

# Georgia

## 2025 Head Start Profile



### BY THE NUMBERS

\$289,504,098

FY24 Funding

22,103

Total Funded Seats

16,893

Funded Head Start Preschool Seats

4,990

Funded Early Head Start Seats

220

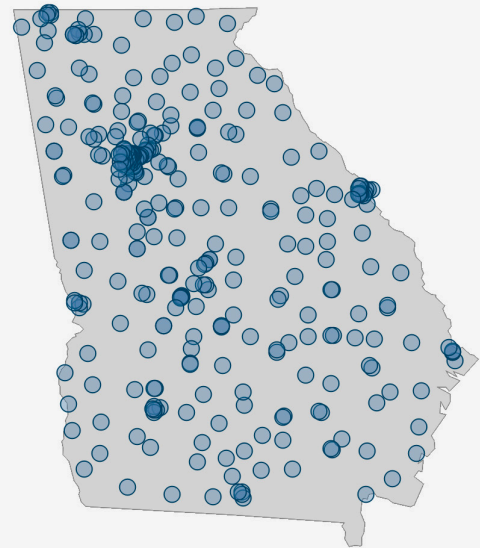
Funded Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and Early Head Start Seats

6,116

Total Staff Employed

379

Total Centers



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### SNAPSHOT



“If I didn’t have Head Start, I don’t believe I would’ve been able to finish school and start college this semester. Head Start has made a huge impact in my son’s life as well, and I wouldn’t change my decision to put my kids in this program for anything. I would tell anyone that this program is not only good for kids, but it can open doors for you to improve your life, too.”

—Tory, Head Start Parent



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.

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# THE HEAD START MODEL

Nationwide, Comprehensive, Multi-Generational

The premise of Head Start is simple: **every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to reach their full potential.**

In the six decades since its founding, Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start has served nearly 40 million children and their families. Innovators and small business owners, police officers and members of the military, nurses and teachers, and even members of Congress—our alumni represent the vast and diverse fabric of our country. From early math and reading skills, to confidence and resilience, Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start help with children build the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

## There are four pillars in every program.

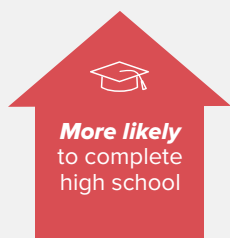
**Education:** Leaning on decades of brain science, Head Start staff work with children to build the brain connections and self confidence necessary for success in kindergarten and beyond.

**Health:** Providing dental, health, and mental health services and referrals, as well as healthy eating based on current nutritional best practices, and early identification of health problems, Head Start addresses critical health and nutrition needs so that children are fully ready to learn and grow.

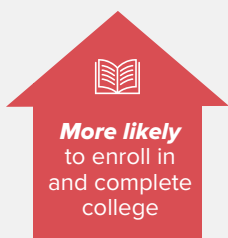
**Parent Engagement and Support:** Believing that parents are a child's first and most important teachers, Head Start requires parent involvement in major program decision-making. Further, Head Start works with parents to put them on a path of economic self-reliance through goal-setting, parenting training, and genuine engagement, enabling parents to join the workforce and stay working.

**Local Design:** Acknowledging that each community has different strengths, resources, and challenges, each program is designed to reflect the traditions, priorities, and cultures of their community.

## Children who attend Head Start are:



**More likely**  
to complete  
high school



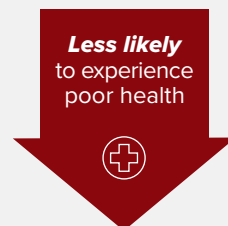
**More likely**  
to enroll in  
and complete  
college



**Less likely**  
to be  
arrested



**Less likely**  
to enter  
foster care



**Less likely**  
to experience  
poor health

Research shows that the benefits of Head Start appear to transfer from one generation to the next in a substantial way.



## CHILDREN

49,448

Home Visits Conducted

161

Pregnant Women Served

13,792

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

1,098

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

19,688

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

16,700

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



## FAMILIES

939

Homeless Families Served

308

Active Duty or Military Veteran

5,390

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences

14,617

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes



## COMMUNITIES

1,520

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

14,817

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training