

Supplementary Information for Sections 23001 and 23002 of HR 5376 (Rules Committee Print 117-18)

Table 1. Children estimated to be eligible for, and enrolled in, proposed federal child care and pre-k programs

<i>Children in millions</i>	2025	2026	2027
Baseline			
Children who meet the income criteria in the legislation, all states ^a			
Children in households under 250% SMI (child care)			
0-2 year olds	10.3	10.6	10.8
5 year olds, not in K	1.8	1.7	1.8
3-4 year olds	6.1	6.3	6.4
All 3-4 year olds (pre-k, no income restrictions)	6.7	6.9	7.0
Share of children who meet the income criteria who are enrolled in childcare or pre-k under current law ^{b,c}			
Children in households under 250% SMI enrolled in child care			
0-2 year olds	40%	40%	40%
5 year olds, not in K	24%	24%	24%
3-4 year olds	31%	31%	31%
Children enrolled in Pre-K, all 3-4 year olds (no SMI restrictions)	15%	15%	15%
Children in Pre-K or CC, 3-4 year olds	44%	44%	44%
Policy			
In participating states only, children eligible for proposed programs ^{d,e}			
Children eligible for child care (SMI under 250%, both parents meet work requirement)			
0-2 year olds	6.2	6.3	6.5
5 year olds, not in K	1.1	1.1	1.1
3-4 year olds	3.7	3.8	3.9
Children eligible for pre-k (all 3-4 year olds)	4.0	4.1	4.2
In participating states, share of eligible children estimated to be enrolled ^{d,e}			
Children enrolled in child care			
0-2 year olds	46%	49%	52%
5 year olds, not in K	36%	44%	52%
3-4 year olds	23%	21%	20%
Children enrolled in pre-k	38%	42%	46%
% of children enrolled in pre-k or CC, 3-4 year olds (out of all 3-4 year olds)	60%	61%	64%

Table 2. Estimated number of Head Start children that would be served by proposed programs in participating states^f

<i>Children in thousands</i>	2025	2026	2027
0 to 2	131	134	133
5 year olds NOT in kindergarten	5	5	5
3 to 4	351	347	343
Wraparound care	174	172	170

Table 3. Cost of care by age group and program

	2025	2026	2027
Child care: 0 to 2	\$11,700	\$12,300	\$12,900
Child care: 5 year olds NOT in kindergarten	\$10,000	\$10,600	\$11,000
Child care: 3 to 4	\$10,000	\$10,600	\$11,000
UPK: 3 to 4	\$11,400	\$12,000	\$12,600
Wraparound care	\$5,000	\$5,200	\$5,500

Notes:

- a. Estimated using data from the Current Population Survey, 2019
- b. Estimated using data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2018
- c. Children enrolled in child care under current law are in formal care (which includes child care centers, family day care center, or before/after school programs) or paid child care (which includes parent who paid for care themselves or received assistance)
- d. CBO estimates that 66% of children live in states that participate in the child care program and 60% of children live in states that participate in the pre-k program
- e. CBO estimates that 45% of the children who are enrolled in the pre-k program and are eligible for child care under the program will enroll in wraparound child care
- f. The existence of the Head Start program would affect participation in the new child care and prekindergarten programs: If Head Start did not continue, some participants would instead enroll in those programs. Under current law, which usually is the basis for CBO's cost estimates, Head Start's funding ends December 3, 2021, because it is a discretionary program that receives annual appropriations. However, section 4015 of S. Con. Res. 14 instructs CBO, for the purposes of estimating the costs of legislation related to Head Start in the 117th Congress, to consider funding for programs under the Head Start Act to continue at baseline amounts.

Assumptions for FY22-FY24 are not presented because for those years, estimated costs stem from the direct appropriations provided under the policies. Current proposal ends both programs after 2027; as a result, CBO has not estimated any of the factors provided above in subsequent years. Table 1 excludes children who are served by Head Start