Early Childhood Education
in Indiana

State and federal funding enables more than 56,413 children and families in Indiana to access high-quality, public and private, early childhood programs.¹

Federal and State Early Childhood Education Funding in Indiana

- **$152.9M**  Head Start and Early Head Start²
- **$188.1M**  CCDBG and Mandatory Funds³
- **$13.7M**  CCDBG State Match⁴
- **$1.2B**  CCDBG COVID-Relief Allocations: CARES⁵ | CRRSA⁶ | ARPA (CCDF + Stabilization)⁷
- **$10.0M**  MIECHV⁸
- **$13.9M**  IDEA Part C⁹
- **$13.8M**  IDEA Part B, Sec. 619¹⁰
- **$114.0M**  TANF¹¹ Early Learning and Care Expenditures¹²

Indiana Quick Facts

- **8,997**  Children Enrolled in Head Start¹⁷
- **13.81%**  Eligible Children Served by Head Start¹⁸
- **3,133**  Children Enrolled in Early Head Start¹⁹
- **4.96%**  Eligible Children Served by Early Head Start²⁰
- **18,727**  Children Under Six Served by CCDBG and Mandatory Funds²¹
- **9.7%**  Eligible Children Under Six Served by CCDBG and Mandatory Funds²²
- **2,075**  Families Served by MIECHV²³
- **11,091**  Children Served by IDEA Part C²⁴
- **12,390**  Children Served by IDEA Part B, Sec. 619²⁵
- **11.20%**  Three- and Four-year old Children who Attend Public ECE²⁶

Early Childhood Education Economic Impact

In addition to the benefits to young children, access to affordable, high-quality child care can increase parental labor force participation and family economic stability. Child care problems, however, adversely affect both state and national economies. As a direct result of child care issues, the national economy loses upward of $57 billion annually in the form of lost earnings, productivity, and revenue.¹³

In Indiana

- **12.2%**  of parents make career sacrifices due to child care issues.¹⁴
  Labor force participation of mothers with children under the age of 5 decreased from 69.9% in 2019 to 66.9% in 2021.¹⁵

Nationwide¹⁶

The percent of families that reported difficulty finding space in a home- or center-based program increased dramatically from 22% in December 2021 to 58% in January 2022.

71% of parents report that difficulty finding child care has impacted their ability to work.
Indiana Early Learning and Care Snapshot

- Population Under Six: 501,991
- Under Six Living in Poverty: 19.28%
- 64.83% of children under six have all available parents in the workforce

Need

- 55% of Indiana residents live in a “child care desert”
- For Hispanics/Latinos and rural families, this percentage is even higher

Affordability

- The average price of child care is $9,226 per year
- The median household income is $91,359

Access

- $13,241 per year
- $7,472 per year

High Price of Care

Too often, the care that is available costs more than families can afford.

Annual Price of Infant Care in Indiana

Center-Based $13,241 per year

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Home-Based $7,472 per year

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The Temporary Impact of ARPA Funding

In Indiana, 68,973 child care spots were saved by ARPA funds.

Of providers who received stabilization grants:

- 92% said funding helped them stay open.
- 75% used funds for compensation but still struggle to provide competitive wages and benefits.
- 63% of those in family child care homes.

Low Compensation for Early Educators

Despite the critical nature of their work, early educators are among the most underpaid workers in the nation.

Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

- $10.31
- $21,450

Federal Minimum Wage

- $15,080

Child Care Worker Est. Annual Salary

- Poverty Line*

Nationally, child care workers make less than 98% of all occupations.

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Footnotes:

1. This figure includes beneficiaries of Head Start, Early Head Start, the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIYCN), state-funded Pre-K, and the individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Parts B, Sec. 305 and 6, in some cases, children and families are served by more than one program.
2. Head Start Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center
3. Office of Child Care (OCC) CARES Act CCDBG Supplemental Funding Allocation Tables for States and Territories
4. Ibid
5. OCC CARES Act CCDBG Supplemental Funding Allocation Tables for States and Territories
6. OCC Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) of 2021 Allocations for States and Territories
7. OCC American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Supplemental Stabilization and CCDF Discretionary Funding Allocation Tables for States and Territories
8. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
9. U.S. Department of Education (ED)
10. Ibid
11. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
12. Office of Family Assistance TANF FY2019 Financial Data
13. Council for a Strong America
14. Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health
15. National Institute for Early Education Research - State of Preschool 2021 (includes preschool, Head Start, and Special Education)
16. Federal Poverty Guideline for a family of four in the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia is $25,750 per year.
17. The Century Foundation
18. National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)