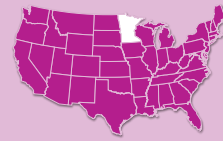


Minnesota Head Start Facts 2019



Children in Poverty and Access to Head Start

In 2017–2018, there were **69,310** children in poverty under age five in Minnesota. Of those, only **46%** of three and four year olds had access to Head Start. And only **9%** of children under 3 had access to Early Head Start.



Children and Families Served: By the Numbers

10,803
Head Start
Enrollment

3,098
Early Head Start
Enrollment

55%
Racially Diverse

15%
with a Disability

418
EHS/Child Care
Partnership Enrollment

32%
English Not
Primary Language

14%
Homeless or
in Foster Care



When Parents were asked: Why did you choose Head Start for your family?

- Head Start offered more social interaction opportunities, longer hours and family involvement.
- Head Start cared about the success of my family, not just my child.
- Head Start offered us good resources that helped us financially and helped both me and my child emotionally.

Head Start in Local Communities

Minnesota's 33 Head Start and Early Head Start programs fuel the local economies of the communities in their service areas. In 2017–2018 these Minnesota investments included:

3,438
Employees with Benefits

8,417
Children Transported

6,137
Children Receiving Services
in Full Day Options

Est. \$30
Million in Local Purchases of Food,
Gas, Diapers and Other Purchases

15,700
Volunteers

Comprehensive Health and Family Support

Head Start takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of the whole child and family. This two generation approach supports stability and long-term success for families experiencing economic hardships. Thanks to Head Start's comprehensive services, by the end of the year children and families received these health and family outcomes:

71%
had access to family
services including crisis
intervention, job training
and parenting education

97%
were up-to-date
on immunizations

99%
had access to a
medical home

88%
had access to a
dental home



Source: State and Federal Enrollment, Minnesota Department of Education and 2017–2018 Federal Program Information Report, Minnesota.

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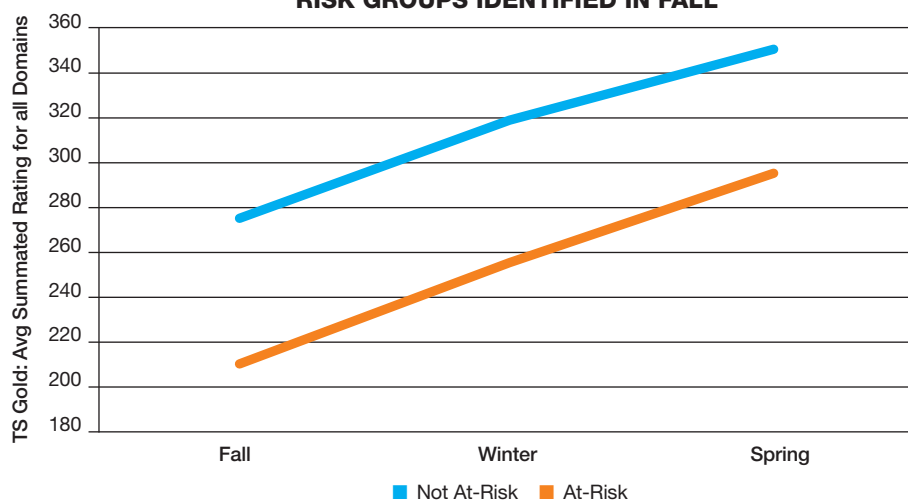
Child Outcomes Data



Achievement Gains for All Children

Children entering Head Start as 4 year olds vary considerably in their early experiences. There is a wide gap in children's Fall assessment scores based on their experiences and individual risk factors. Head Start programs identify children at-risk of not meeting school readiness benchmarks using Fall assessments. In 2017/18, children identified at-risk in the Fall made better than average achievement gains (87 versus 75 point gains) across all domains of learning during the year.

**ACHIEVEMENT GAINS FOR 4 YEAR OLD:
RISK GROUPS IDENTIFIED IN FALL**



What Impacts Children's Gains?

