

# Nebraska

## 2025 Head Start Profile



### BY THE NUMBERS

\$68,493,133

FY24 Funding

5,120

Total Funded Seats

3,003

Funded Head Start Preschool Seats

1,731

Funded Early Head Start Seats

209

Funded American Indian/  
Alaska Native Head Start Seats

123

Funded American Indian/Alaska  
Native Early Head Start Seats

54

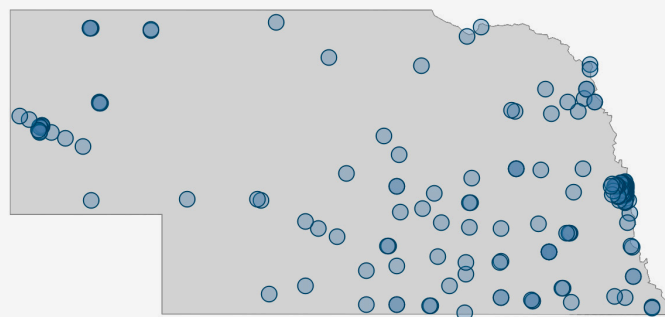
Funded Migrant and Seasonal Head  
Start and Early Head Start Seats

2,203

Total Staff Employed

179

Total Centers



Visit [nhsa.org/locator](https://nhsa.org/locator) to view maps in detail with congressional districts.



### SNAPSHOT



“Head Start gave my son a place where he developed social and intellectual independence, with guidance from dedicated teachers who care about him as an individual. I have nothing but faith that the education and skills he is gaining will be an asset to him in his future. As a lower-income family, and as a parent who deeply values education, I am very appreciative of the support Head Start offers both my child and myself.”

—Stephanie, Head Start Parent



# 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.

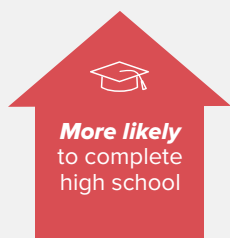
**Education:** Leaning on decades of brain science, Head Start staff work with children to build the brain connections and self confidence necessary for success in kindergarten and beyond.

**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.

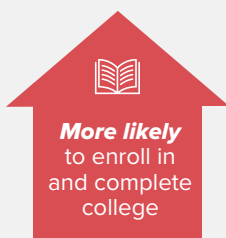
**Parent Engagement and Support:** Believing that parents are a child's first and most important teachers, Head Start requires parent involvement in major program decision-making. Further, Head Start works with parents to put them on a path of economic self-reliance through goal-setting, parenting training,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



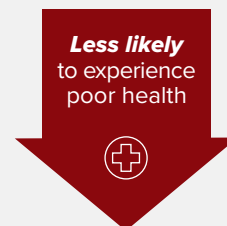
**More likely**  
to enroll in  
and complete  
college



**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

46,948

Home Visits Conducted

144

Pregnant Women Served

2,567

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

391

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

4,660

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

3,747

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



## FAMILIES

444

Homeless Families Served

120

Active Duty or Military Veteran

1,909

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences

4,170

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes



## COMMUNITIES

428

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

4,137

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training