

Darlington County Community Action Agency



2021 ANNUAL REPORT





Greetings,

Darlington County Community Action has showcased the rich, illustrious history of community service from 1965 to 2022.

Our board consists of 12 members coming from three separate sections: 1) exactly 1/3 must be elected public officials or representatives at the time of their selection; 2) at least 1/3 must be representative of the low-income population; and 3) the remaining 1/3 may come from business, industry, labor, religious, law enforcement, education, or other major groups and interests in the community served.

No one was immune from the pandemic's impact, and low-income communities suffered mightily. The Darlington County Community Action Agency pivoted to meet community needs. We adapted our operations to continue safely providing our core services and meeting the needs of the community.

Thanks to the executive director and the staff for your dedicated commitment to promoting sustainable economic self-sufficiency by serving the citizens of Darlington County.

The board acknowledges and thanks all county agencies, churches, and organizations for their help in making it possible for citizens to prepare themselves for a better life. When you consider the ever increasing threats to the well-being of our disadvantaged population as well as potential opportunities, we are even more committed to the mission of the agency.

Chairperson

DCCAA Board of Commissioners

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As in years past, during the 2021 program year, Darlington County Community Action Agency (DCCAA), rose to meet every challenge placed in its way. The worldwide Coronavirus pandemic and its impact on the health and vitality of the residents in our service area figured most prominently. The rate of infections and deaths in our small area was disproportionately higher due to the health disparities faced by many low-income residents. To the credit of the governing bodies, the management team, and agency staff members, all worked cooperatively and creatively to ensure that DCCAA's vital services were delivered to children individuals, and families in the most effective, safe, and health-conscious manner.

The 2021 program year continued to be fast-paced and productive. The issues of poverty that face our low-income families were exacerbated by the looming presence of the worldwide pandemic and the urgent push for all eligible persons to get tested and vaccinated. A focus on minimizing the spread of the virus necessitated a greater use of digital technology for many activities that were previously conducted on a face-to-face basis, including governing body meetings, and many parent/staff interactions. It also meant a return to in-person learning for our Head Start children and the implementation of our new Early Head Start program at our Darlington, SC Center.

The issues of staff retention and recruitment were prevalent during this period. I am truly grateful for an engaged Policy Council and Governing Board that appreciated the impact of staffing issues on the success of executing our programs. Our funders also were particularly attuned to the environment and challenging issues affecting the execution of our programs.

Over the next year, we will continue to engage with the community at large to enhance our partnerships and gain even more traction in our leadership role as the chief poverty-fighting agency in Darlington County. We will continue to draw upon the commitment and dedication of our funding agencies, governing bodies, management team, staff members, and community partners to combat the causes and effects of poverty. I am proud of the success and growth of our agency and excited to see what the future holds. I offer most sincere thanks to all whose contributions make the work of DCCAA possible!

Jacquelyn James Slayton, Executive Director

ABOUT THE AGENCY

Our Programs

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Head Start/Early Head Start
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
Child and Adult Care Food Program
(CACFP)
Low Income Home Energy Assistance
Program (LIHEAP)
Community Services Block Grant
Program (CSBG)
Senior Employment Program
Job Supportive Services
Youth Leadership Program (YLP)

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

DCCAA's Head Start/Early Head Start program is the educational home to 300 the first half of the year and to 276 the second half of the year to children ages 0-to-four-year old's in Darlington County. There are two Head Start centers with 16 classrooms equipped with 32 teachers, assistant teachers, and caregivers, providing our children with emotional, intellectual, and social growth using a research-based curriculum.

Daily our children are engaged in planned and spontaneous instruction that aids their emotional, intellectual, and social growth. We ensure they receive nutritious meals and snacks, annual developmental screenings, dental and health exams, and hearing, speech, and vision exams.

Lastly, we support the family unit by providing family support/social services and linkage to community resources to strengthen relationships and engage families around children's learning and development.



HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

SFSP is a program that helps provide public school-age children in Darlington County communities with a balanced and nutritious meal during the summer months when public school is not in session.



Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program that provides meal reimbursements to childcare providers to serve nutritious meals. The program provides free breakfast, lunch, and snacks to eligible families. The program meets USDA guidelines for meals that help children grow and develop healthily.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides funds to assist individuals with home energy bills and energy crises through Direct Assistance (DA), Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP), LIHEAP Supplemental, LIHEAP Supplemental COVID-19 benefits (LIHEAP Cares), American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Low -Income Household Water Assistance Program(LIHWAP) provides funds to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills. Project Share consists of subscriber and corporate funds from participating energy providers, which are leveraged to offer additional energy-related services to eligible clients.



Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG)

