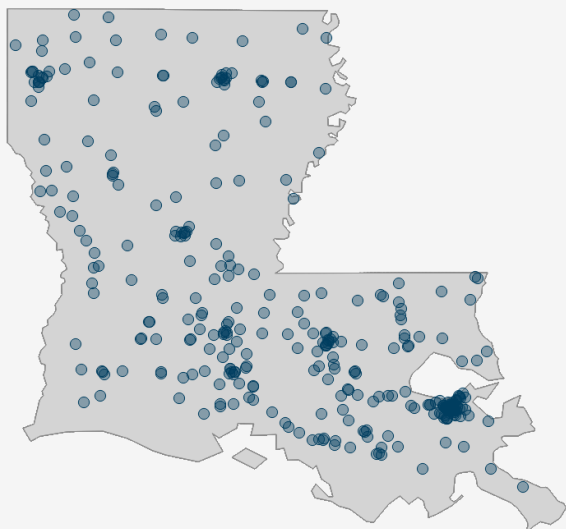


Louisiana

2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“When my son started Head Start, I started volunteering, then substituting, and now I am working as a family advocate. And for my adopted son, who has multiple disabilities, Head Start helped him succeed in school. He is now in 2nd grade and on the honor roll, and he tells everyone that he learned everything from Head Start.”

– Debra Knight, Franklinton



● **330**
Head Start Centers Statewide

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

\$211,574,493

FY21 Funding

(Excluding Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding)

20,740

Funded Slots Statewide

17,526

Funded Head Start Slots

3,214

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

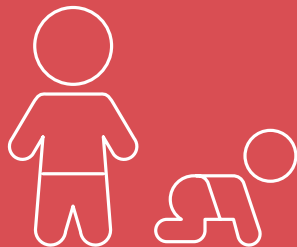
Family Involvement: Opportunities for parents and caregivers to be involved in decision making, participate in classes, and volunteer in the program strengthen families

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

49,924

Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year

173

Pregnant Women Served

8,124

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

1,508

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

9,993

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

12,788

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



Families

654

Homeless Families Served

12,137

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes

3,274

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



Community

1,390

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

5,632

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff

9,777

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, NHSA 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