



Washington State Department of Early Learning

DEL ECEAP and Head Start Saturation Study March 2017

Annually, the Department of Early Learning (DEL) prepares the ECEAP and Head Start Saturation Study to analyze access to Washington's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and Head Start programs serving 3- and 4-year-olds. The next update for this study is planned for December 2017.

This saturation study data is part of the information used to determine appropriate locations for expansion of ECEAP slots. Current or potential ECEAP Contractors may use these data to partially inform decisions to apply for ECEAP slots or move existing ECEAP slots. In addition to these data, slot locations are decided by availability of facilities and readiness of early learning settings to provide high-quality ECEAP comprehensive education, family support, health, and nutrition services. The total number of available funded slots is determined by the Washington State legislature.

Statewide, there are an estimated 22,290 eligible children who are not served by ECEAP or Head Start. This study estimates the number of these children within each school district boundary. Some eligible children may currently be in child care or other early learning programs not included in this study. In addition, some children may be bussed to Head Start or ECEAP in a neighboring school district, causing one location to appear overserved and another underserved in the chart below. DEL will work closely with local communities to understand these types of situations. DEL uses the Caseload Forecast Council assumptions that 51 percent of the estimated eligible 3-year-olds and 82.5 percent of the estimated eligible 4-year-olds are in families that will choose to enroll in ECEAP.

The charts below lists school districts alphabetically in eight groups based on priority for awarding new ECEAP slots within the district boundaries. This means that DEL seeks to support ECEAP classrooms within the school district *boundaries*, whether or not the district is the ECEAP contractor. DEL will award slots for the 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 school years as funded by the Legislature. There is a statutory requirement (RCW 43.215.456) to serve all ECEAP-eligible children beginning in school year 2020-21. When entitlement begins, DEL will no longer award slots to contractors in the historical manner.

Please email questions to eceap@del.wa.gov.

Methodology

- DEL verified 21,186 currently funded slots for 3- and 4-year-old children by site for ECEAP, Region X Head Start, and American Indian/Alaska Native Head Start and determined the locations of these slots.
 - Children were considered 3 or 4 years old based on their age on August 31 of the beginning of the school year, and therefore age-eligible for kindergarten in Washington State in either one or two years.
 - Slot counts were obtained from DEL's Early Learning Management System (ELMS) for both ECEAP and Head Start, then confirmed by each ECEAP contractor or Head Start grantee.
 - Migrant Head Start slots were not included, since this program operates primarily during summer months and could serve duplicate children.
 - Children in Early Head Start, child care, and school district early learning special education programs and not in ECEAP or Head Start were not counted.

- The state Caseload Forecast Council (CFC) estimated the statewide number of eligible children as 44,150 for the 2017-18 school year. The CFC:
 - Collected total population by age cohort from the state Office of Financial Management (OFM) Population Forecast.
 - Assumed 20.4% are at or below 110% FPL as extrapolated by OFM from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, 3-Year Averages.
 - Added 1.76% for 3-year-olds and 2.23% for 4-year-olds on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) in 2016-17. The total number of each age group on IEPs was obtained from OSPI then multiplied by the proportion of children on IEPs currently in ECEAP who are above 110% of federal poverty level (FPL). This number was divided by the total population of the age group to calculate the percentage of each age group on IEPs and above 110% FPL.

- DEL estimated the number of eligible children residing within each school district's boundaries for the 2017-2018 school year. To do this DEL used the CFC statewide estimates and:
 - Obtained OFM Small Area Demographic Estimates (SADE) of population of young children residing within school district boundaries.
 - Applied school-district level estimates of young children in poverty from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS), 5-year averages.
 - Allocated the CFC statewide estimates for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds eligible based on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and those eligible based on risk factors evenly across districts based on young child population.
 - Adjusted estimates for districts where the ACS indicates zero poverty but where OSPI reports first and second graders on Free Lunch.

