

2025



Action Inc. Head Start

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT





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Section 1: Program Overview

Action Inc. is a non-profit Community Action Agency one of 10 in the State of Montana and one of over 1000 in the United States.

Community Action agencies are committed to ending poverty and the hardships associated with poverty to individuals and families. Community Action agencies also adapt and change to meet the needs of the communities that we serve.

Our Mission, at Action Inc., is that we are dedicated to the development of pathways out of poverty through innovative, community-based, collaborative approaches.

Our Core Values

- **Compassion:** Treat other with respect and dignity, valuing individual and cultural differences. Supporting and serving with a deep awareness of and sympathy for another's suffering. Empower those we serve to move beyond poverty and the environments that perpetuate it.
- **Collaboration:** Communicate, cooperate, and collaborate freely across organizational and service areas and work as one team to fulfill our mission.
- **Accountability:** Be accountable to those we serve, to our communities, and to each other for stellar outcomes and efficient, appropriate use of funds. Commit to providing the highest quality service with excellence and consistency.

The agency was born out of the "Community Action" movement, which was taking place in Eastern American cities, and focused on the elimination of poverty. The movement ultimately became part of the American policy agenda under President Lyndon Baines Johnson. In his inaugural address to Congress in 1964, the President said, "this administration today, here and now, declares an unconditional war on poverty In America!"

In the same year, President Johnson's "War on Poverty" was officially launched by Congress, when members passed the Economic Opportunity Act that held, "it is therefore the policy of the United States to eliminate the paradox of poverty in the mist of plenty in this nation, by opening to everyone, the opportunity to live in decency and dignity." The act created new education, training, and work experience programs including the Job Corps, Neighborhood Youth Corps, and Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA).

Community Action Agencies opened across the country and were funded directly by the Federal Government. Their early mandate was to craft and implement local solutions to poverty. They were given the flexibility to use the federal funding to Execute local ideas. By 1968, there were over 1,600 independent Community Action Agencies across America, who served as innovators of new programs to end poverty.





As early as 1969, programs like Head Start, Family Planning, Foster Grandparents, Summer Youth, Senior Centers, Community Health Centers, and others had been launched. Home Weatherization and Energy Assistance programs came later in the 1970's.

In its early years, Action Inc. served only Butte, and focused its attention on children by launching the Head Start program, which was aimed at giving preschool-aged children with economic disadvantages a strong social and educational foundation for later learning success. It also focused on providing a neighborhood center in Butte that served as a social center for seniors who might otherwise be isolated in their homes, and for economically disadvantaged youth who, in the absence of proper supervision and positive social environments, needed a summer or after-school activity center.

While Community Action had a strong beginning under the Johnson administration, later presidential administrations would prove less supportive. The Nixon, Ford, and Regan years (1970's to 1980's) were marked by attempts to substantially diminish, if not eliminate, funding for Community Action programs. Policies during the period resulted in three major changes. The first was a move away from locally crafted initiatives to funding of federally-crafted programs, that were applied, like templates, the same way in every community. This change removed the innovative and grass-roots impetus of Community Action. The second change was the decentralization of Community Action. The Office of Economic Opportunity, which oversaw funding and programs related to Community Action, was dismantled. Programs and related funding were shifted to various other federal departments. For example, Head Start was transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services. This action diluted the role of Community Action in the war on poverty in America. Finally, funding was replaced by a general-purpose block grant called the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). Blocks of funding were through the states, giving administrative control to states and significantly reducing overall funding to the movement.

Today, core funding for Community Action Agencies, including Action Inc., continues to come from the CSBG, which remains a state administered program. An approximate 1,200 agencies across America serve 99% of the nation's counties and leverage an average of \$35.00 for every block grant dollar they receive.

The Action Inc. Head Start Program provides comprehensive child development is funded to provide services to 125 eligible preschool children and their families in Silver Bow County. The program operates 3 classrooms, 4 hours per day, 4 days per week. 4 other classrooms have extended days and hours. These classrooms operate 6.5 hours per day, from early September through early June.





Introduction:

Action Inc. is one of ten Community Action agencies operating in the state of Montana. It serves a six-county area in the Southwest Region of Montana, that includes Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Granite, Madison, Powell, and Silver Bow Counties. The District covers a land area of 14,631 square miles, which represents 10% of the state’s total land area. The map below provides an illustration of the District’s service area.

