Early Childhood Education in Pennsylvania

State and federal funding enables more than 182,313 children and families in Pennsylvania to access high-quality, public and private, early childhood programs.1

Federal and State Early Childhood Education Funding in Pennsylvania

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Pennsylvania Quick Facts

- 22,173 Children Enrolled in Head Start
- 18.19% Eligible Children Served by Head Start
- 8,481 Children Enrolled in Early Head Start
- 7.09% Eligible Children Served by Early Head Start
- 58,560 Children Under Six Served by CCDBG and Mandatory Funds
- 19.0% Eligible Children Under Six Served by CCDBG and Mandatory Funds
- 22,173 Children Enrolled in State Funded Pre-K
- 40,562 Children Enrolled in State Funded Pre-K
- 2,859 Families Served by MIECHV
- 19,725 Children Served by IDEA Part C
- 29,953 Children Served by IDEA Part B, Sec. 619
- 27.27% Three- and Four-year old Children who Attend Public ECE

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 Pennsylvania

- 8.2% 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 68.1% in 2019 to 72.2% in 2021.16

Nationwide

- 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.

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High Price of Care

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

Annual Price of Infant Care in Pennsylvania

**Center-Based** $12,152 per year
- Married Parents: $12,580 per year (92% of Median Income)
- Single Parent: $9,789 per year (75% of Median Income)

**Home-Based** $8,960 per year
- Married Parents: $10,690 per year (92% of Median Income)
- Single Parent: $8,470 per year (75% of Median Income)

Low Compensation for Early Educators

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

$10.69 Child Care Workers Hourly Rate

$22,240 Child Care Worker Est. Annual Salary

$15,080 Federal Minimum Wage

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