- DEL determined the percentage of eligible children currently served by ECEAP and Head Start for each school district by dividing the current total of ECEAP and preschool-age Head Start slots within each district’s boundaries by the number of estimated eligible children.
- DEL determined the number of unserved, eligible children for each school district by subtracting the current number of Head Start and ECEAP slots from the estimated eligible children.
- DEL determined a weighted priority for new ECEAP slots for each school district using a 10 point system:
 - 1 point if 50 percent of eligible children or less are served
 - 0-5 points for number of unserved eligible children
 - 6-39 unserved children =1 point
 - 40-99 unserved children = 2 points
 - 100-249 unserved children = 3 points
 - 250- 499 unserved children = 4 points
 - 500+ unserved children = 5 points
 - 0-2 points based on opportunity gap as measured by Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS) whole-child assessment.
 - 1 point for the 25 percent of districts with the highest gaps by income.
 - 1 point for the 25 percent of districts with the highest gaps by race/ethnicity.
 - 1-2 points for districts that lost child care providers for children under the age of five receiving Working Connections Child Care subsidy that chose not to enroll in Early Achievers.
 - 1 point for school districts that lost providers who served 24 to 30 children
 - 2 points for school districts that lost providers who served more than 30 children.

Saturation Study Analysis by School District Boundary Area

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 1					
School District Boundary Area	Head Start & ECEAP Slots	Estimated Eligible Children	Percent Served	Unserved, eligible children	Weighted priority points
	<i>Number of funded slots for 3- & 4-year old children within school district boundaries</i>	<i>All 3- & 4-year olds eligible for ECEAP</i>	<i>Funded slots as a percent of estimated eligible children</i>	<i>Number of eligible 3- & 4-year olds not served by ECEAP or Head Start</i>	<i>See Methodology section for explanation</i>
Auburn School District	313	886	35%	573	7
Bellingham School District	222	484	46%	262	7
Edmonds School District	106	677	16%	571	7
Kennewick School District	298	958	31%	660	7
Othello School District	111	411	27%	300	7
Pasco School District	420	1071	39%	651	7
Spokane School District	877	1831	48%	954	7
Sunnyside School District	104	614	17%	510	7
Yakima School District	511	1414	36%	903	7

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 2					
School District Boundary Area	Head Start & ECEAP Slots	Estimated Eligible Children	Percent Served	Unserved, eligible children	Weighted priority points
	<i>Number of funded slots for 3- & 4-year old children within school district boundaries</i>	<i>All 3- & 4-year olds eligible for ECEAP</i>	<i>Funded slots as a percent of estimated eligible children</i>	<i>Number of eligible 3- & 4-year olds not served by ECEAP or Head Start</i>	<i>See Methodology section for explanation</i>
Burlington-Edison School District	101	205	49%	104	6
Clover Park School District	493	1060	47%	567	6
Evergreen School District (Clark)	578	834	69%	256	6
Federal Way School District	368	1162	32%	794	6
Highline School District	570	1250	46%	680	6
Kent School District	479	991	48%	512	6
Mount Vernon School District	216	466	46%	250	6
Mukilteo School District	296	960	31%	664	6
Northshore School District	57	430	13%	373	6
Renton School District	242	835	29%	593	6
Seattle Public Schools	1285	2325	55%	1040	6

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 3					
School District Boundary Area	Head Start & ECEAP Slots	Estimated Eligible Children	Percent Served	Unserved, eligible children	Weighted priority points
	<i>Number of funded slots for 3- & 4-year old children within school district boundaries</i>	<i>All 3- & 4-year olds eligible for ECEAP</i>	<i>Funded slots as a percent of estimated eligible children</i>	<i>Number of eligible 3- & 4-year olds not served by ECEAP or Head Start</i>	<i>See Methodology section for explanation</i>
Bethel School District	261	589	44%	328	5
Central Kitsap School District	147	368	40%	221	5
Everett School District	412	901	46%	489	5
Franklin Pierce School District	219	478	46%	259	5
Lake Chelan School District	26	111	23%	85	5
Lake Washington School District	99	482	21%	383	5
Longview School District	307	525	58%	218	5
North Thurston Public Schools	198	476	42%	278	5
Puyallup School District	194	641	30%	447	5
Quincy School District	40	176	23%	136	5
Richland School District	162	472	34%	310	5
Tacoma School District	993	1882	53%	889	5
Tenino School District	0	58	0%	58	5
Toppenish School District	65	362	18%	297	5
Wenatchee School District	197	424	46%	227	5

