Head Start is a federally-funded, locally-run early childhood development program that provides comprehensive services for America’s most vulnerable children and their families.

2017 South Carolina Head Start Profile

Access to Head Start in South Carolina

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24% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS
5% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

These slots filled 791 classrooms in South Carolina.

By the numbers:

$114,246,090
FY17 Estimated Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships in SC

15 Head Start programs
21 Early Head Start programs

The Head Start Advantage

Head Start children reduce their vocabulary deficit by 38% during the program year.

Head Start children are 31% less likely to have been held back a grade.

Head Start children are 19% less likely to smoke as adults.

High quality birth-to-five programs, like the combination of EHS and HS, pay off 13% per year.

South Carolina’s Head Start Workforce

2,728 HS and EHS jobs in South Carolina

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor’s degree makes only $24,727 per year.
### In South Carolina...

- **80** slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children
- **292** children with veteran / active military parents were served by Head Start
- **13,815** children had continuously accessible health care
- **3,482** parents advanced their education level
- **238** slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children
- **511** children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start
- **13,099** children had continuous access to dental care
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### About NHSA

The National Head Start Association is a nonprofit organization committed to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life. NHSA is the voice for more than 1 million children, 200,000 staff and 1,600 Head Start grantees in the United States.

For more information, please contact us: [go.nhsa.org/Contact](http://go.nhsa.org/Contact).

*Eligible is defined as children from birth to age five who are from families with incomes below the poverty level, are homeless, and/or receive public assistance. Foster children are eligible regardless of their foster family’s income.*

For citations and other state fact sheets, please visit [www.nhsa.org/Fact-Sheets](http://www.nhsa.org/Fact-Sheets)

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Our mission is to coalesce, inspire, and support the Head Start field as a leader in early childhood development and education.