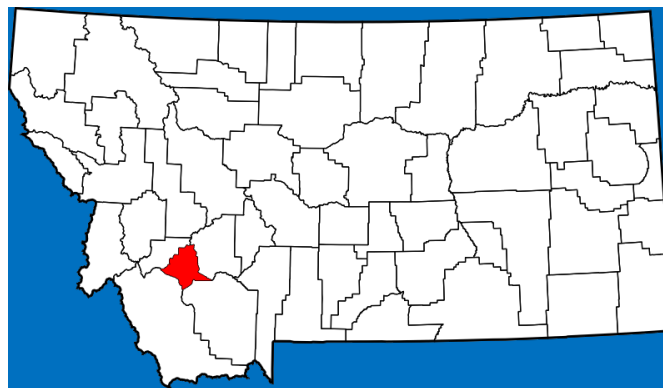


The population of the service area is an estimated 71,189, which represents 6.8% of Montana’s total population (source: U.S. Census Bureau; Population estimates). Although the population has grown slightly, the area’s proportion of the state population declined slightly since 2010. Butte-Silver Bow County is the most densely populated county in the service area, comprising 48% of the total population, and is home to the largest city in the region-Butte with a population of 35,133 (2023). Deer Lodge County and Beaverhead County both comprise 13% of the region’s population, followed by Madison (10%), Powell (10%), and Granite (5%) counties.

Montana County Maps



Silver Bow County – Montana





Purpose of the Community Assessment

The primary purpose of the Community Assessment is to serve as a tool in decision making regarding Head Start program planning, development, and evaluation. This Assessment will assist program staff and the Head Start Policy Council in identifying current trends in the communities, identified needs of families and children in poverty, and available resources for families as well as gaps in resources.

As specified in the Head Start Performance Standards, Action Inc. will use this Community Assessment information to:

1. Help determine the philosophy and long and short-range program objectives;
2. Determine the type of component services that are most needed and the program options that will be implemented;
3. Determine the recruitment area that will be served;
4. Determine appropriate locations for centers;
5. Set criteria that define the type of children and families who will be given priority for recruitment and selection.

Methodology

Data was reviewed from the following sources, including the U.S. Census Bureau, Montana Kids Count - 2024 Data Center Program Information Report, School Readiness Data Analysis, Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Family Engagement Data Analysis, and the 2025 Parent Surveys.

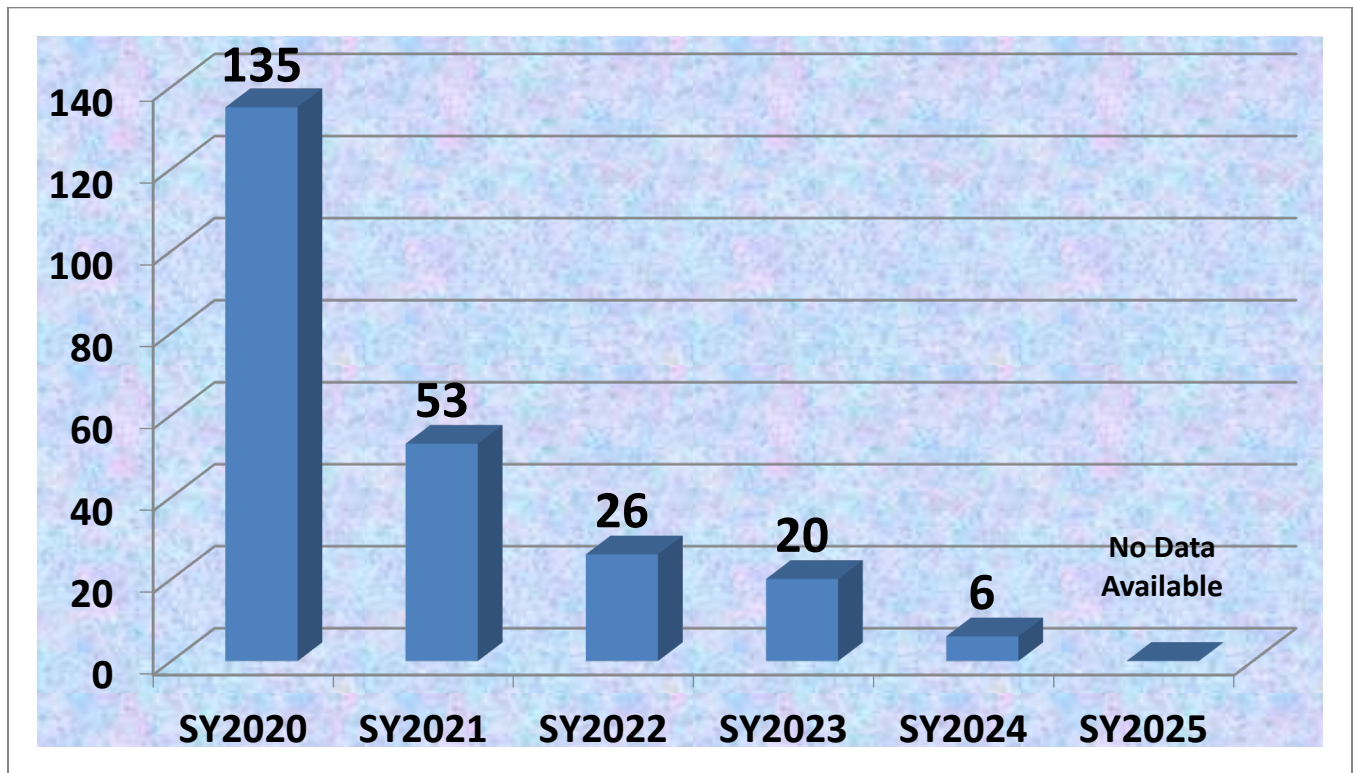




Section 2: Demographic Profile of Service Area

The purpose of this section is to meet the requirement for “the demographic make-up of Head Start eligible children and their families, including estimated number, geographic location, and racial and ethnic composition.”