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 4					
School District Boundary Area	Head Start & ECEAP Slots	Estimated Eligible Children	Percent Served	Unserved, eligible children	Weighted priority points
	<i>Number of funded slots for 3- & 4-year old children within school district boundaries</i>	<i>All 3- & 4-year olds eligible for ECEAP</i>	<i>Funded slots as a percent of estimated eligible children</i>	<i>Number of eligible 3- & 4-year olds not served by ECEAP or Head Start</i>	<i>See Methodology section for explanation</i>
Aberdeen School District	107	234	46%	127	4
Battle Ground School District	66	307	21%	241	4
Bellevue School District	117	342	34%	225	4
Cheney School District	97	252	38%	155	4
Dieringer School District	0	22	0%	22	4
Eastmont School District	84	220	38%	136	4
Enumclaw School District	54	152	36%	98	4
Ephrata School District	18	79	23%	61	4
Fife School District	60	134	45%	74	4
Grandview School District	72	167	43%	95	4
Highland School District	34	88	39%	54	4
Issaquah School District	33	233	14%	200	4
Kelso School District	127	267	48%	140	4

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 4					
School District Boundary Area	Head Start & ECEAP Slots	Estimated Eligible Children	Percent Served	Unserved, eligible children	Weighted priority points
Lake Stevens School District	90	185	49%	95	4
Mary Walker School District	8	49	16%	41	4
Mead School District	83	124	67%	41	4
Meridian School District	0	34	0%	34	4
Olympia School District	108	351	31%	243	4
Port Angeles School District	90	244	37%	154	4
Prosser School District	40	114	35%	74	4
Pullman School District	104	221	47%	117	4
Snohomish School District	60	122	49%	62	4
Snoqualmie Valley School District	42	184	23%	142	4
Tumwater School District	62	216	29%	154	4
Vancouver School District	644	853	75%	209	4
Wapato School District	163	284	57%	121	4

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 5					
School District Boundary Area	Head Start & ECEAP Slots	Estimated Eligible Children	Percent Served	Unserved, eligible children	Weighted priority points
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Blaine School District	18	105	17%	87	3
Bremerton School District	296	472	63%	176	3
Cascade School District	19	81	23%	62	3
Central Valley School District	315	556	57%	241	3
Centralia School District	186	264	70%	78	3
Cle Elum-Roslyn School District	17	34	50%	17	3
College Place School District	40	82	49%	42	3
Deer Park School District	63	75	84%	12	3
East Valley School District (Spokane)	174	221	79%	47	3
East Valley School District (Yakima)	20	107	19%	87	3
Freeman School District	0	17	0%	17	3
Hockinson School District	6	14	43%	8	3
Kittitas School District	0	9	0%	9	3
Lyle School District	10	28	36%	18	3
Lynden School District	42	82	51%	40	3
Marysville School District	267	373	72%	106	3
Mercer Island School District	0	17	0%	17	3
Monroe School District	30	129	23%	99	3

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 5					
School District Boundary Area	Head Start & ECEAP Slots	Estimated Eligible Children	Percent Served	Unserved, eligible children	Weighted priority points
Moses Lake School District	188	312	60%	124	3
Naches Valley School District	0	71	0%	71	3
Napavine School District	0	80	0%	80	3
Nine Miles Falls School District	0	13	0%	13	3
North Beach School District	12	57	21%	45	3
North Kitsap School District	121	210	58%	89	3
North Mason School District	34	57	60%	23	3
Oak Harbor School District	136	255	53%	119	3
Oroville School District	35	48	73%	13	3
Orting School District	40	93	43%	53	3
Pioneer School District	0	58	0%	58	3
Ridgefield School District	0	56	0%	56	3
Rochester School District	54	94	57%	40	3
Royal School District	40	76	53%	36	3
Selah School District	65	110	59%	45	3
Sequim School District	34	75	45%	41	3
Shelton School District	113	208	54%	95	3
Shoreline School District	95	190	50%	95	3
South Kitsap School District	170	280	61%	110	3
Stanwood-Camano School District	50	147	34%	97	3
Steilacoom Historical School District	8	89	9%	81	3
Tahoma School District	18	74	24%	56	3
University Place School District	60	127	47%	67	3
Waitsburg School District	9	18	50%	9	3
Washougal School District	18	75	24%	57	3
West Valley School District (Spokane)	65	111	59%	46	3
White River School District	40	96	42%	56	3
Woodland School District	34	65	52%	31	3
Zillah School District	0	54	0%	54	3