Child and classroom characteristics that were associated with larger gains Fall to Spring for 4 year olds include:

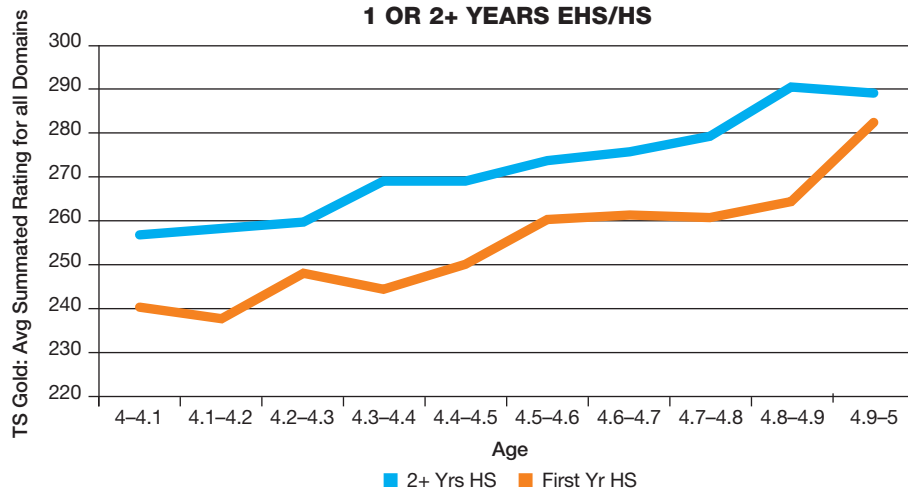
- Children who miss less than 10% of school days
- Children with Early Head Start experience or Head Start as 3 year olds
- Classrooms with lower teacher turnover
- Classrooms with a lower percentage of 3 year olds
- Teachers with higher combined CLASS scores (Classroom Assessment Scoring System measures teacher/child interactions)

With Minnesota's expansion of State Preschool, Head Start experienced major turnover in teachers and increases in the number of 3 year olds in Head Start classrooms. Head Start programs are training new staff and adjusting child ratios to accommodate for these changes. Educating parents about the lasting benefits of regular attendance in preschool has been a priority for programs statewide.

Experience Matters: Early Intervention Pays Off

Children in families who participate in Early Head Start get an extra boost. Head Start children have better than age-expect outcomes when they attend Early Head Start or Head Start for multiple years. Rich experiences provided through these programs support developmental gains across all domains of learning that persist from year to year. In 2017/18, 56% of Head Start children had only one year of service.

**FALL ASSESSMENT SCORES FOR 4 YEAR OLDS:
1 OR 2+ YEARS EHS/HS**



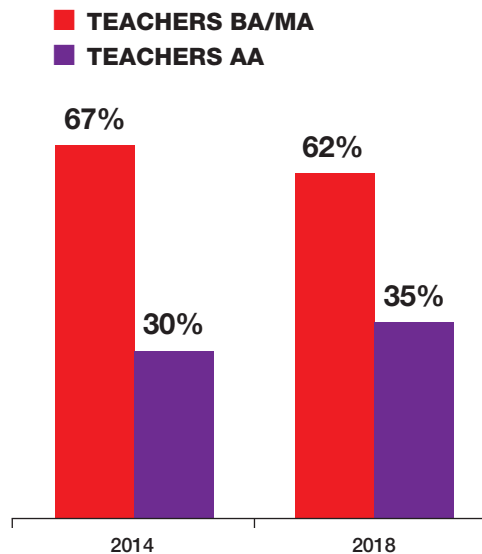
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Growing the Head Start Workforce



Shortage of Qualified Teachers

A qualified, well-trained and culturally diverse early childhood workforce is essential for Head Start to serve Minnesota families. Head Start programs cultivate staff with traditional early childhood degree programs (both BA and AA) as well as recruit interested parents who reflect the backgrounds of the children it serves. There is currently a shortage of degree-qualified early childhood professionals in the field in large part due to expansion of State Preschool and historically low wages for early childhood jobs. Over the past 4 years, Head Start has seen about a 5% shift from BA to AA teachers.



