

Head Start by the Numbers

California

This fact sheet is based on the 2005 Program Information Report (PIR) data, which all Head Start programs are required to complete on an annual basis.¹ For more information on the PIR and national Head Start or Early Head Start data, see the "[Child Care and Early Education](#)" page at www.clasp.org.

Programs

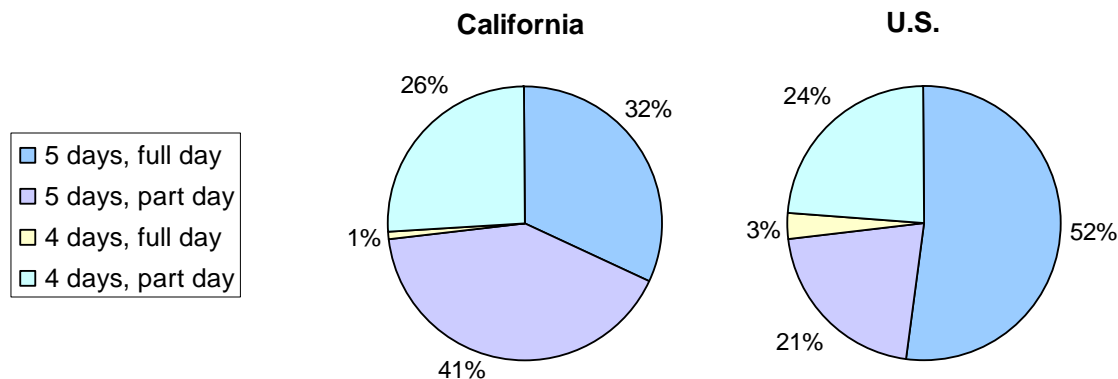
Total number of programs: 221
 Number of Early Head Start programs: 69
 Number of preschool programs: 141
 Number of Migrant and Seasonal programs: 11

Total number of slots: 106,900
 ACF-funded slots: 104,500²
 Slots funded through other sources: 2,400³

Program options

	California	U.S.
Center-based	89%	91%
Home-based	8%	5%
Family child care	2%	1%
Combination	1%	1%
Locally-designed	0%	1%

Operating schedule for center-based programs⁴



Participants

Total actual enrollment: 129,405⁵
 Number of children enrolled: 127,965
 Number of pregnant women enrolled: 1,440

Primary language spoken in the home

	California	U.S.
Spanish	52%	71%
English	41%	24%
East Asian languages	4%	1%
other	3%	4%

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Race and Ethnicity⁶

	California	U.S.
American Indian or Alaskan Native	11%	5%
Asian	5%	2%
Black or African American	11%	31%
Hispanic (any race)	69%	33%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1%	1%
White	26%	35%
Bi-racial or Multi-racial	6%	7%
Unspecified	37%	18%



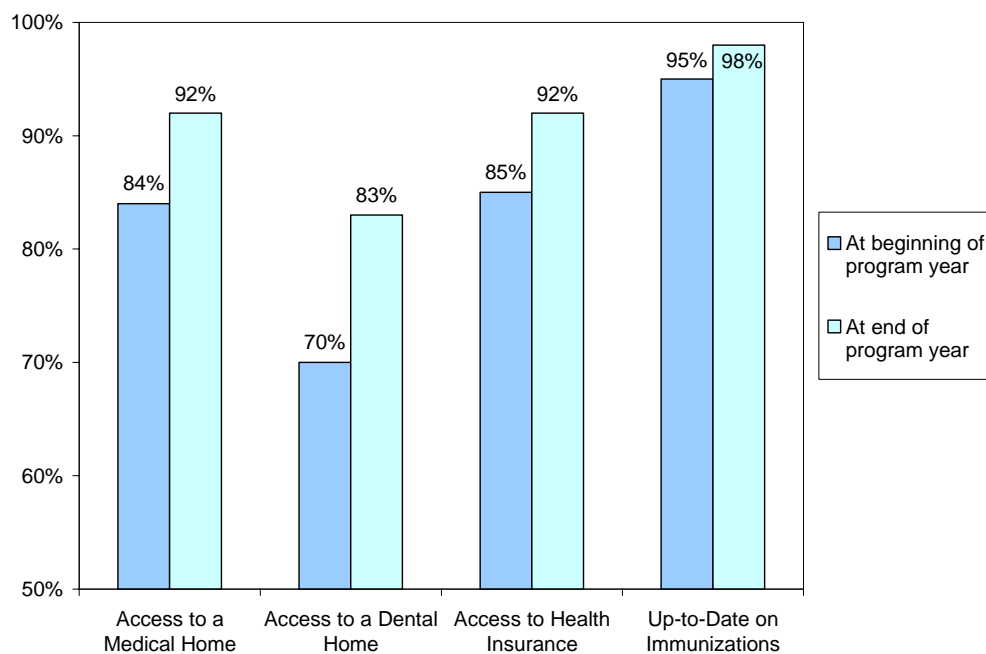
Medical screenings⁷

Percent screened	89%
Of children screened, percent requiring follow-up treatment	23%
Of children requiring further treatment, percent receiving follow-up treatment	90%

Disability Services

Percent of children diagnosed as having a disability	11%
Of children with a disability, percent of children diagnosed during the program year	49%
Of children with a disability, percent of children diagnosed prior to this program year	51%