Butte Silver Bow estimated number of 3- and 4-year-olds eligible for Head Start (2020 to 2024) according to the most recent information from the State of Montana.



The chart indicates a significant decrease in the number of potentially eligible families, which continues to affect our ability to meet our funded enrollment.



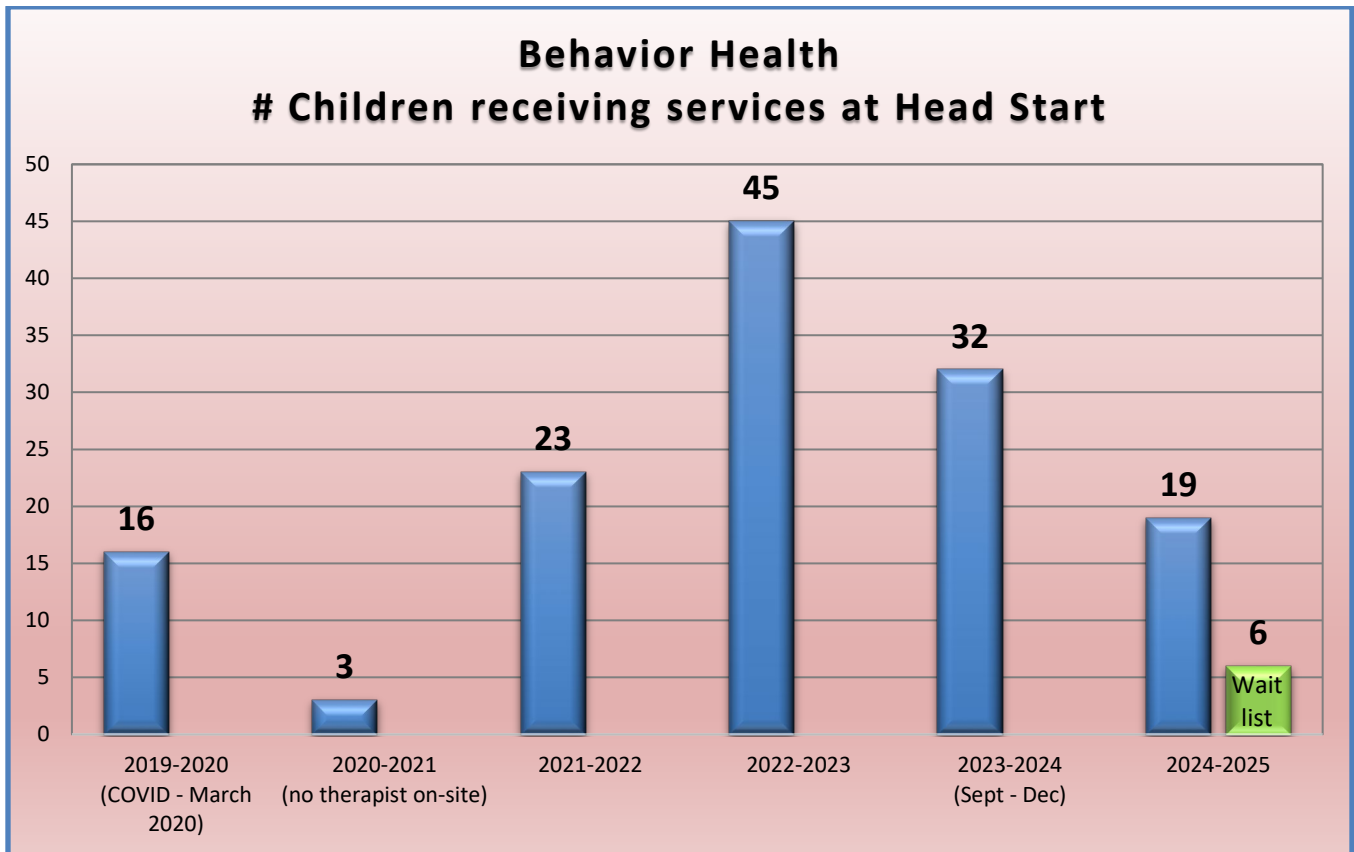


Poverty in Silver Bow County:

The current unemployment rate is 4.4% compared to the state rate of 2.8% according to the Montana Department of Labor and Industry for February 2025.

