



## Early Head Start is Comprehensive

Early Head Start is a federally funded, locally administered program that provides quality, comprehensive early childhood development services to pregnant women, infants and toddlers.

Offered in Centers and Home-Based settings - responsive to the needs of community and families

Year round program, for at least 6 hours, often combined with child care for longer hours of care

Enrolled children are provided with all necessary supplies, including diapers and formula

Uses a research-based school readiness curriculum and conducts ongoing assessments



Family Service Workers provide support for families and help them set and achieve goals

Ensure updated physical, dental, vision and hearing screening and any necessary care and follow-up

Welcomes all children, including those with disabilities and staff are well trained to managed children with IEPs

Empowers parents as their child's first and most important teacher



### Who Qualifies for Early Head Start?

Pregnant moms, infants and toddlers up to age 3  
Income < Poverty Level  
Homeless, Foster and Kinship Families

## Early Head Start Capacity in Ohio

**884**

Infant and toddlers are currently on Early Head Start waiting lists

**More than half**

of Ohio's 52 Head Start providers are ready to serve more Early Head Start children

For the majority of programs, the time needed from budget approval to start up is

**Two Months**

The Ohio Head Start Association (OHSAI) is the voice of Ohio's Head Start grantees, staff and families. OHSAI strives to keep the Head Start community informed, build collaborative relationships, partner with coalitions at the state and federal level, and takes a stand on issues affecting low-income children and families.

