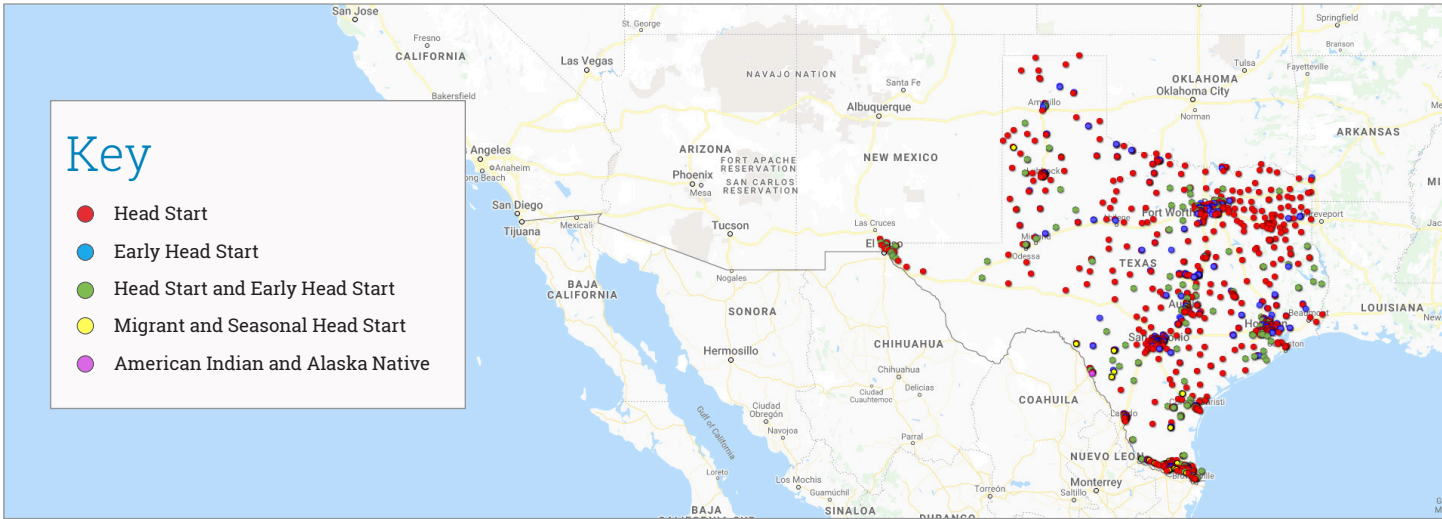


Head Start is a community-based, comprehensive early education program that gives young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

2020 Texas Head Start Profile



Head Start's Accessibility and Reach in Texas

In their own words...

"I was a working mom who was laid off and decided to go to school. I enrolled my son in Head Start and from the moment I was greeted by a staff member, I knew my child would be safe. The teachers were excited to share every new discovery or achievement my son made. I was able to finish school and get employed in the career of my choice. If not for Head Start, I wouldn't be the person I am today."

Graciela Martinez
Dallas, Texas

Funding

\$642,927,658

FY18 Funding (excluding Migrant & Seasonal)

Head Start Jobs

20,776

Head Start and Early Head Start Jobs in Texas

62,670

Funded **Head Start** (HS) Slots

31% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

11,374

Funded **Early Head Start** (EHS) Slots

6% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

5,100 Funded **Migrant/Seasonal** (M/S) Slots

34 Funded **American Indian/Alaska Native** Slots

Head Start's Model: Nationwide, Comprehensive, Multi-Generational

In the 55 years since Head Start began, families and society have changed dramatically, but our commitment to partnering with vulnerable children and families remains unwavering. From early math and reading skills to confidence and resilience, Head Start helps children build the skills they need to be successful in school and life. Our comprehensive approach meets the needs of the whole child, addressing health and well-being as well as ABC's and 123's. The proof of our success is in the outcomes—our 37 million alumni have gone on to succeed in all walks of life, breaking the cycle of poverty in communities across the country.



Comprehensive Services in Texas



1,893

fathers participated in program governance



4,116

parents received job training



238,464

home visits were conducted



8,253

children received a behavioral health treatment plan

Long-Term Impact

Head Start participants are **12% less likely to live in poverty** as adults and **29% less likely to receive public assistance**.

“Evidence suggests Head Start not only helps kids develop and allows parents to go to work, but **it may also help at-risk kids from ending up in the foster care system.**”

Head Start parents have **steeper increases in their educational attainment** by the time their children are six years old.

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