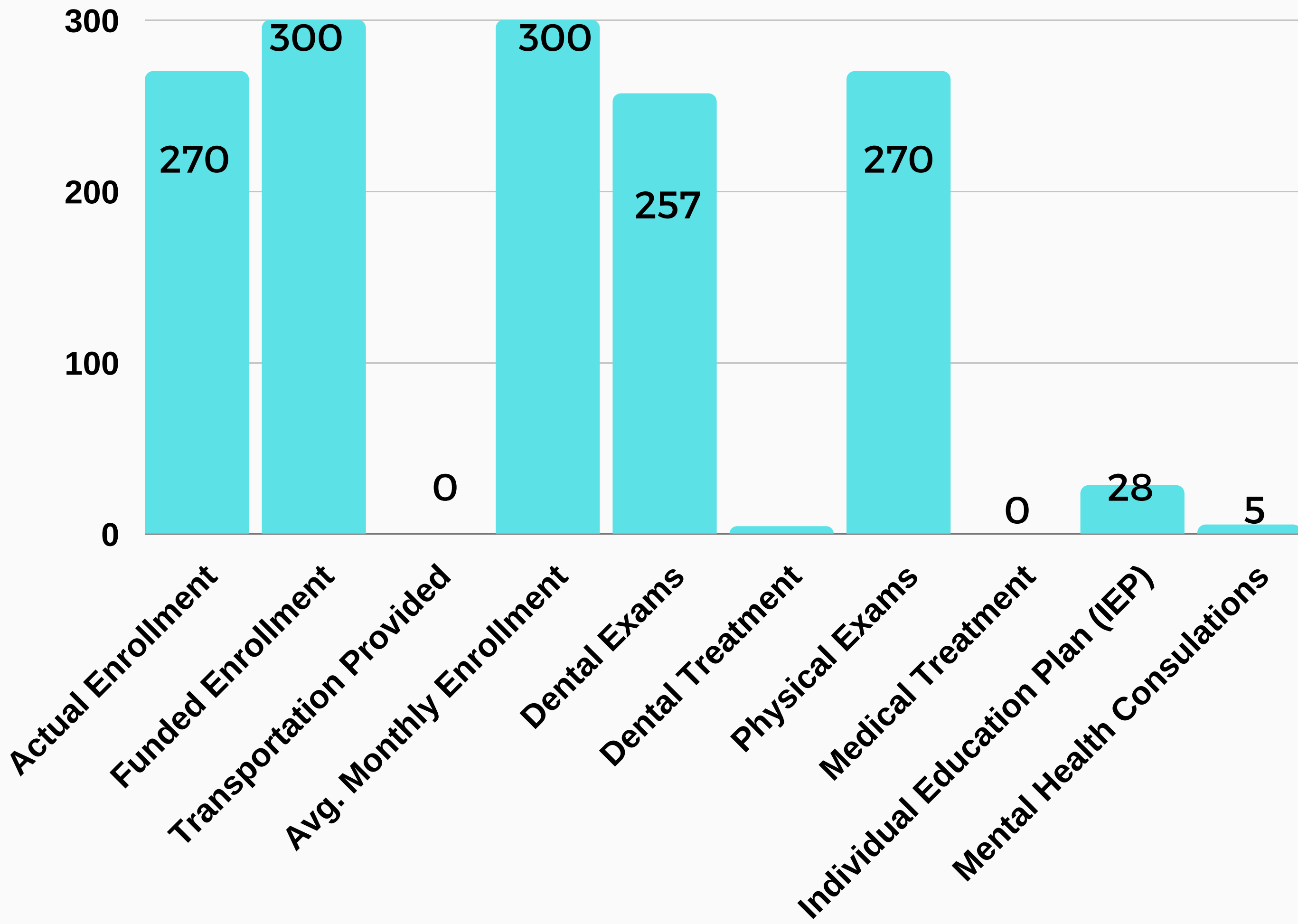
The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) enables DCCAA to strengthen eligible households in education, employment, emergency, housing, health, and youth leadership. The General Emergency Assistance Program (GEAP), GEAP Supplement, and CSBG Supplemental COVID-19 benefits (CSBG Cares) provided households with assistance for rent, water, mortgage, and medical services. Youth leadership (YLP) empowers young people to grow into successful contributing members of our communities by building character, providing academic support, and imparting essential life skills. Senior citizens were provided the opportunities to be employed part-time under the Senior Employment Program. The Job Supportive Services Program provided funds for individuals to receive tuition assistance toward a post-secondary degree/diploma, certification, or state board exam.

The Youth Leadership Program (YLP)

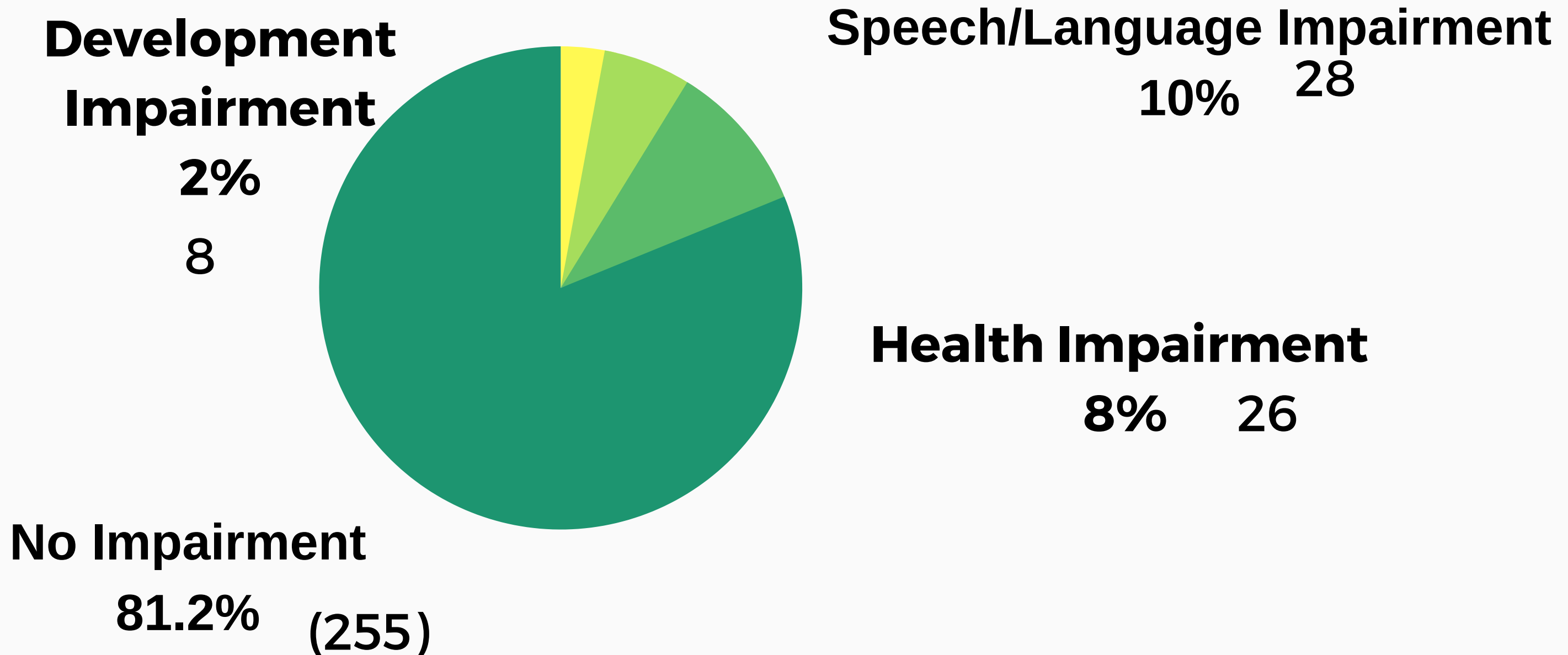
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HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START 2020/2021