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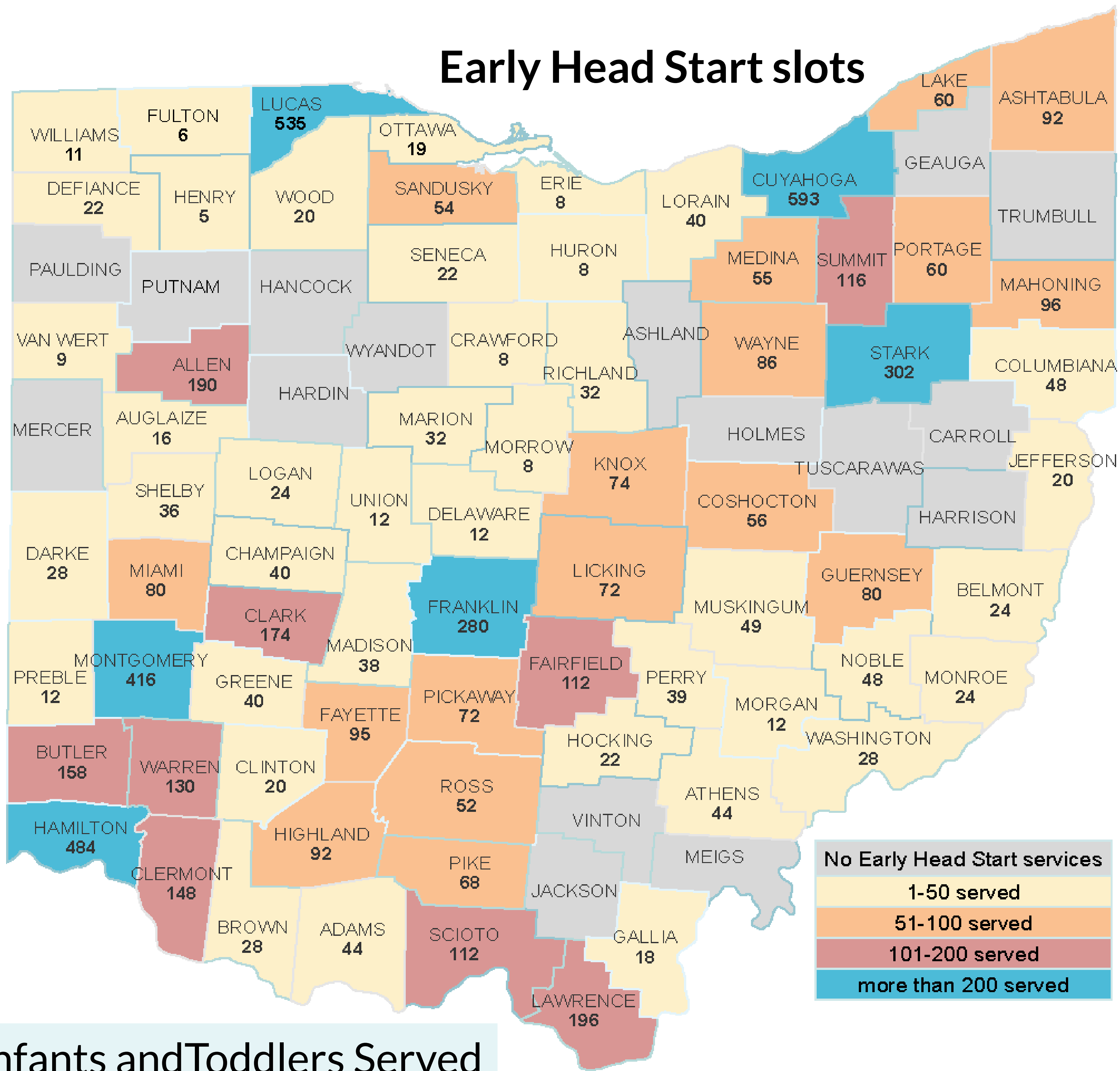
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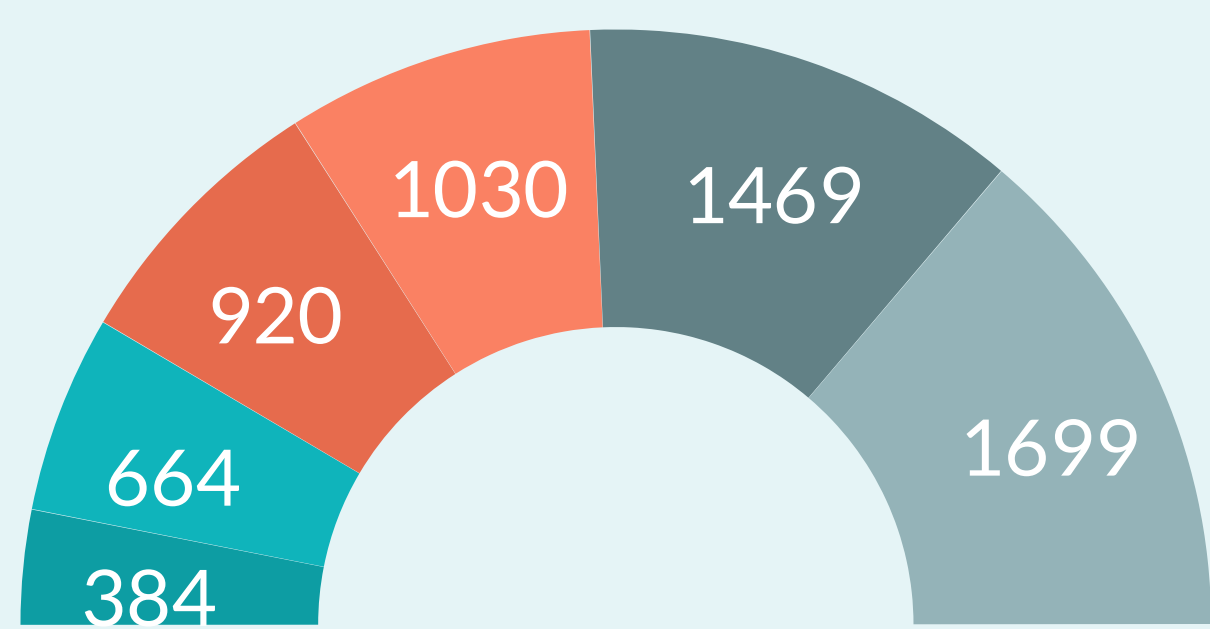
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# Early Head Start slots



## Infants and Toddlers Served by Age (estimated)



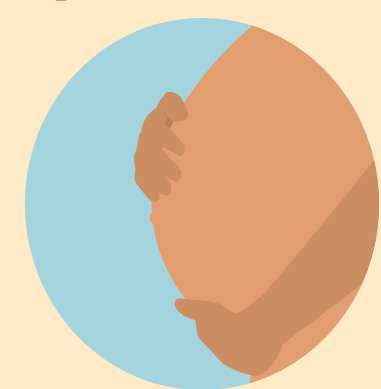
- Birth to 6 months (6.23%)
- 6 months to 1 year (10.77%)
- 1 year to 18 months (14.92%)
- 18 months to 2 years (16.7%)
- 2 years to 30 months (23.82%)
- 30 months to 3 years (27.55%)

## Early Head Start slots in Ohio



Of those:

**1,366** are Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership slots



**299** are Pregnant Women

**52** of Ohio's **60** Head Start grantees also provide Early Head Start services

**72** of Ohio's **88** counties have Early Head Start services

Total annual funding for Early Head Start slots in Ohio **\$89,965,608**  
Of that figure, **\$23,203,202** funds Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership slots.

Early Head Start average dollar allocation per child **\$13,794**

Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership average dollar allocation per child **\$16,986**