

# Head Start

## Definition

*“Head Start is a national program which provides comprehensive developmental services for America’s low-income, pre-school children ages three to five and social services for their families.”<sup>1</sup>*

## U.S. Head Start Statistics: Fiscal Year 2004

<i>Head Start Characteristics</i>	<i>Number</i>
Enrollees	905,851
Average cost per child	\$7,222
Grantees	1,604
Classrooms	48,260
Centers	20,050
Paid staff	211,950
Volunteers	1,353,000
<i>Enrollment Composition</i>	<i>Percent</i>
By Age	
Number of 5-year-olds and older	5.0
Number of 4-year-olds	52.0
Number of 3-year-olds	34.0
Number under 3 years of age	9.0
By Racial/Ethnic Composition	
Hispanic	31.2
Black (African American)	31.1
White	26.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	3.1
Asian	1.8
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.9
Multiracial/Other	5.0

Source: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Family Services, 2005, “Head Start Program Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2004,” available online at: <<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/research/2005.htm>> as of 5/9/2005.

## Nevada

Nevada Head Start served 3,764 children in 2004. (See the following page.) Of the 3,561 children whose type of household was identified, 44.7 percent lived in single-parent households. Nearly one half (49.1 percent) of the children were Hispanic/Latino.

## Region

The regional grantees funded through Region IX were:

- Little People’s Head Start & Early Head Start—Ely
- Northeastern Head Start & Early Start—Elko, Wells, Jackpot
- UNR Early Head Start—Reno
- Community Services Agency (CSA) Head Start—Reno, Sparks, Fernley, Fallon, Silver Springs
- EOB Head Start & Early Head Start—Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson

The Tribal grantees funded through Region XI were:

- Reno Sparks Indian Colony Head Start—Reno, Hungry Valley
- Washoe Tribe Head Start—Carson City, Gardnerville, Markleeville (sometimes)
- Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Head Start—Sparks, Elko, Fallon, Lovelock, McDermitt, Moapa, Owyhee, Nixon, Wadsworth, Susanville, Shurz, Yerington<sup>2</sup>

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## Nevada Head Start Statistics: 2004

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Regional Grantees</i>	<i>Tribal Grantees</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Regional Grantees</i>	<i>Tribal Grantees</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Total Enrollment</b>				<b>Primary Health Care</b>			
Funded enrollment	2,754	381	3,135	Needing medical treatment	799	34	833
Total children served	3,374	390	3,764	Receiving medical treatment	379	29	408
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				Up-to-date on age appropriate care*	2,753	313	3,066
American Native/Native Alaskan	46	273	319	Medical home at enrollment	1,849	339	2,188
Asian	47	3	50	Medical home at end of program year	2,875	373	3,248
Black or African American	745	2	747	<b>Dental Care</b>			
Hispanic/Latino origin	1,790	57	1,847	Dental home at enrollment	1,849	335	2,184
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	30	0	30	Dental home at end of program year	2,875	359	3,234
White	564	55	619	Receiving professional dental exam	2,582	345	2,927
Biracial or multiracial	137	0	137	Number who had preventative care**	2,122	90	2,212
Other	15	0	15	Needing dental treatment	1,302	139	1,441
<b>Enrollment by Primary Language</b>				Received dental treatment	720	42	762
English	1,945	352	2,297	<b>Mental Health</b>			
Spanish	1,398	38	1,436	Referred for mental-health services	50	11	61
Mid East/South Asian	8	0	8	Received mental-health services	32	9	41
East Asian	14	0	14	<b>Health Insurance</b>			
Native North American	1	0	1	Health insurance at enrollment	1,813	345	2,158
Pacific Island	7	0	7	Health insurance at end of program year	2,336	379	2,715
African	1	0	1	<b>Staff, Centers, and Volunteers</b>			
<b>Type of Household</b>				Number of staff	678	93	771
Two-parent homes	1,759	210	1,969	Number of centers	41	15	56
Single-parent homes	1,462	130	1,592	Number of volunteers	3,249	249	3,498

\*Preventative and primary care.

\*\*For those who had had a dental exam.

Source: Nevada Head Start Collaboration Office, 2005.