

Head Start by the Numbers

Massachusetts

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](http://www.clasp.org)" page at www.clasp.org.

Programs

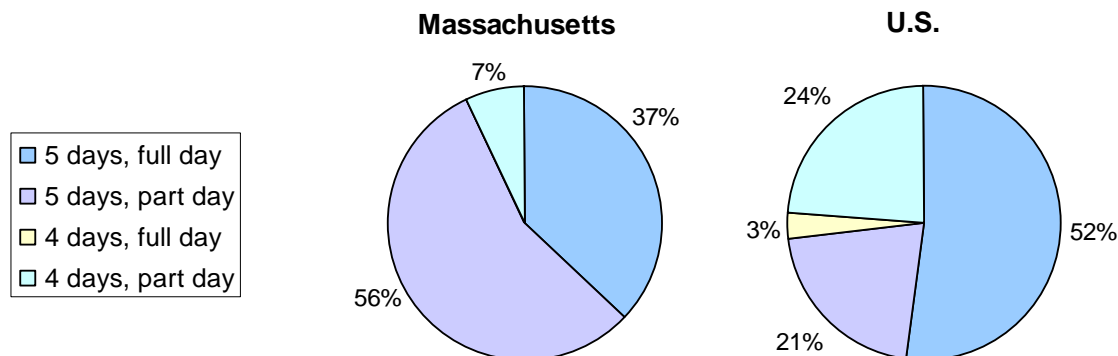
Total number of programs: 46
Number of Early Head Start programs: 12
Number of preschool programs: 33
Number of Migrant and Seasonal programs: 1

Total number of slots: 13,059
ACF-funded slots: 12,737²
Slots funded through other sources: 322³

Program options

	Massachusetts	U.S.
Center-based	93%	91%
Home-based	4%	5%
Family child care	1%	1%
Combination	1%	1%
Locally-designed	1%	1%

Operating schedule for center-based programs⁴



Participants

Total actual enrollment: 15,399⁵
Number of children enrolled: 15,283
Number of pregnant women enrolled: 116

Primary language spoken in the home

	Massachusetts	U.S.
English	58%	71%
Spanish	27%	24%
East Asian languages	4%	1%
other	11%	4%

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Race and Ethnicity⁶

	Massachusetts	U.S.
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2%	5%
Asian	6%	2%
Black or African American	21%	31%
Hispanic (any race)	38%	33%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2%	1%
White	35%	35%
Bi-racial or Multi-racial	8%	7%
Unspecified	24%	18%



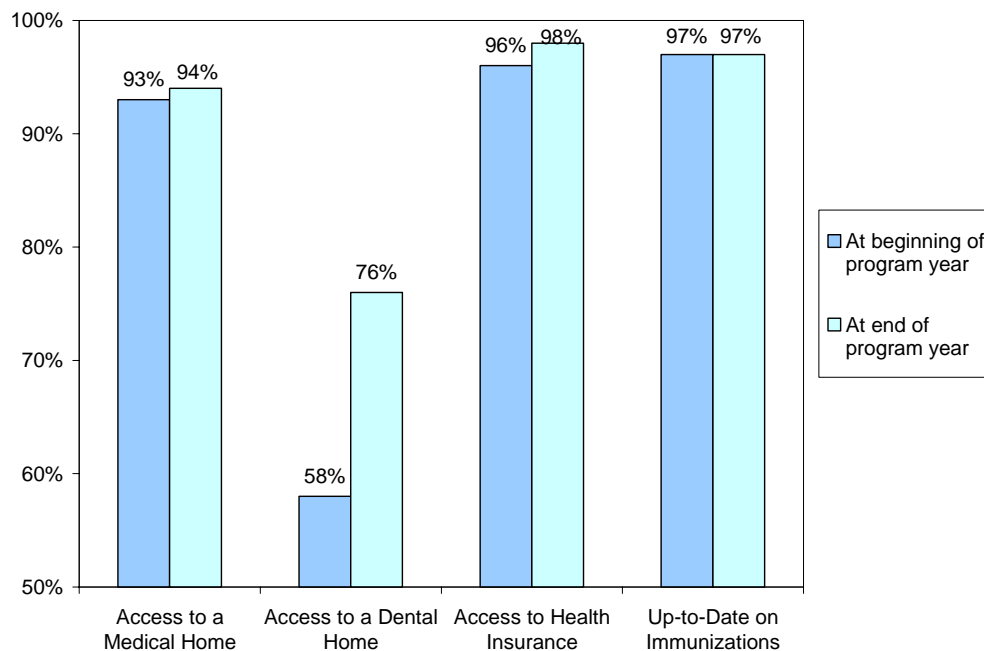
Medical screenings⁷

<i>Percent screened</i>	94%
<i>Of children screened, percent requiring follow-up treatment</i>	27%
<i>Of children requiring further treatment, percent receiving follow-up treatment</i>	94%

