State and federal funding enables more than 58,177 children and families in Missouri to access high-quality, public and private, early childhood programs.¹

### Federal and State Early Childhood Education Funding in Missouri

- **$180.3M** • Head Start and Early Head Start²
- **$159.8M** • CCDBG and Mandatory Funds³
- **$12.6M** • CCDBG State Match⁴
- **$973.0M** • CCDBG COVID-Relief Allocations: CARES⁵ | CRRSA⁶ | ARPA (CCDF + Stabilization)⁷
- **$24.8M** • State-Funded Pre-K⁸
- **$3.8M** • MIECHV⁹
- **$12.3M** • IDEA Part C¹⁰
- **$9.5M** • IDEA Part B, Sec. 619¹¹
- **$27.5M** • TANF¹² Early Learning and Care Expenditures¹³
- **$14.5M** • Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five¹⁴

### Missouri Quick Facts

- **9,589** • Children Enrolled in Head Start¹⁵
- **25.29%** • Eligible Children Served by Head Start¹⁶
- **4,841** • Children Enrolled in Early Head Start¹⁷
- **9.80%** • Eligible Children Served by Early Head Start¹⁸
- **19,803** • Children Under Six Served by CCDBG and Mandatory Funds²³
- **14.2%** • Eligible Children Under Six Served by CCDBG and Mandatory Funds²⁴
- **6,455** • Children Enrolled in State Funded Pre-K²⁵
- **542** • Families Served by MIECHV²⁶
- **6,792** • Children Served by IDEA Part C²⁷
- **10,155** • Children Served by IDEA Part B, Sec. 619²⁸
- **15.30%** • Three- and Four-year old Children who Attend Public ECE²⁹

### 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.¹⁶

### In Missouri

4.1% 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 71.7% in 2019 to 80.2% 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.
Missouri Early Learning and Care Snapshot

- Population Under Six: 443,940
- Under Six Living in Poverty: 18.5%
- 66.75% 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 Missouri

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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.

- Federal Minimum Wage: $10.45
- Child Care Worker Est. Annual Salary: $21,730
- Poverty Line: $15,080

The Temporary Impact of ARPA Funding

- 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, Sec. 619, and C. In some cases, children and families are served by more than one program.