Enrollment Statistics

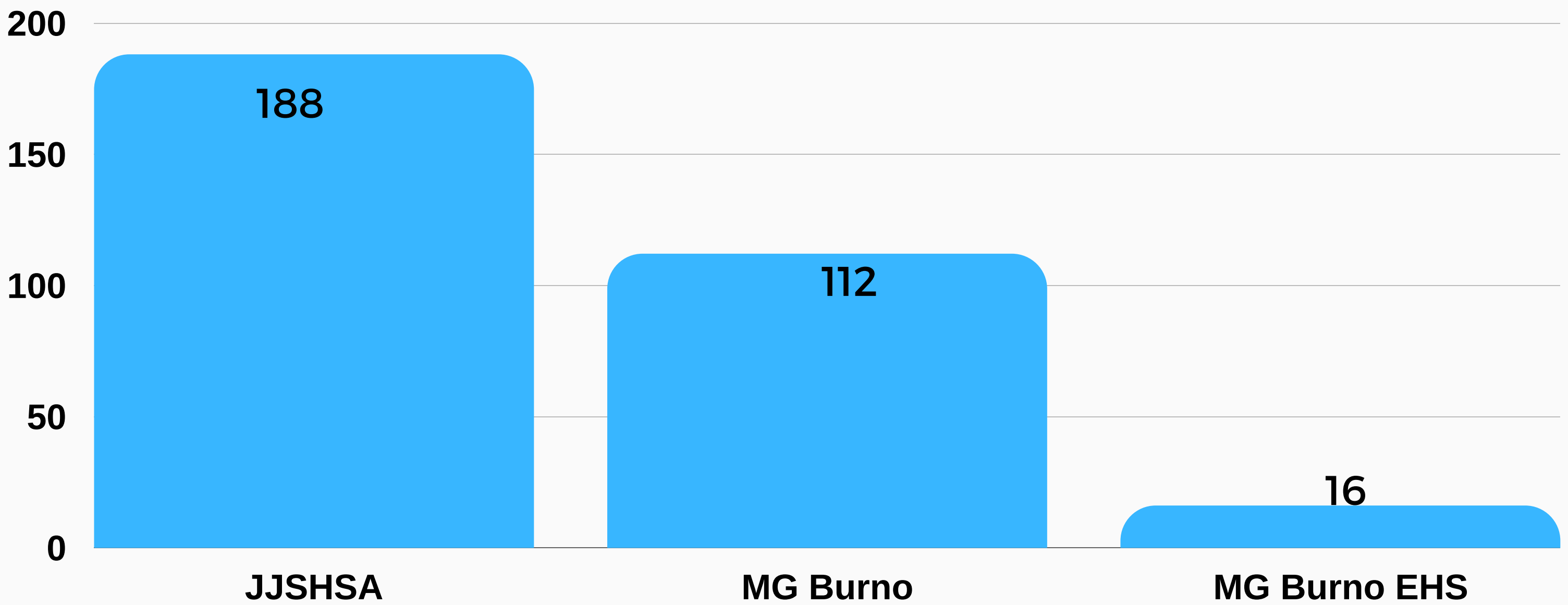


Impairment Statistics

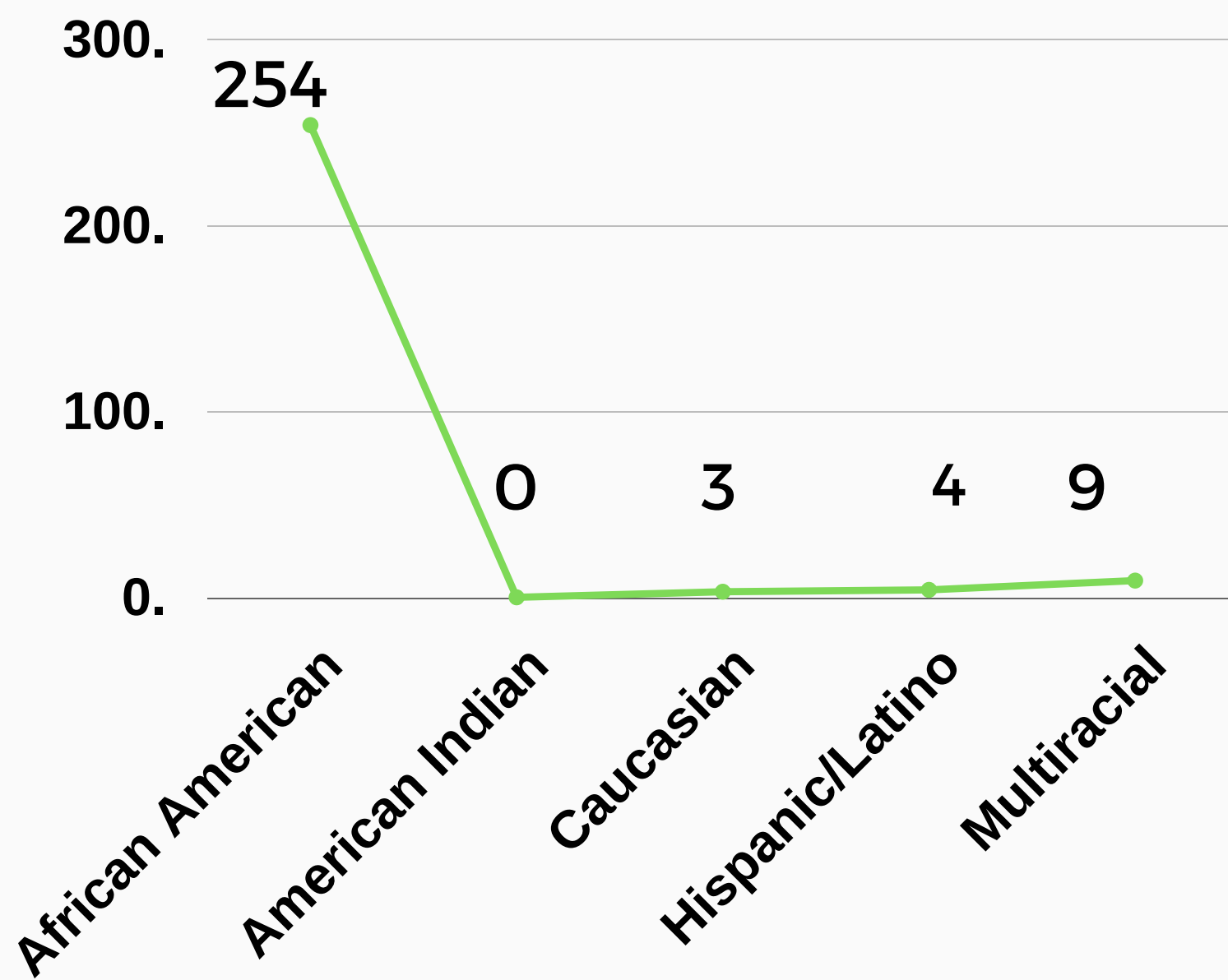


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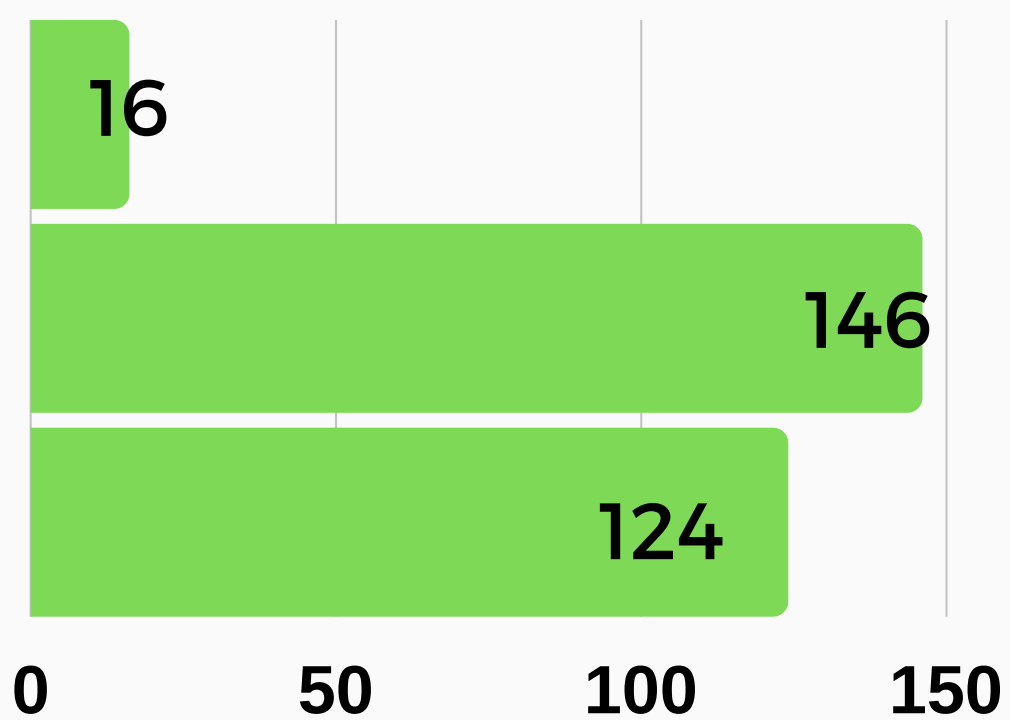
Center Enrollment