Access to medical services^{8 9}



Families

Total number of families: 120,588

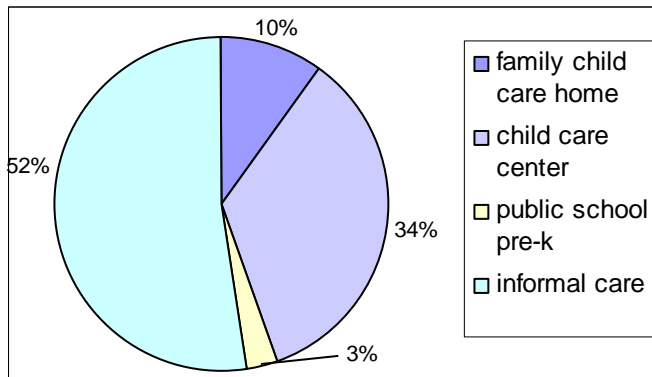
	California	U.S.
Single-parent families	42%	56%
Two-parent families	58%	44%
Families with at least one employed parent	75%	71%
Families with at least one parent in school/ job training	17%	16%
Families receiving TANF	21%	19%
Families receiving WIC	61%	49%

Head Start Family Services

<i>Percent of families who received:</i>	
Parenting education	36%
Health education	35%
Emergency/crisis intervention services	17%
ESL services	16%
Adult education	15%
Mental health services	11%
Job training	10%
Housing assistance	9%
Transportation assistance	7%
Child abuse and neglect services	7%
<i>Percent of families who accessed at least one family service through Head Start</i>	68%



Child Care Arrangements



Percent of children receiving a child care subsidy: 5%

Percent of children in Head Start programs operating at least eight hours per day: 22%

For children requiring care outside of Head Start hours (includes all children, regardless of subsidy receipt)

Staff

Total number of staff: 22,653

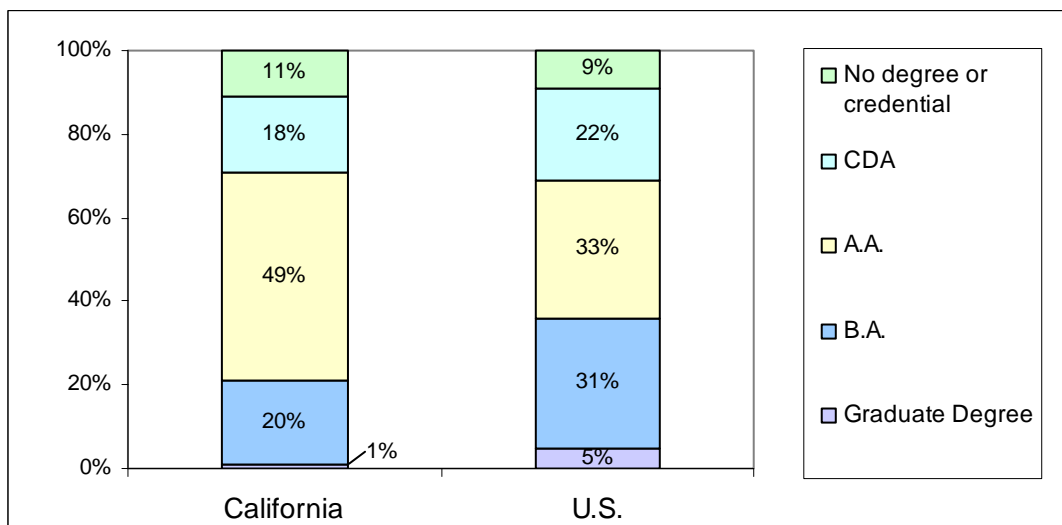
Total number of teachers: 6,095

Percent who left the program during the year: 13%

Percent of staff who are current or former Head Start parents: 22%

Average teacher salary: \$29,335¹⁰

Teacher Education Level



Endnotes

¹ Data includes all Head Start programs in the state, including Head Start preschool, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and American Indian and Alaskan Native programs.

² Includes slots funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

³ Includes slots funded by all sources other than ACF (for example, states or school districts).

⁴ The PIR defines “full-day” programs as those operating at least six hours per day and “part-day” programs as those operating less than six hours per day.

⁵ The PIR collects data on all children and pregnant women who enrolled at any point, including those who do not complete the year. Since some participants drop out during the program year and are replaced, the number of total actual participants exceeds the number of Head Start slots.

⁶ Percentages do not add up to 100 percent because persons of Hispanic ethnicity may be of any race. In 2005, race categories on the PIR were changed. The “Hispanic” category, previously included as a race category, was moved to a separate question that asks for the number of children and pregnant women who were of Hispanic origin, regardless of racial background. The high proportion of Head Start participants whose race is “unspecified” may reflect confusion about the new race and ethnicity categories.

⁷ The PIR includes all children who were enrolled in Head Start at any point during the program year, including those who dropped out before 45 days of enrollment, the time frame during which Head Start programs are required to provide medical and dental screenings.

⁸ “Up-to-date on immunizations” includes those children who are not on the schedule recommended for their age group but who have been brought up to date to the extent possible given the late start on their immunization schedule.

⁹ Due to variations in reporting whether children are receiving medical services through Indian Health Services and migrant community health centers, there is an estimated margin of error of 1 percent for the proportion of children with a medical home

¹⁰ This average includes all programs in the state, including part-day programs, programs that operate for a short period of time such as Migrant and Seasonal Programs, and programs that may only operate for part of a week. Therefore, the range of teacher salaries may vary greatly throughout the state.