Federal and State Early Childhood Education Funding in Wyoming

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Wyoming Quick Facts

- 1,295 Children Enrolled in Head Start
- 17.64% Eligible Children Served by Head Start
- 574 Children Enrolled in Early Head Start
- 10.48% Eligible Children Served by Early Head Start
- 1,924 Children Under Six Served by CCDBG and Mandatory Funds
- 16.0% Eligible Children Under Six Served by CCDBG and Mandatory Funds
- 258 Families Served by MIECHV
- 1,141 Children Served by IDEA Part C
- 2,146 Children Served by IDEA Part B, Sec. 619
- 19.65% 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.

In Wyoming

- 8.9% of parents make career sacrifices due to child care issues.
- Labor force participation of mothers with children under the age of 5 increased from 57.1% in 2019 to 57.3% in 2021.

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.
High Price of Care

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

### Annual Price of Infant Care in Wyoming

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<th>Type</th>
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<td>Center-Based</td>
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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.36

- **Child Care Worker Hourly Rate**: $11.46
- **Child Care Worker Est. Annual Salary**: $23,840
- **Federal Minimum Wage**: $15,080
- **Poverty Line**: $11,460

Prices are from the 2021-2022 academic year.

**The Temporary Impact of ARPA Funding**

In Wyoming, 8,054 child care spots were saved by ARPA funds.37

- **92%** 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.
  - **63%** of those in family child care homes.

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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, F, and H, in some cases, children and families are served by more than one program.
2. Head Start Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center.
3. Office of Child Care (OCC) CCDBG Allocation Tables Based on Appropriations, 100% (2021) Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Allocations for States and Territories.
4. OCC Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) of 2021 Allocations for States and Territories.
5. Office of Family Assistance TANF FY2019 Financial Data, 100% (includes non-federal match amount).
42. U.S. Department of Education, Race to the Top Fund.