Race/Ethnicity



0-3 Year Old
3 Year Olds
4 Year Olds

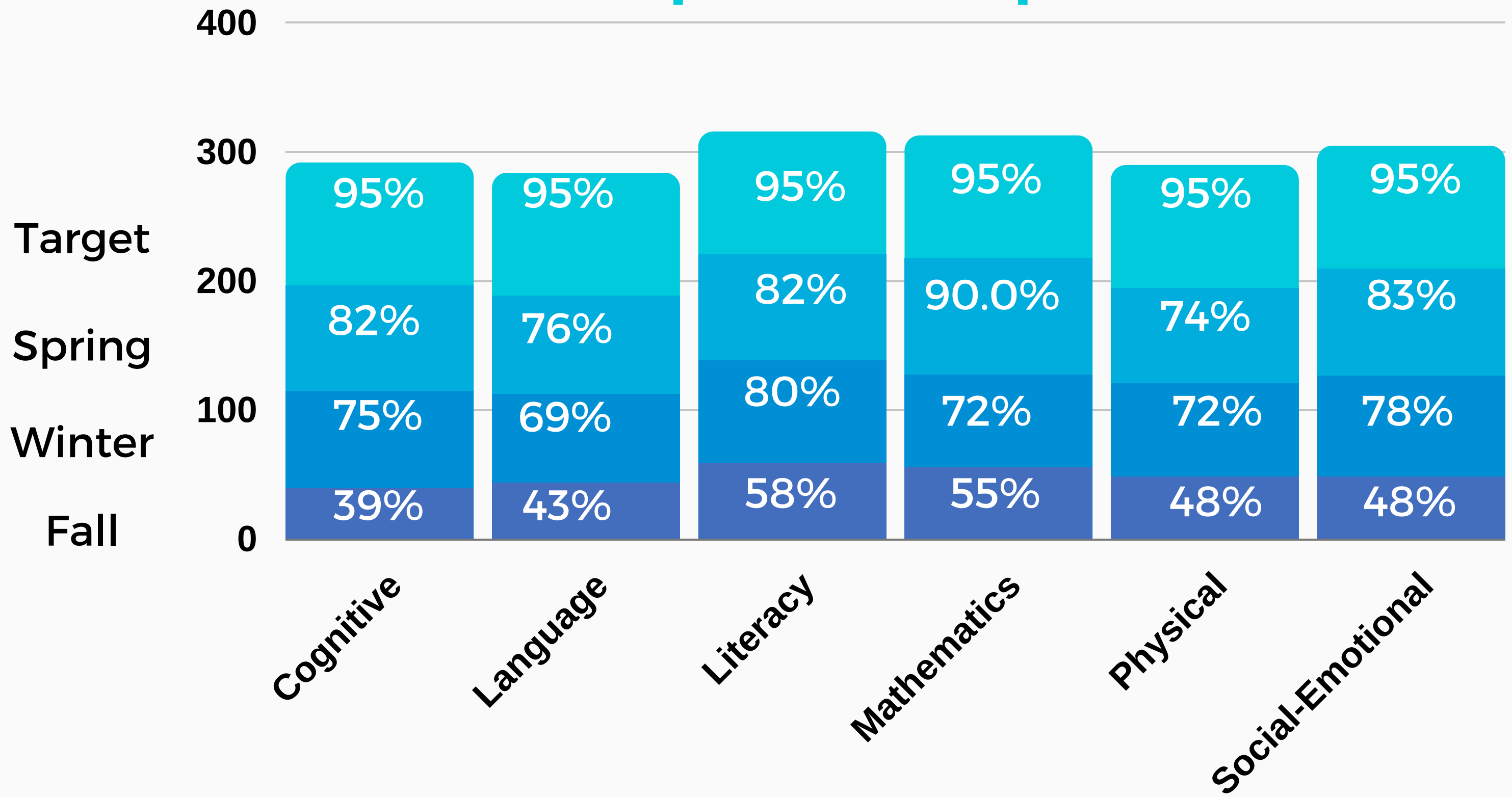


Age Range

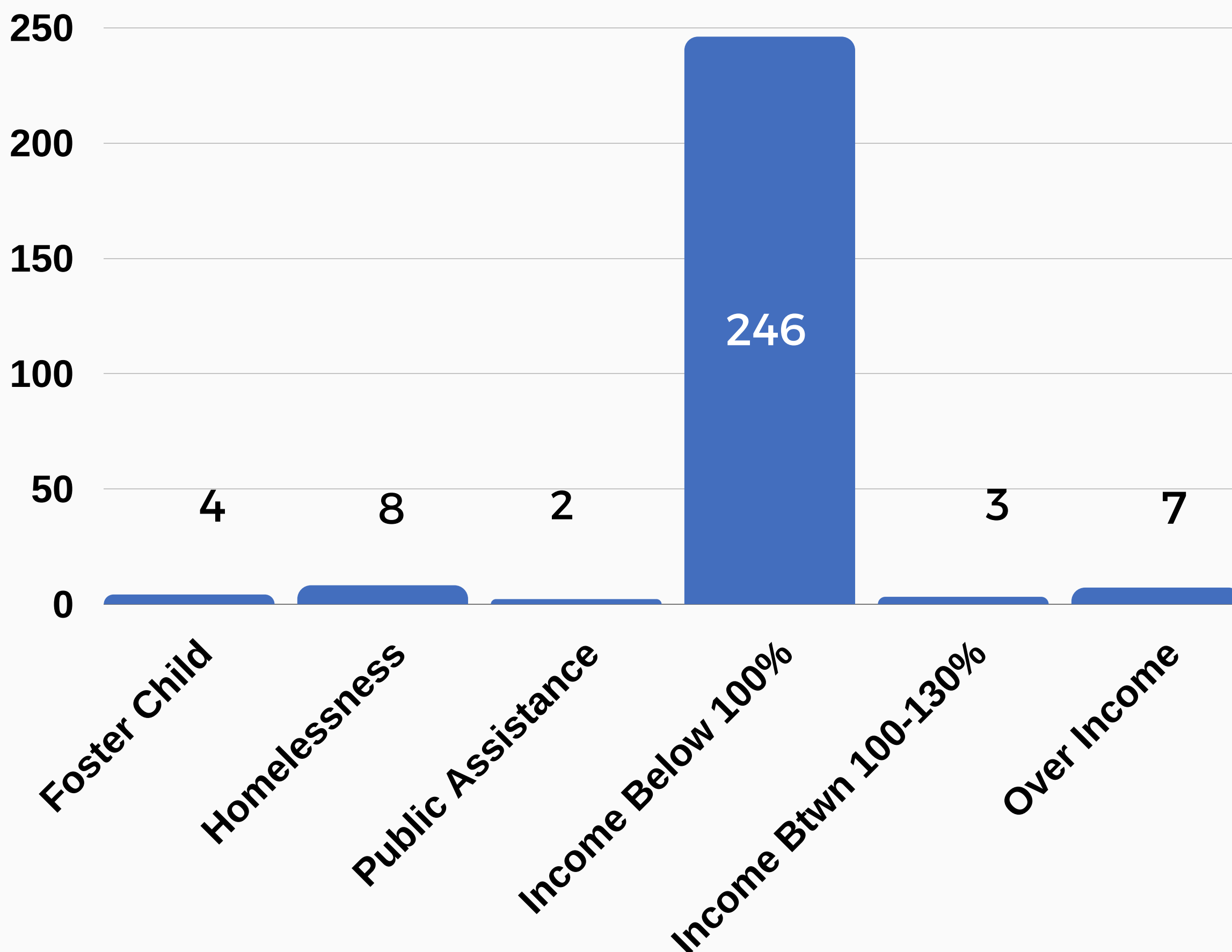
HEAD START 2020/2021



2020/2021 School Readiness Comparative Report



2020/2021 Eligibility



HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START 2020/2021

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Number of parents/guardians

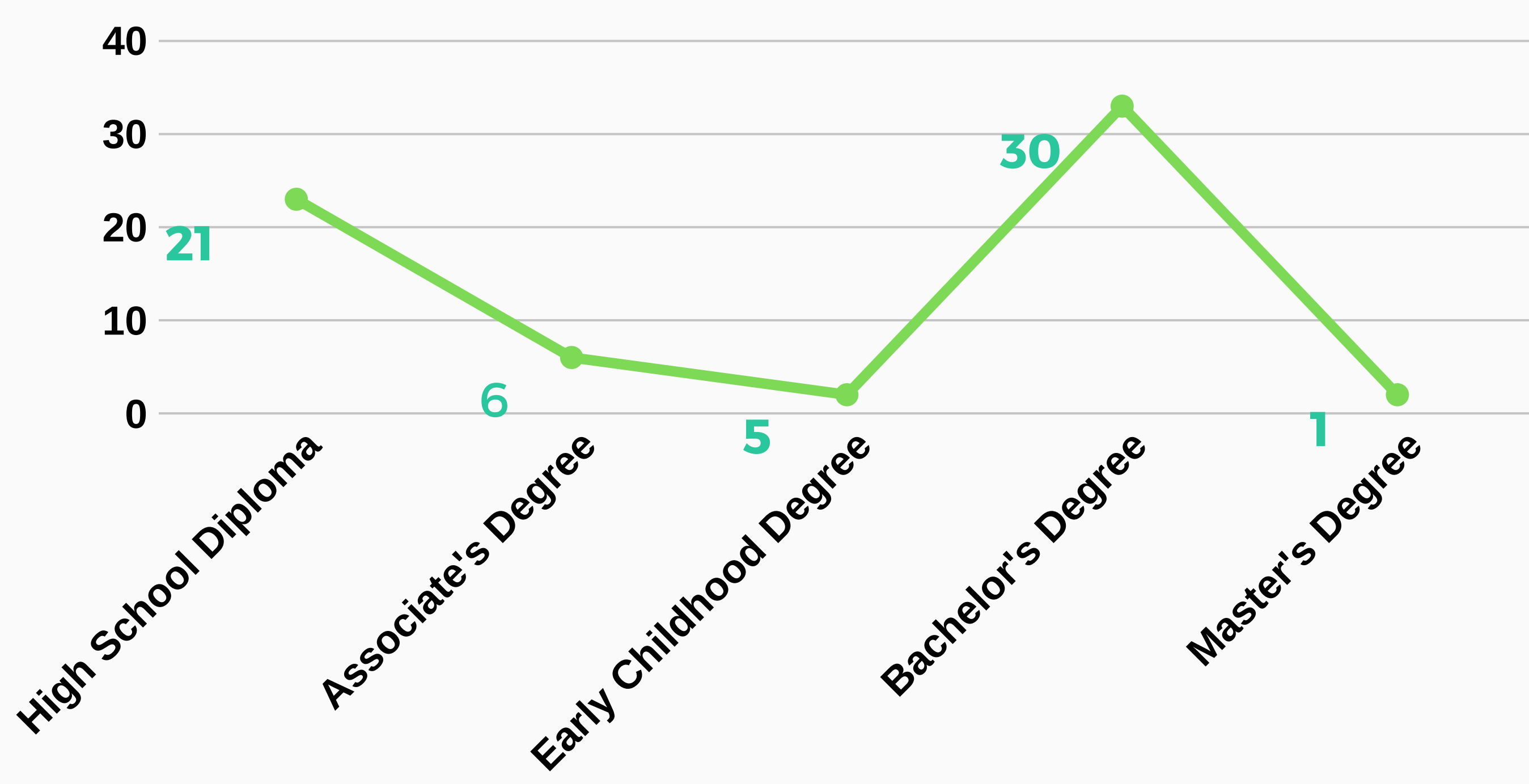