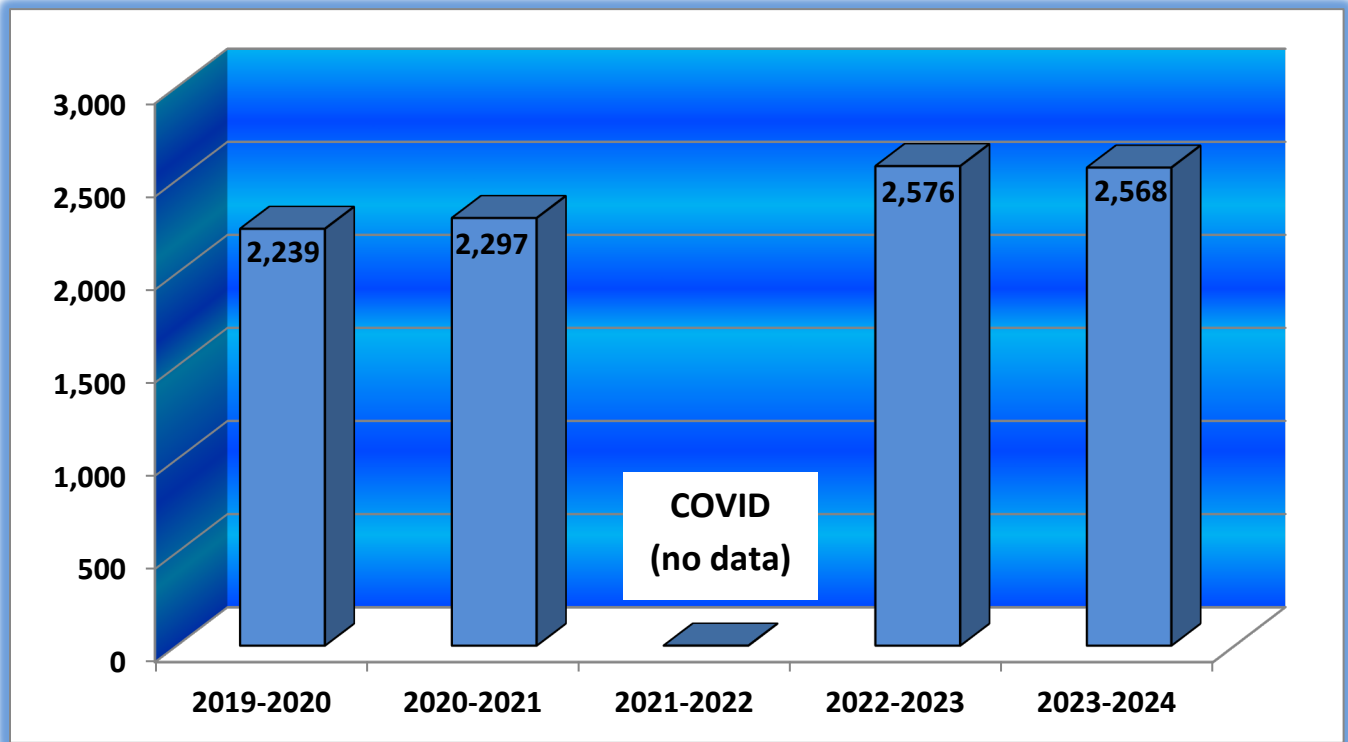
According to the most recent Kids Count 15.6% of children are living in poverty in Silver Bow County compared to 13.8% in the State of Montana.

