

Pregnant Women Served

2,531

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

735

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

3,585

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

5,454

Children Up-to-Date on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment Screenings



Families

541

Homeless Families Served

4,950

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes

1,907

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



Community

574

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

2,627

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff

4,571

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training



The National Head Start Association is committed to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life. Since 1974, NHTSA has worked for policy changes that ensure all income-eligible children have access to the Head Start model.

For citations, the national profile, and other state profiles, visit [go.nhsa.org/state-profile](https://www.nhsa.org/state-profile)