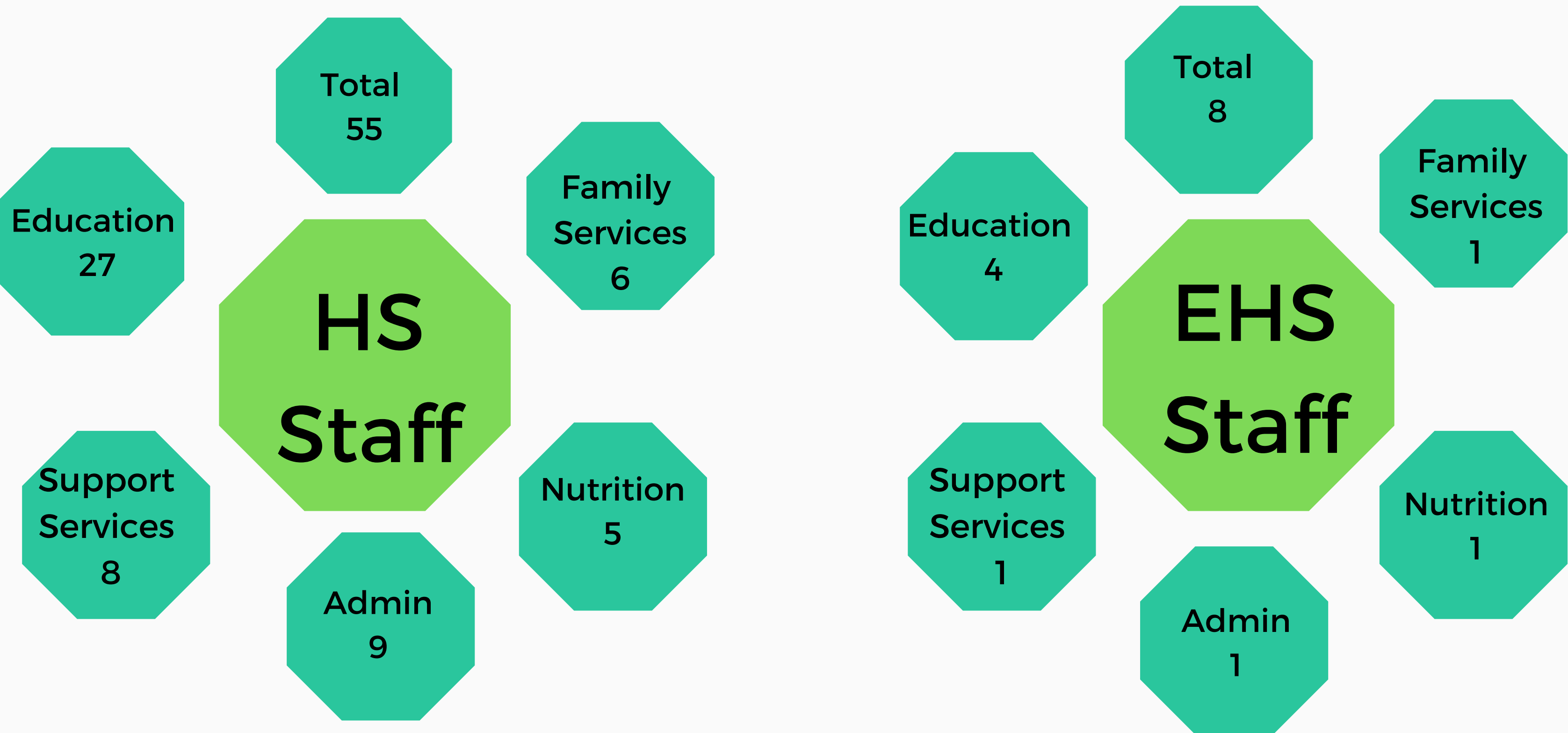
- In program 252
- Employed 171
- In job training 45
- Two Parent Families 26
- One Parent Families 244
- Below Poverty 246
- Receiving Public Assistance
(TANF, SSI, WIC, SNAP) 257
- Medicaid Eligibility 257
- Private Insurance 2

Parent Education Level

- Less than High School 30
 - High School Diploma/GED 178
 - Above High School 62
 - Receiving Homeless Services 9
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2020/2021

Staff Statistics



HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START 2020/2021

Meals Served

Breakfast: 41,033
Lunch: 40,833
Snack: 38,892



Transportation



Nearly 42K

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Health Services: N/A

Food Delivery: 11,253

To/From Centers: 41,722

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Duke Energy Progress Project Share

