State and federal funding enables more than 50,121 children and families in Iowa to access high-quality, public and private, early childhood programs.1

**Early Childhood Education in Iowa**

Federal and State Early Childhood Education Funding in Iowa

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**Iowa Quick Facts**

- **4,679** Children Enrolled in Head Start18
- **25.05%** Eligible Children Served by Head Start19
- **2,177** Children Enrolled in Early Head Start20
- **7.15%** Eligible Children Served by Early Head Start21
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- **4,285** Children Served by IDEA Part B, Sec. 61927
- **38.75%** Three- and Four-year old Children who Attend Public ECE28

**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.14

**In Iowa**

3.4% of parents make career sacrifices due to child care issues.15

Labor force participation of mothers with children under the age of 5 increased from 73.4% in 2019 to 80.5% in 2021.16

**Nationwide**17

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.
Iowa Early Learning and Care Snapshot

- Population Under Six: 236,046
- Under Six Living in Poverty: 15.15%
- 73.18% of children under six have all available parents in the workforce

High Price of Care

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

Annual Price of Infant Care in Iowa

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Low Compensation for Early Educators

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

$9.35 Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$19,460 Child Care Worker Est. Annual Salary

$15,080 Federal Minimum Wage

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

The Temporary Impact of ARPA Funding

In Iowa, 55,068 child care spots were saved by ARPA funds.

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.

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 (MIECHV), state-funded Pre-K, and the individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Parts B, I, and C. In some cases, children and families are served by more than one program.
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