Disability Services

<i>Percent of children diagnosed as having a disability</i>	15%
<i>Of children with a disability, percent of children diagnosed during the program year</i>	49%
<i>Of children with a disability, percent of children diagnosed prior to this program year</i>	51%

Access to medical services⁸



Families

Total number of families: 13,978

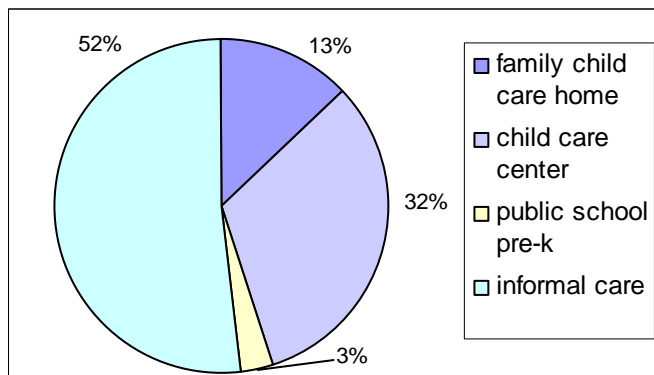
	Massachusetts	U.S.
Single-parent families	60%	56%
Two-parent families	40%	44%
Families with at least one employed parent	68%	71%
Families with at least one parent in school/ job training	20%	16%
Families receiving TANF	36%	19%
Families receiving WIC	65%	49%

Head Start Family Services

<i>Percent of families who received:</i>	
Parenting education	51%
Health education	51%
Emergency/crisis intervention services	23%
Housing assistance	23%
Transportation assistance	22%
Mental health services	17%
ESL services	12%
Adult education	11%
Child abuse and neglect services	10%
<i>Percent of families who accessed at least one family service through Head Start</i>	83%



Child Care Arrangements



Percent of children receiving a child care subsidy: 27%

Percent of children in Head Start programs operating at least eight hours per day: 25%

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

Staff

Total number of staff: 4,075

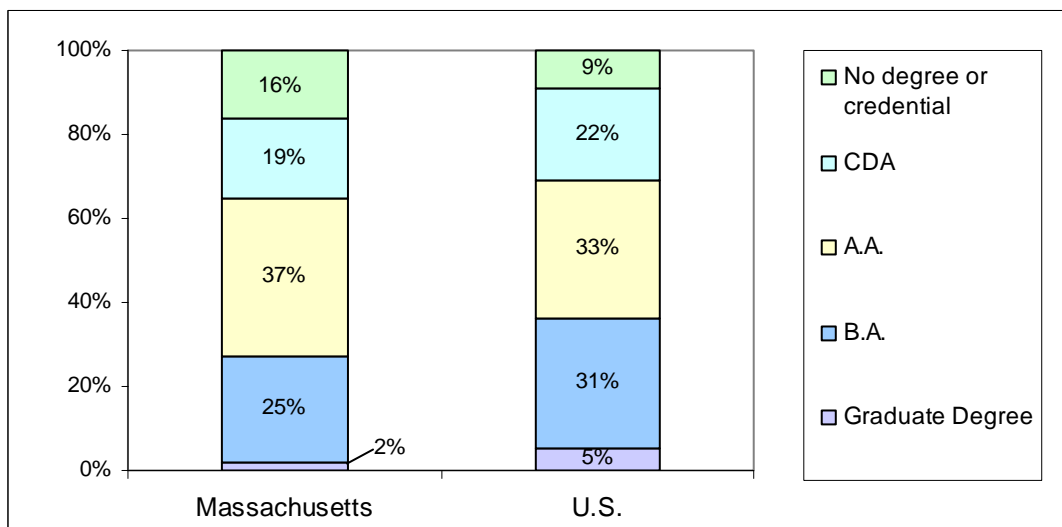
Total number of teachers: 1,063

Percent who left the program during the year: 18%

Percent of staff who are current or former Head Start parents: 29%

Average teacher salary: \$24,632

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 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.