Behavior Health Services – Head Start

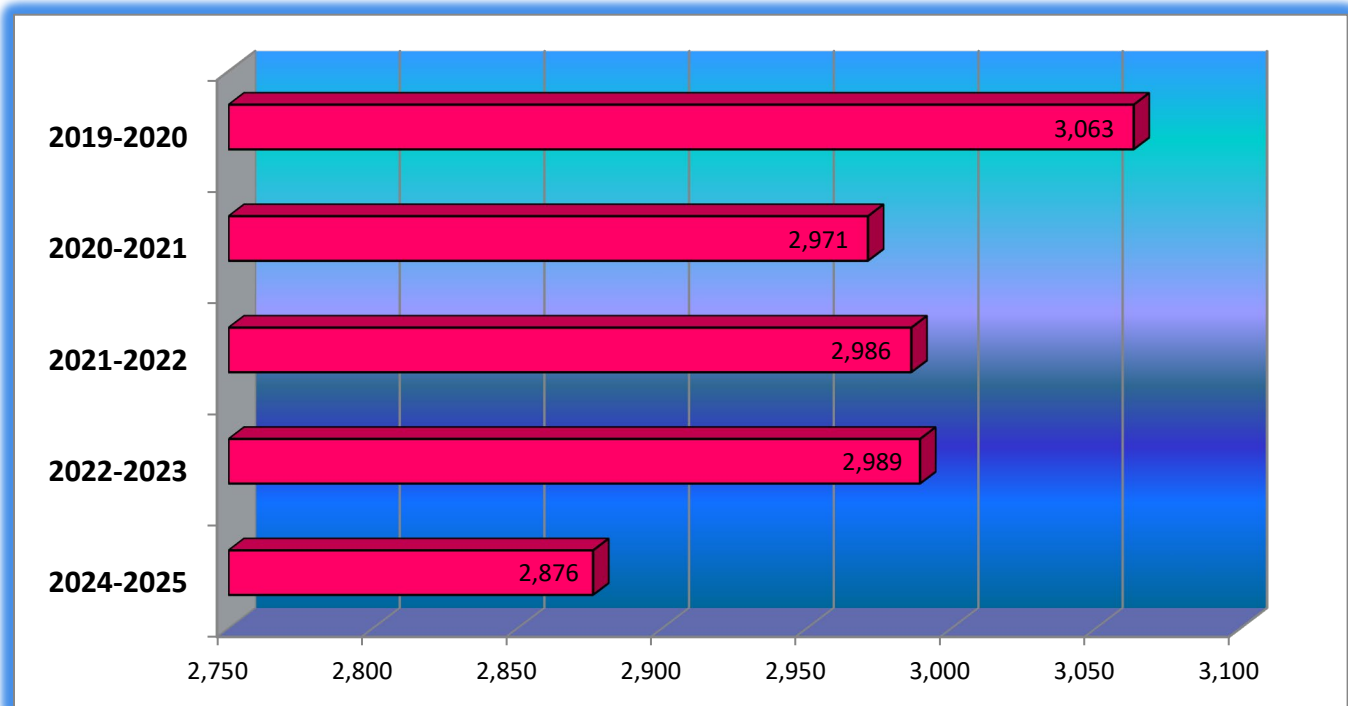




Free / Reduced Lunch Data – Silver Bow County

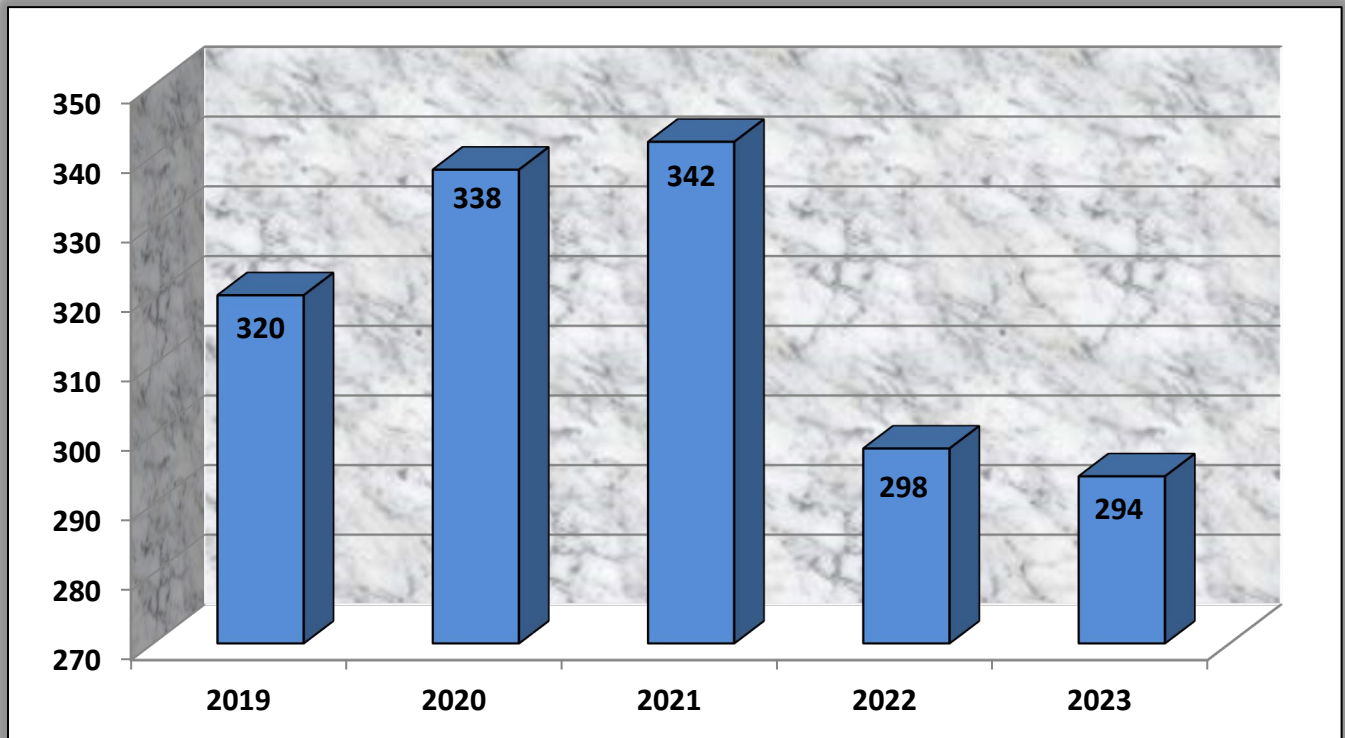


Enrollment – School District #1

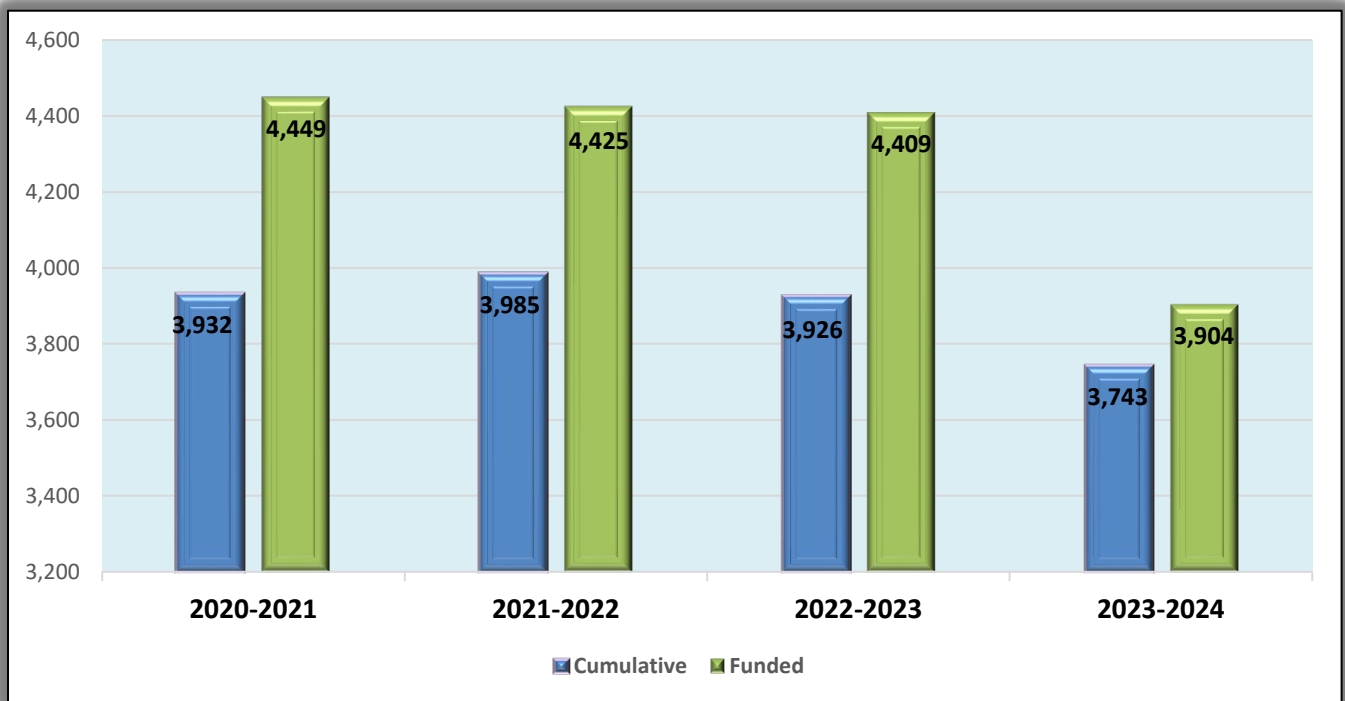




Birth Statistics – Silver Bow County

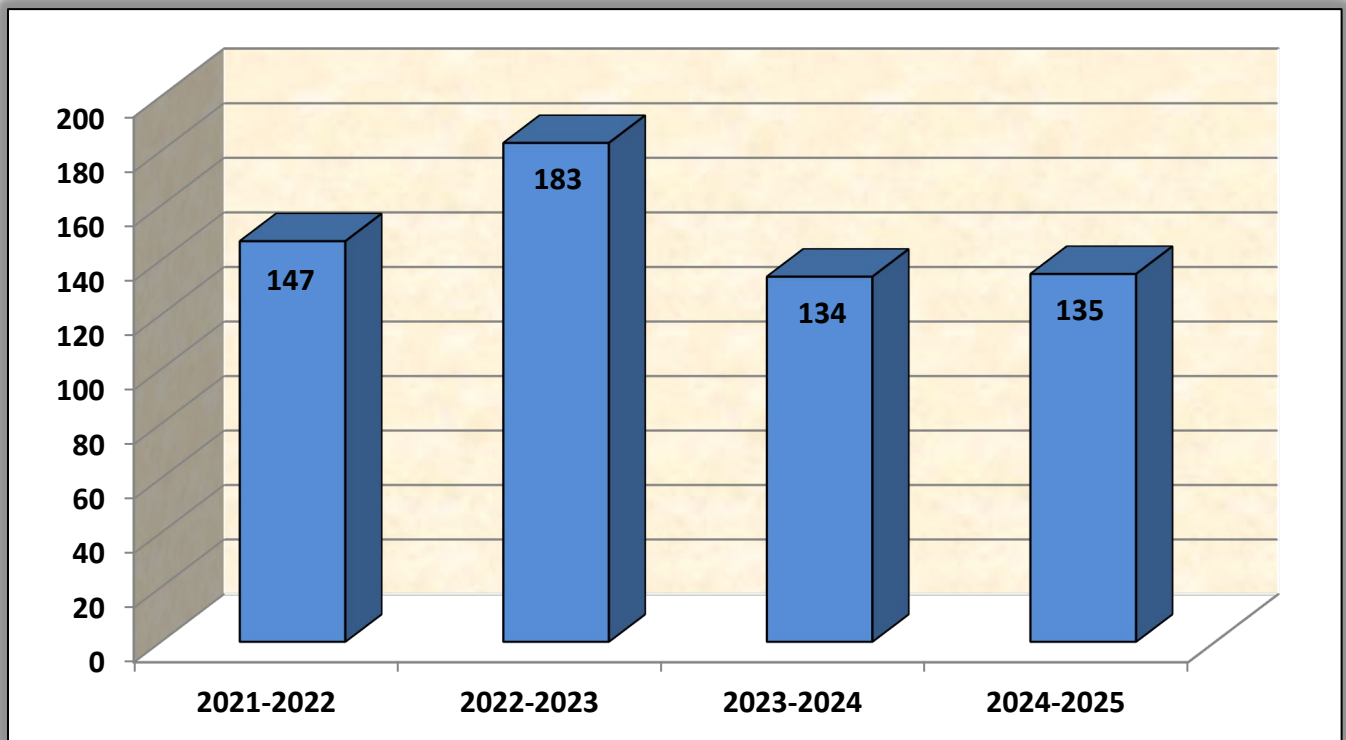


Head Start Enrollment – State of Montana (Includes Head Start/Early Head Start/AIAN)





Head Start Enrollment – Action Inc. Head Start



Funded enrollment is currently 186.

These numbers indicate the cumulative enrollment through the school year. Since the Pandemic we have struggled to meet this number. A Change of Scope was submitted for the 2024-2025 program year and recently approved reducing the funded enrollment from 186 to 125.





HEAD START SERVICE AREA: Silver Bow County