22 clients served

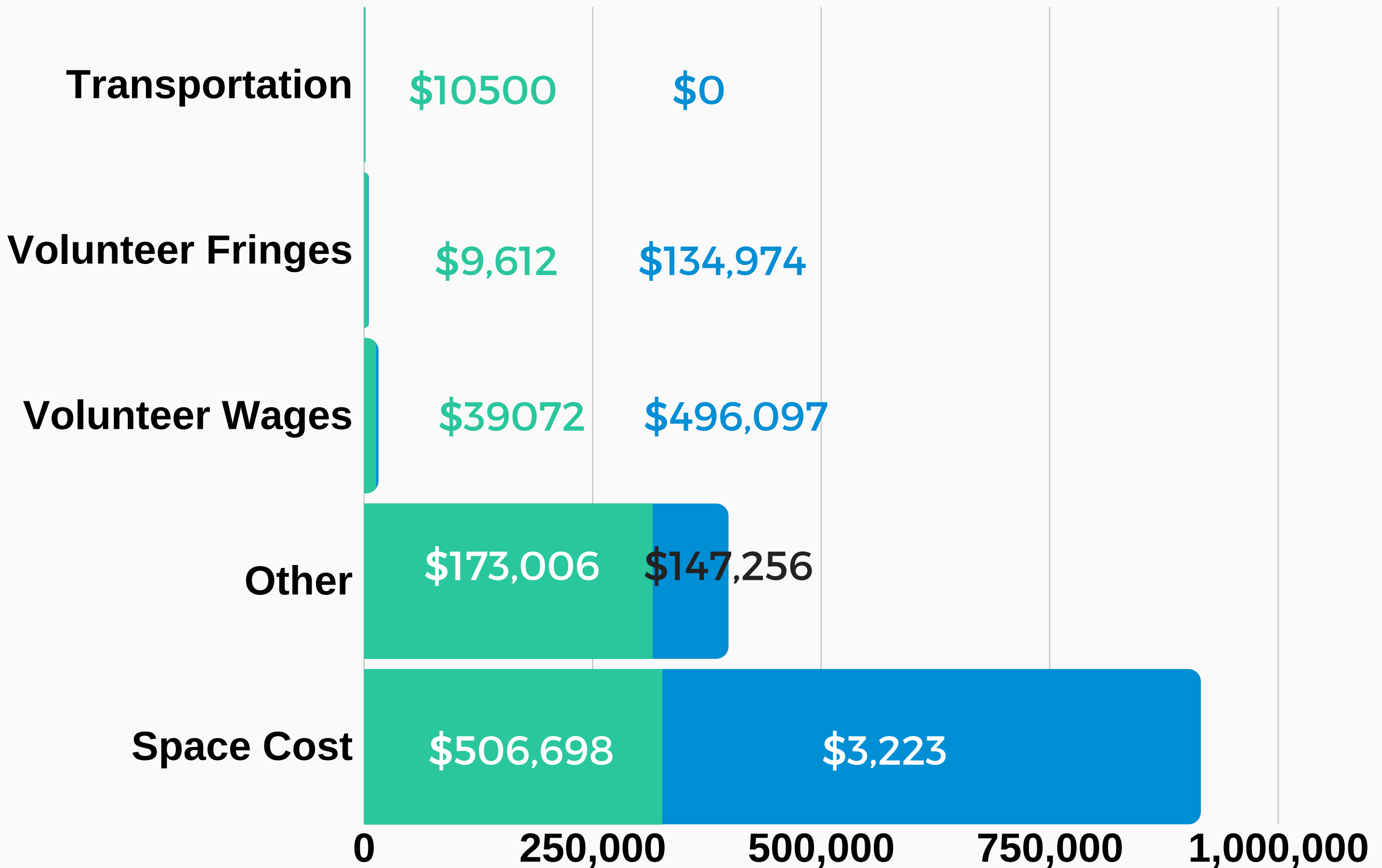


Project Share
Sharing is always in season.

PROGRAM	CSBG	LIHEAP	YLP
ASSESSED	300	1550	2
ASSISTED	295	1526	2
% ASSISTED	98%	98%	100%

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In-Kind Contributions



Head Start Fiscal Year Expenditures and Projections

PROGRAM	FY 2020	FY 2021*
Head Start	2,898,153	3,051,768
Early Head Start	0	237,527
CACFP	98,185	111,141
Cash Contributions	0	
Head Start One-Time	0	90,291
Supplemental		
Total Agency	2,996,338	3,490,747

• 2020 data has been audited. 2021 data was compiled prior to annual audit.

FISCAL

Fiscal Year Expenditures by Program

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021*</u>
LIHEAP	433,111	735,998
ESG	1,238	--
CSBG	176,627	225,746
Head Start	3,356,424	3,051,768
Early Head Start	--	247,821
In-Kind	697,887	72,855
CACFP	98,185	152,096
Summer Food	--	--
Parent Fund	3,879	--
Project Share	990	4,074
First Steps	--	--
Wells Fargo	--	4,650
Indirect Cost	271,650	297,649
ABC	76	--
CSGB Supplement	13,812	--
LIHEAP Supplement	15,490	636,097
Head Start Supplement(CARES)	--	90,291
Head Start American Rescue	--	92,527
LWAP	--	38,358
LIHEAP (CARES)	--	205,652
CSBG (CARES)	139,319	259,314

