Early Childhood Education in Kansas

State and federal funding enables more than 48,514 children and families in Kansas to access high-quality, public and private, early childhood programs.¹

Federal and State Early Childhood Education Funding in Kansas

- $81.1M Head Start and Early Head Start²
- $75.8M CCDBG and Mandatory Funds³
- $8.2M CCDBG State Match⁴
- $467.3M CCDBG COVID-Relief Allocations: CARES⁵ | CRRSA⁶ | ARPA (CCDF + Stabilization)⁷
- $103.7M State-Funded Pre-K⁸
- $4.8M MIECHV⁹
- $6.1M IDEA Part C¹⁰
- $6.7M IDEA Part B, Sec. 619¹¹
- $25.0M TANF¹² Early Learning and Care Expenditures¹³
- $11.6M Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five¹⁴

Kansas Quick Facts

- 4,693 Children Enrolled in Head Start²⁹
- 23.07% Eligible Children Served by Head Start³⁰
- 2,946 Children Enrolled in Early Head Start³¹
- 8.63% Eligible Children Served by Early Head Start³²

- 7,722 Children Under Six Served by CCDBG and Mandatory Funds³³
- 8.5% Eligible Children Under Six Served by CCDBG and Mandatory Funds³⁴

- 20,148 Children Enrolled in State Funded Pre-K³⁵
- 544 Families Served by MIECHV³⁶
- 4,666 Children Served by IDEA Part C³⁷
- 7,795 Children Served by IDEA Part B, Sec. 619³⁸
- 33.85% Three- and Four-year old Children who Attend Public ECE³⁹

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.¹⁵

In Kansas

14.7% of parents make career sacrifices due to child care issues.¹⁶

Labor force participation of mothers with children under the age of 5 increased from 69.2% in 2019 to 69.4% in 2021.¹⁷

Nationwide¹⁸

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.
## Kansas Early Learning and Care Snapshot

### Need
- Population Under Six: 228,442[^20]
- Under Six Living in Poverty: 15.17%[^31]
- 66.62% of children under six have all available parents in the workforce[^22]

### Access
- 44% of Kansas residents live in a "child care desert"[^33]
- For Hispanics/Latinos and families with low incomes, this percentage is even higher[^29]

### Affordability
- The average price of child care is $8,783 per year[^35]
- The median household income is $92,698[^36]
- Met 5/10 of NIEER's State Preschool Quality Standards[^37]

### Quality

## High Price of Care[^28]

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

### Annual Price of Infant Care in Kansas

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[^7]: [Child Care Aware of America](https://www.childcare Aware.org)

## Low Compensation for Early Educators

Despite the critical nature of their work, early educators are among the most underpaid workers in the nation[^39].

### Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- $10.20

### Child Care Worker Est. Annual Salary
- $15,080

### Federal Minimum Wage
- $10.20

### Poverty Line[^40]*
- Nationally, child care workers make less than 98% of all occupations.

### The Temporary Impact of ARPA Funding

In Kansas, 34,727 child care spots were saved by ARPA funds.[^40]

### Of providers who received stabilization grants:[^41]

- 38% said funding helped them stay open.
- 46% used funds to pay debts taken on in the course of the pandemic, including
- 75% used funds for compensation but still struggle to provide competitive wages and benefits.

### Need for Low-Income Families
- 92%

### Access to Child Care
- 63%

### Affordability
- 44%

### Quality of Care
- 40%

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[^40]: [Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health 2019](https://www.childcare Aware.org)

[^41]: [Committee for Economic Development (CED)](https://www.childcare Aware.org)