Silver Bow County is Montana's eighth most populous county, a former copper mining boomtown, Butte was once Montana's largest city. While copper mining continues on a smaller scale, the economy is now driven by more diverse sources, such as health care, retail trade, utilities and tourism. According to the most recent statistics, 14.90% of children ages 5-7 are living in poverty in Silver Bow County. Another significant factor in Silver Bow County is the make-up of people who are 65 years or older. Currently 20.5% of the population is comprised of senior citizens and by 2025, they will comprise of 25%.

Silver Bow County covers 718 square miles with 48.2 persons per square mile and an estimated population of 35,133.

Schools:

There are 2 local High Schools in Silver Bow County. The public high school has a population of 1217. This is down 52 students from the fall of 2024. The private high school has a population of 115.

Butte is also the home of Montana Tech of the University of Montana, a world-renowned science and engineering school. Bachelor degrees are also offered in biological sciences, computer science, math, registered nurse, engineering, and business and informational technology.

Health Services:

Butte - Silver Bow services have a regional medical center with medical care facilities that serve patients from a wide area. St. James Healthcare has 100 licensed beds and 68 in-patient staffed beds. It has over 600 employees. This is one of the largest employers in Silver Bow County.

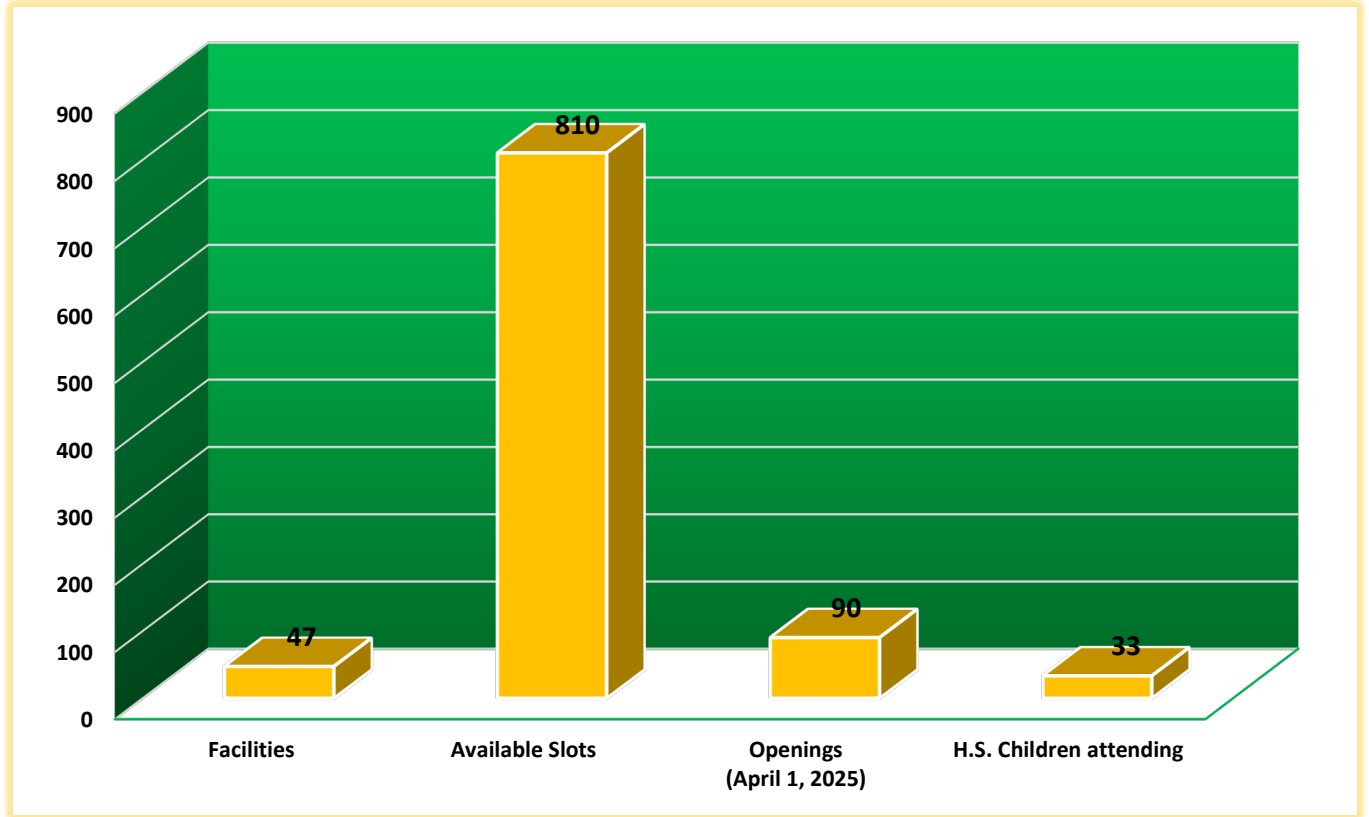
Southwest Montana Community Health Center is a federally certified health care center that offers discounted fees for patients with limited income.