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 6					
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Adna School District	0	9	0%	9	2
Asotin-Anatone School District	0	9	0%	9	2
Cashmere School District	17	25	68%	8	2
Chewelah School District	18	57	32%	39	2
Chimacum School District	17	38	45%	21	2
Colfax School District	20	57	35%	37	2
Columbia (Stevens) School District	3	29	10%	26	2
Colville School District	70	86	81%	16	2
Conway School District	0	10	0%	10	2
Cosmopolis School District	4	9	44%	5	2
Coulee-Hartline School District	0	6	0%	6	2
Crescent School District	0	10	0%	10	2
Davenport School District	10	32	31%	22	2
Dixie School District	0	6	0%	6	2
Entiat School District	0	11	0%	11	2
Goldendale School District	56	64	88%	8	2
Grand Coulee Dam School District	0	33	0%	33	2
Granite Falls School District	40	27	148%		2
Grapeview School District	0	17	0%	17	2
Green Mountain School District	0	17	0%	17	2
Griffin School District	0	11	0%	11	2
Hoquiam School District	103	150	69%	47	2
Kalama School District	0	13	0%	13	2
Kettle Falls School District	18	36	50%	18	2
Kiona-Benton City School District	72	120	60%	48	2
La Center School District	0	11	0%	11	2
Lakewood School District	30	61	49%	31	2
Mary M. Knight School District	0	19	0%	19	2
McCleary School District	6	23	26%	17	2
Methow Valley School District	17	26	65%	9	2
Montesano School District	9	38	24%	29	2
Morton School District	0	10	0%	10	2
Naselle-Grays River Valley School District	8	17	47%	9	2
Nooksack Valley School District	84	91	92%	7	2
North River School District	0	6	0%	6	2
Ocosta School District	27	66	41%	39	2

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 6					
School District Boundary Area	Head Start & ECEAP Slots	Estimated Eligible Children	Percent Served	Unserved, eligible children	Weighted priority points
Odessa School District	0	7	0%	7	2
Pateros School District	0	14	0%	14	2
Peninsula School District	71	112	63%	41	2
Pomeroy School District	0	11	0%	11	2
Port Townsend School District	17	49	35%	32	2
Prescott School District	0	9	0%	9	2
Quilcene School District	0	10	0%	10	2
Riverview School District	18	43	42%	25	2
Roosevelt School District	0	6	0%	6	2
Southside School District	0	16	0%	16	2
St. John School District	0	14	0%	14	2
Stevenson-Carson School District	37	58	64%	21	2
Sumner School District	100	192	52%	92	2
Thorp School District	0	6	0%	6	2
Tonasket School District	35	47	74%	12	2
Touchet School District	0	6	0%	6	2
Toutle Lake School District	0	6	0%	6	2
Trout Lake School District	0	9	0%	9	2
Tukwila School District	118	203	58%	85	2
Wahluke School District	110	204	54%	94	2
Waterville School District	0	11	0%	11	2
White Pass School District	0	12	0%	12	2
Wishram School District	0	6	0%	6	2

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 7					
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Almira School District	0	2	0%	2	1
Anacortes School District	50	66	76%	16	1
Bainbridge Island School District	18	27	67%	9	1
Bickleton School District	0	5	0%	5	1
Boistfort School District	4	9	44%	5	1
Bridgeport School District	36	65	55%	29	1
Brinnon School District	0	4	0%	4	1
Camas School District	31	46	67%	15	1

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 7					
School District Boundary Area	Head Start & ECEAP Slots	Estimated Eligible Children	Percent Served	Unserved, eligible children	Weighted priority points
Carbonado School District	0	3	0%	3	1
Centerville School District	0	4	0%	4	1
Chehalis School District	149	102	146%		1
Clarkston School District	110	112	98%	2	1
Colton School District	0	4	0%	4	1
Columbia (Walla Walla) School District	18	21	86%	3	1
Concrete School District	19	25	76%	6	1
Coupeville School District	16	28	57%	12	1
Creston School District	0	2	0%	2	1
Cusick School District	14	21	67%	7	1
Dayton School District	18	21	86%	3	1
Easton School District	0	3	0%	3	1
Ellensburg School District	123	128	96%	5	1
Evaline School District	0	4	0%	4	1
Evergreen School District (Stevens)	0	5	0%	5	1
Ferndale School District	211	202	104%		1
Glenwood School District	0	5	0%	5	1
Hood Canal School District	40	42	95%	2	1
Index School District	0	2	0%	2	1
Kahlotus School District	0	2	0%	2	1
Keller School District	8	14	57%	6	1
La Conner School District	23	19	121%		1
LaCrosse School District	0	4	0%	4	1
Liberty School District	0	5	0%	5	1
Mabton School District	32	60	53%	28	1
Mansfield School District	0	3	0%	3	1
Mill A School District	0	2	0%	2	1
Mossyrock School District	17	17	100%	0	1
Mount Adams School District	68	98	69%	30	1
Mount Baker School District	68	101	67%	33	1
Mount Pleasant School District	0	2	0%	2	1
North Franklin School District	116	145	80%	29	1
Oakesdale School District	0	1	0%	1	1
Okanogan School District	34	57	60%	23	1
Omak School District	111	149	74%	38	1
Onalaska School District	20	37	54%	17	1
Onion Creek School District	0	3	0%	3	1
Orchard Prairie School District	0	4	0%	4	1
Palisades School District	0	4	0%	4	1