Supporting Professional Development at the Workplace

Regardless of entry qualifications, all teachers receive training and professional development to meet Head Start standards and work with parents and children. In addition, Head Start programs support staff (partially or fully) to receive early childhood credentials and credit-based learning. During the 2017/2018 school year, a total of 409 child development staff (or 40% of teachers) accessed professional development to advance their careers.

CREDENTIAL OR CREDIT-BASED SUPPORT	# OF TEACHERS
CDA – Center-based Preschool	115
CDA – Center-based Infant/Toddler	72
CDA – Home Visitor	36
Family Service Credential	108
AA	42
BA/BS	34
MA	2
Total	409

Head Start and Early Head Start Workforce by The Numbers

Total # of Staff
3,438

Total # of Teachers (Birth to 5)
998

Total # of Racially Diverse Teachers
299 (30%)

Total # of Staff who are Former HS Parents
1,031 (30%)

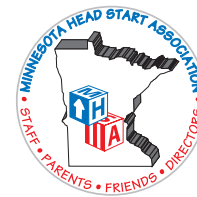
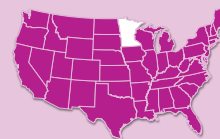
Total # of Bilingual Teachers
355 (35%)



When Parents were asked: Why did you choose Head Start for your child?

- We liked the small class sizes (and adult/child ratio) – larger kindergarten class was overwhelming for my granddaughter last year.
- Head Start was highly recommended by Public Health and my child's therapist.
- We had no children of the same age in our neighborhood so I wanted a place where my child could interact with peers for some hours each day.
- We liked the home visit component because it is important for teachers to see my child's home environment.
- We noticed that children who went to Head Start did well in school and life.

Minnesota Head Start Programs 2019



Head Start Agency	Headquarters	Phone No.
Anoka County Community Action Program, Inc.	Blaine	763-783-4300
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc.	Virginia	218-748-7335
Bi-County Community Action Program, Inc.	Bemidji	218-751-4631
Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council	Nett Lake	218-754-3265
Child Care Resource and Referral, Inc.	Rochester	507-287-2020
Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties	St. Paul	651-645-6445
Duluth Head Start	Duluth	218-336-8815
Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee	Cloquet	218-878-8100
Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council	Grand Portage	218-475-2234
Inter-County Community Council, Inc.	Oklee	218-796-5144
Kootasca Community Action, Inc.	Grand Rapids	218-999-0814
Lakes and Pines Community Action Council, Inc.	Mora	320-679-1800
Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership	Moorhead	218-512-1500
Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council	Cass Lake	218-335-8345
Lower Sioux Cansayapi Early Head Start	Morton	507-697-6195
Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership	Detroit Lakes	218-847-1385
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians	Onamia	320-532-7590
Minnesota Valley Action Council, Inc.	Mankato	507-345-6822
Northwest Community Action, Inc.	Badger	218-528-3227
Parents in Community Action, Inc.	Minneapolis	612-374-8309
Prairie Five Community Action Council, Inc.	Madison	320-598-3118
Reach-Up, Inc.	St. Cloud	320-253-8110
Red Lake Tribal Government	Red Lake	218-679-3396
Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency, Inc.	Shakopee	651-322-3500
Semcac	Rushford	507-864-7741
Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc.	Worthington	507-376-4195
Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.	Zumbrota	507-732-7391
Tri-County Community Action Partnership, Inc.	Little Falls	320-632-3691
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	Crookston	218-281-5832
United Community Action Partnership	Willmar	320-235-0850
West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc.	Elbow Lake	218-685-4486
White Earth Reservation Tribal Council	White Earth	218-983-3285
Wright County Community Action, Inc.	Maple Lake	320-963-6500

For a listing of Head Start programs by county go to:

<http://www.mnheadstart.org/grantees.html>

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