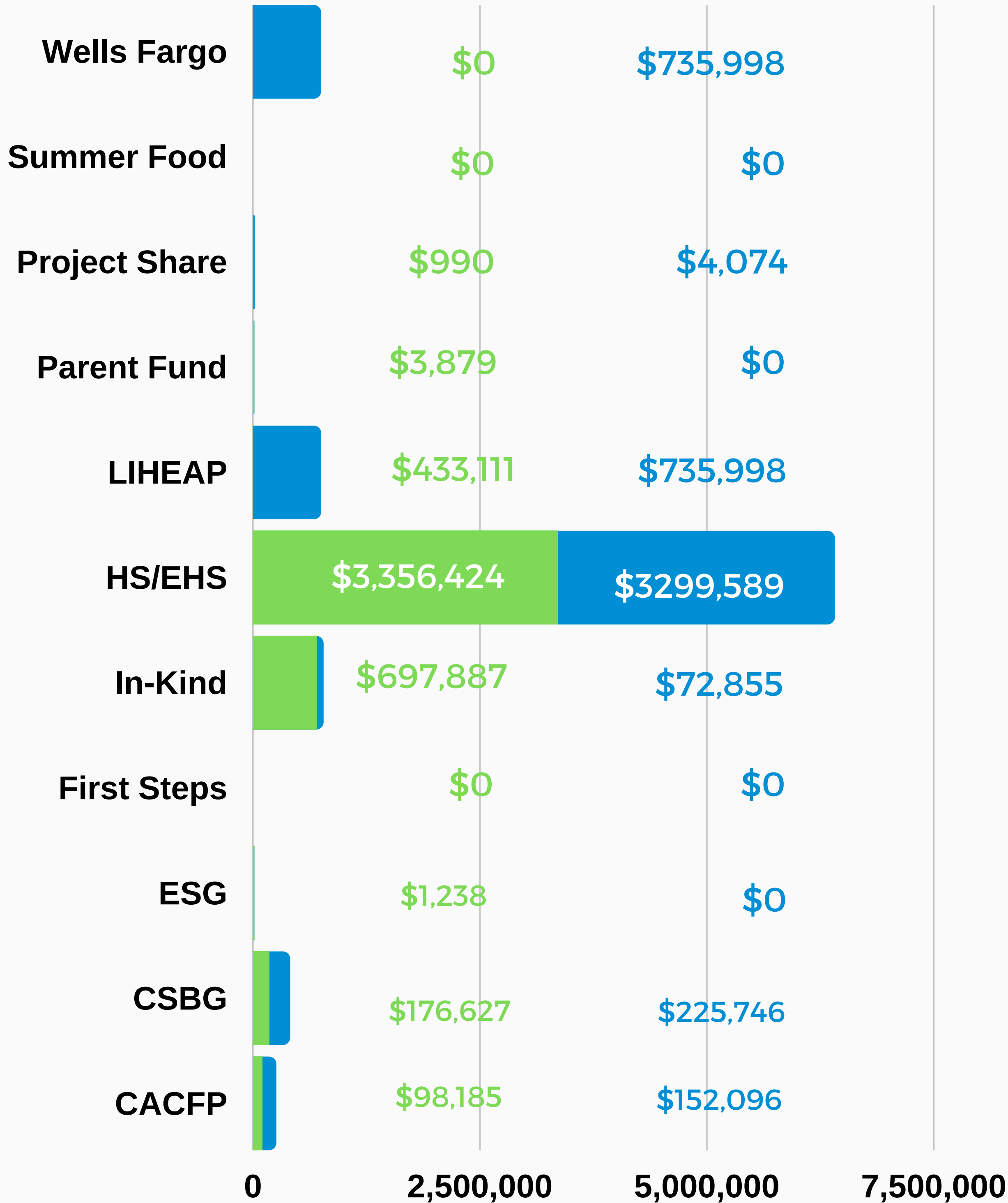
Total Agency

5,208,688

6,174,896

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Fiscal Community Impact



2018 data has been audited. 2019 data was compiled prior to annual audit.

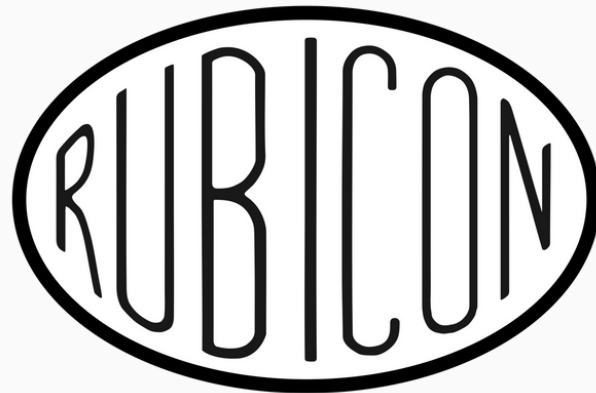
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BRINGING EMPLOYERS
AND JOB SEEKERS TOGETHER



City of
HARTSVILLE
SOUTH CAROLINA



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

A

ACF

- Administration for Children & Families

C

CAP

- Community Action Partnership

CDL

- Commercial Driver's License

CFCAP

- Child and Adult Care Food Program

CLASS

- Classroom Assessment Scoring System

CMEOC

- Chesterfield-Marlboro Economic Opportunity Council

COLA

- Cost of Living Adjustment

CPS

- Child Protective Services

CSBG

- Community Services Block Grant

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

D

DA

- Direct Assistance

DCCAA

- Darlington County Community Action Agency

DCSD

- Darlington County School District

DEP

- Duke/Energy Progress

DSS

- Department of Social Services

DOT-

Department of Transportation

E

EAP

- Employee Assistance Program

ECIP

- Emergency Crisis Intervention Program

ECLKC

- Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

EPSDT

- Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment

ERSEA

- Eligibility Recruitment Selection Enrollment and Attendance

ESG

- Emergency Solutions Grant

F

FBI

- Federal Bureau of Investigation

G

GEAP

- General Emergency Assistance Program

H

HHS

- Health and Human Services

HS

- Head Start

HSPPS

- Head Start Program Performance Standards

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

I

IDC

- Indirect Costs

IEP

- Individualized Educational Plan

IFSP

- Individualized Family Service Plan

L

LIHEAP

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

LSAP

- LIHEAP Special Assistance Program

O

OEO

- Office of Economic Opportunity

OMB

- Office of Management & Budget

OHS

- Office of Head Start

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

P

PDEC

- Pee Dee Electric Cooperative

PGAP

- People Golfing Against Poverty

Project Share - an electricity program that's

S

SFSP

- Summer Food Services Program

SCACAP

- South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnership

SC Voucher Program - empowers low-income parents to work while child care providers care for their children.

SLAPP

- Selected LIHEAP Assistance Payment Plan

SLED

- South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

T

T/TA

- Training/Technical Assistance

T.E.A.C.H.

- Teach Education and Compensation Helps Scholarship program

V

VITA

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

W

WAP

- Weatherization Assistance Program

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Y

YLP

- Youth Leadership Program



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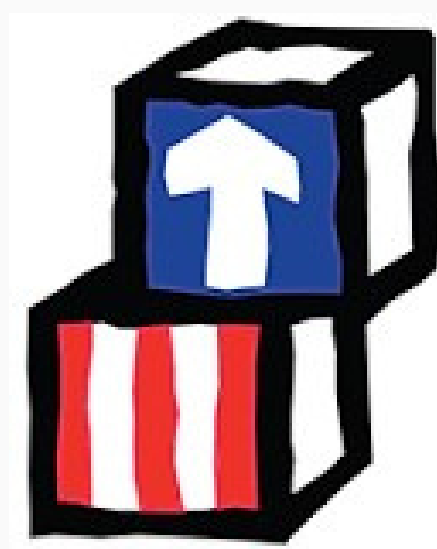
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