

Federal Shutdown, 2025

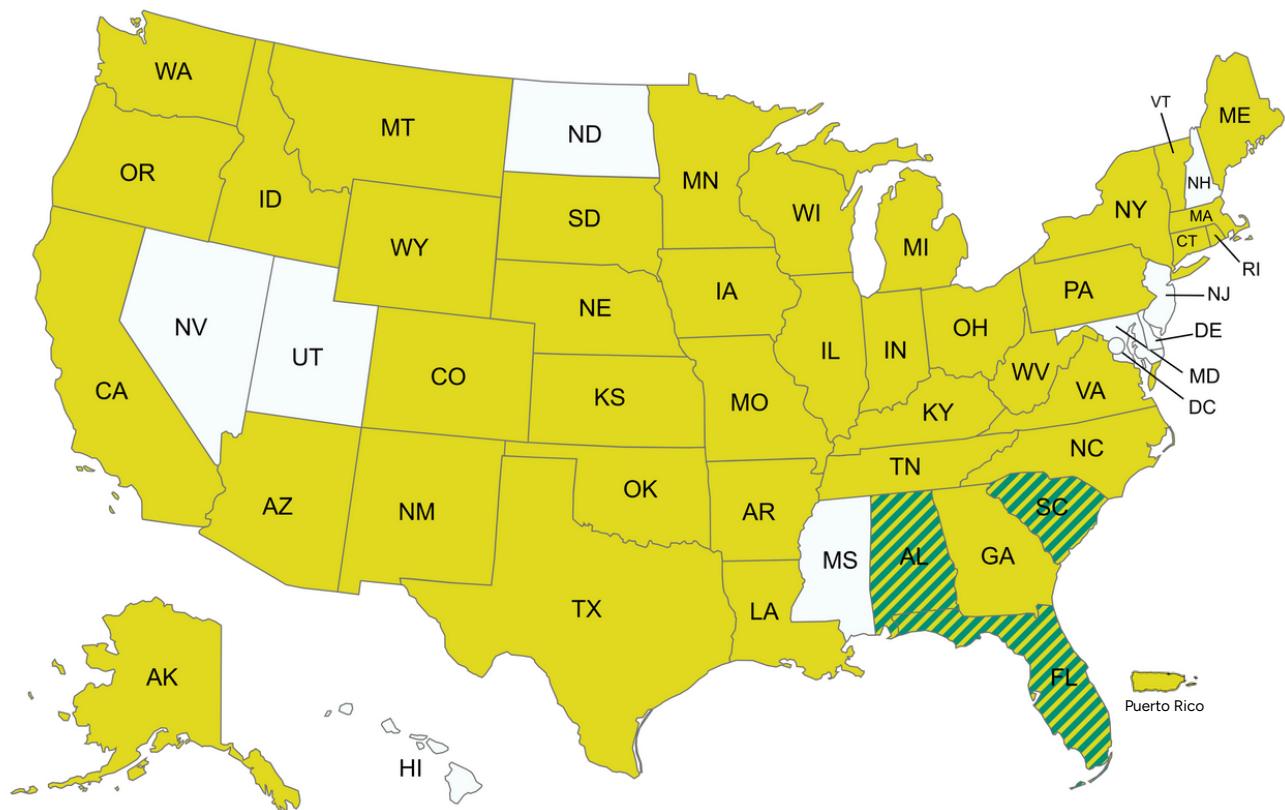
Funding and Head Start Programs

October 2025

Federal funding for Head Start programs is dispersed on a staggered grant cycle, meaning different programs receive their funding at different times throughout the year. (One Head Start program may operate multiple Head Start sites, each with a set number of “funded slots” available for eligible children.) During a shutdown, this funding is not dispersed, putting many Head Start programs in immediate jeopardy of closing their doors.

- When the federal shutdown began on **October 1st**, 6 Head Start programs did not receive their operational funding. These programs are in **3 states** and serve **6,525 young children**.
- If the shutdown persists, on **November 1st**, 134 Head Start programs will not receive their operational funding. These programs are in **41 states and Puerto Rico** and serve **58,627 children**.
- This means that, as of November 1st, a total of **140 programs** across **41 states and Puerto Rico** will not have received their funding, with a potential impact on **65,152 young children**.

When Head Start programs are forced to close, children lose access to the care, early learning, nutrition, and stability Head Start provides. Here’s what this looks like across the states:



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Impact: Head Start Programs Missing Funding

October 1st funding missed	November 1st funding missed	October + November Total
3 states 6,525 children	41 states + Puerto Rico 58,627 children	41 states + Puerto Rico 65,152 children

Impact: Head Start Programs with October 1 Funding

State	Number of Slots for Children
AL	324
FL	5,753
SC	448

Impact: Head Start Programs with November 1 Funding

State	Number of Slots for Children
AK	189
AL	358
AR	1,305
AZ	215
CA	857
CO	1,697
CT	409
FL	4,158
GA	6,499
IA	613
ID	161
IL	335
IN	2,122
KS	331

State	Number of Slots for Children
KY	2,658
LA	1,348
MA	2,737
ME	154
MI	2,944
MN	1,356
MO	3,863
MT	188
NC	4,447
NE	899
NM	247
NY	1,487
OH	3,693
OK	2,486

State	Number of Slots for Children
OR	2,628
PA	250
PR	125
RI	166
SC	688
SD	265
TN	267
TX	1,925
VA	502
VT	242
WA	3,208
WI	391
WV	100
WY	114

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