Early Childhood Education in Maryland

State and federal funding enables more than 63,944 children and families in Maryland to access high-quality, public and private, early childhood programs.¹

Federal and State Early Childhood Education Funding in Maryland

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<th>Funding Source</th>
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<td>Head Start and Early Head Start²</td>
<td>$116.7M</td>
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<td>CCDBG and Mandatory Funds³</td>
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<td>CCDBG State Match⁴</td>
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<td>CCDBG COVID-Relief Allocations: CARES⁴</td>
<td>$676.6M</td>
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<td>State-Funded Pre-K⁸</td>
<td>$245.5M</td>
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<td>MIECHV⁹</td>
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<td>IDEA Part C¹⁰</td>
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<td>IDEA Part B, Sec. 619¹¹</td>
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<td>TANF¹² Early Learning and Care Expenditures¹³</td>
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<td>Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five¹⁴</td>
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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

Maryland Quick Facts

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<td>Children Enrolled in Head Start²</td>
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<td>Eligible Children Served by Head Start²</td>
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<td>Children Enrolled in Early Head Start¹¹</td>
<td>2,224</td>
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<td>Eligible Children Served by Early Head Start¹¹</td>
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<td>Children Under Six Served by CCDBG and Mandatory Funds²³</td>
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<td>Children Served by MIECHV²²</td>
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<td>Children Served by IDEA Part C²⁷</td>
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<td>Children Served by IDEA Part B, Sec. 619²⁸</td>
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<td>Three- and Four-year old Children who Attend Public ECE²⁹</td>
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In Maryland

5.6% 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 73.1% in 2019 to 74.0% 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.
Maryland Early Learning
and Care Snapshot

Need
- Population Under Six: 434,150
- Under Six Living in Poverty: 12.32%
- 70.91% of children under six have all available parents in the workforce
- 51% of Maryland residents live in a “child care desert”
- For Hispanics/Latinos and families with low incomes, this percentage is even higher
- The average price of child care is $11,653 per year
- The median household income is $131,507
- Met 7/10 of NIEER’s State Preschool Quality Standards

Access
- Center-Based
- Percent of Median Income
- Married Parents: 12.3%
- Single Parent: 38.9%
- Home-Based
- Percent of Median Income
- Married Parents: 8.1%
- Single Parent: 25.4%

Affordability
- Annual Price of Infant Care in Maryland
- Center-Based: $16,221 per year
- Home-Based: $10,610 per year

Quality
- Met 7/10 of NIEER’s State Preschool Quality Standards

High Price of Care
Too often, the care that is available costs more than families can afford.

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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.

Child Care Workers Hourly Rate
- $11.59

Child Care Worker Est. Annual Salary
- $24,100

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

The Temporary Impact of ARPA Funding
In Maryland, 59,151 child care spots were saved by ARPA funds.

Of providers who received stabilization grants:

- 92% said funding helped them stay open.
- 46% used funds to pay debts taken on in the course of the pandemic, including
- 63% of those in family child care homes.