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School District Boundary Area	Head Start & ECEAP Slots	Estimated Eligible Children	Percent Served	Unserved, eligible children	Weighted priority points
Palouse School District	3	6	50%	3	1
Paterson School District	0	2	0%	2	1
Quillayute Valley School District	101	100	101%		1
Raymond School District	25	35	71%	10	1
Reardan-Edwall School District	12	23	52%	11	1
Riverside School District	123	36	342%		1
Satsop School District	0	4	0%	4	1
Sedro-Woolley School District	90	91	99%	1	1
Skamania School District	0	4	0%	4	1
Skykomish School District	0	2	0%	2	1
Soap Lake School District	18	29	62%	11	1
South Bend School District	62	50	124%		1
South Whidbey School District	20	34	59%	14	1
Sprague-Lamont School District	0	3	0%	3	1
Sultan School District	60	32	188%		1
Toledo School District	17	29	59%	12	1
Valley School District	22	8	275%		1
Vashon Island School District	20	32	63%	12	1
Walla Walla Public Schools	233	258	90%	25	1
Washtucna School District	0	2	0%	2	1
White Salmon Valley School District	30	38	79%	8	1
Wilbur School District	0	2	0%	2	1
Wilson Creek School District	0	4	0%	4	1
Wishkah School District	0	3	0%	3	1

ECEAP Expansion Priority Group 8					
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Arlington School District	71	76	93%	5	0
Benge School District	0	0		0	0
Brewster School District	72	67	107%		0
Cape Flattery School District	50	14	357%		0
Castle Rock School District	34	22	155%		0
Curlew School District	9	2	450%		0

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School District Boundary Area	Head Start & ECEAP Slots	Estimated Eligible Children	Percent Served	Unserved, eligible children	Weighted priority points
Damman School District	0	0		0	0
Darrington School District	29	8	363%		0
Eatonville School District	20	21	95%	1	0
Elma School District	50	54	93%	4	0
Endicott School District	6	6	100%	0	0
Finley School District	34	15	227%		0
Garfield School District	6	4	150%		0
Granger School District	108	97	111%		0
Great Northern School District	0	0		0	0
Harrington School District	0	0		0	0
Inchelium School District	34	24	142%		0
Klickitat School District	10	7	143%		0
Lake Quinalt School District	18	5	360%		0
Lamont School District	0	0		0	0
Lind School District	11	10	110%		0
Loon Lake School District	12	2	600%		0
Lopez School District	9	14	64%	5	0
Manson School District	24	13	185%		0
Medical Lake School District	24	29	83%	5	0
Nespelem School District	56	28	200%		0
Newport School District	48	44	109%		0
Northport School District	11	13	85%	2	0
Oakville School District	49	16	306%		0
Ocean Beach School District	58	54	107%		0
Orcas Island School District	30	21	143%		0
Orient School District	8	4	200%		0
Orondo School District	18	16	113%		0
Pe Ell School District	7	9	78%	2	0
Queets-Clearwater School District	20	4	500%		0
Rainier School District	37	23	161%		0
Republic School District	18	21	86%	3	0
Ritzville School District	15	8	188%		0
Rosalia School District	10	4	250%		0
San Juan School District	16	10	160%		0
Selkirk School District	8	7	114%		0
Shaw Island School District	0	0		0	0
Star School District	0	0		0	0
Starbuck School District	0	0		0	0
Stehekin School District	0	0		0	0

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Step toe School District	0	0		0	0
Summit Valley School District	7	9	78%	2	0
Taholah School District	40	19	211%		0
Tekoa School District	12	2	600%		0
Union Gap School District	42	45	93%	3	0
Wahkiakum School District	24	24	100%	0	0
Warden School District	40	37	108%		0
Wellpinit School District	70	10	700%		0
West Valley School District (Yakima)	116	77	151%		0
Willapa Valley School District	20	6	333%		0
Winlock School District	26	29	90%	3	0
Yelm School District	152	151	101%		0