

Texas

2025 Head Start Profile



BY THE NUMBERS

\$802,189,006

FY24 Funding

65,295

Total Funded Seats

50,738

**Funded Head Start Preschool
Seats**

14,423

Funded Early Head Start Seats

134

**Funded American Indian/
Alaska Native Head Start Seats**

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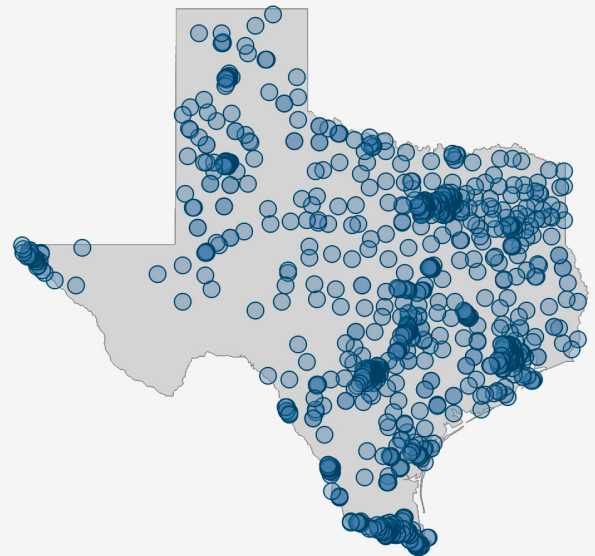
**Funded American Indian/Alaska
Native Early Head Start Seats**

19,462

Total Staff Employed

1,267

Total Centers



Visit nhsa.org/locator to view maps in detail with congressional districts.



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“I was a working mom who was laid off and decided to go to school. I enrolled my son in Head Start and from the moment I was greeted by a staff member, I knew my child would be safe. The teachers were excited to share every new discovery or achievement my son made. I was able to finish school and get employed in the career of my choice. If not for Head Start, I wouldn’t be the person I am today.”

—Graciela, 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.

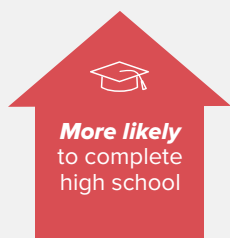
Education: Leaning on decades of brain science, Head Start staff work with children to build the brain connections and self confidence necessary for success in kindergarten and beyond.

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.

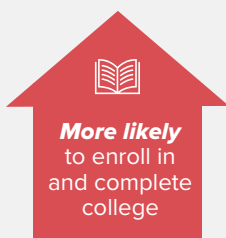
Parent Engagement and Support: Believing that parents are a child's first and most important teachers, Head Start requires parent involvement in major program decision-making. Further, Head Start works with parents to put them on a path of economic self-reliance through goal-setting, parenting training,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



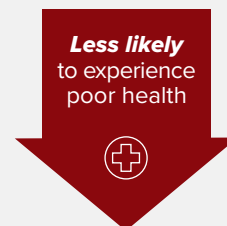
More likely
to enroll in
and complete
college



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

199,736

Home Visits Conducted

846

Pregnant Women Served

40,246

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

4,291

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

65,434

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

48,267

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



FAMILIES

3,676

Homeless Families Served

1384

Active Duty or Military Veteran

17,473

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences

51,423

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes



COMMUNITIES

4,527

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

50,629

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training