Section 3: Other Child Development and Childcare Resources

Childcare – Silver Bow County 2024-2025



According to the most recent statistics regarding licensed childcare facilities in Silver Bow County, there are vacancies at several facilities around Butte.





Preschools – Silver Bow County

Name	3 Year Olds	4 Year Olds	Hours
Butte Central Catholic Preschool	40 combined		T, TH (8:15-10:45) M, W, F (8:15-10:45) M, W, T (12:00-3:00)
Butte School District Preschool	51 (4-5)		M-F (8:30-1:45)
Crayon Academy	12	44 (4-5)	M-TH (8:45-10:45) M-TH (11:15-1:15)
Creativity Factory	80 (3-5)		M-T (8:30-10:45) M-T (11:30-1:30)
Grand Ave. Montessori	18 combined		M-T (8:00-5:00)

****Preschools are not required to be licensed in the State of Montana**

Child Care Centers/Group Homes – Silver Bow County

Name	#Licensed	# HS Children Enrolled	Openings (as of 3/1)	Phone
ABC Daycare	14	0	4	4064790713
After the Bell	25	0	0	406-491-3839
Allison's Pampered Playcare	12	0	5	406-498-1183
Angie's Daycare	13	2	0	406-490-7515
AWARE Early Head Start	40	0	0	406-782-0455
Bright Beginnings	15	2	2	406-299-0412
Caterpillar Clubhouse Childcare	6	0	2	406-498-3082
Caterpillar Clubhouse (Chris)	15	0	0	406-498-3590
Cotton Patch Kids	6	1	0	406-498-0735
Hands on Learning Childcare	60	3	5	406-498-2507
Healthy Minds	15	2	0	406-465-3610
Holly's Daycare	15	0	0	406-498-3224
Jamie's Daycare	15-19	2	4	406-490-8021
Kiddie Korner Early Learning	15	0	0	406-533-5074
Kids Town Daycare	8	0	0	406-498-7067
Kidventures	40	0	10	406-565-5123
Kidz Konnection	41	6	6	406-723-3439
Lee Ann Butts Home Care	12	1	3	620-660-1012
Little Bear Day Care	15	2	0	406-410-2661
Little Cubs	15	2	2	406-475-0466
Little Hands Daycare	12	0	0	406-498-2931
Little Orphan Annie's	15	0	2	406-498-9924
Little Peeps Big Leaps	12	0	2	406-498-8660
Luciene's Daycare	15	0	1	406-782-6852
Mama Bear's Daycare	12	2	4	406-479-3691
Merry B's Daycare	12	0	0	406-529-8970
Mini Scholars	40	1	8	406-595-6678
Mini Sprouts	12	0	0	406-533-9565
Mining City Kids Daycare	15	0	6	406-490-0824
Pleasant Dreams	8	0	3	406-491-0944
Precious Dreams	8	0	0	406-491-0374
Shining Stars	16	1	4	406-479-0716
Small Fries	15	0	2	406-533-9565
Small World Daycare	60	0	6	406-782-6714
Sweet Pea Childcare	15	4	8	406-498-2082
Tammy's Daycare	15	0	1	406-490-6056
The Clubhouse	35	0	10	406-498-2082
Toys and Tots	8	0	0	314-243-6843
University on Princeton	8	0	0	406-723-6292
Wee Watchers	12	2	0	406-498-7804
Young Explorers	34	0	10	406-723-6289

Names marked with an asterisk (*) also provide preschool

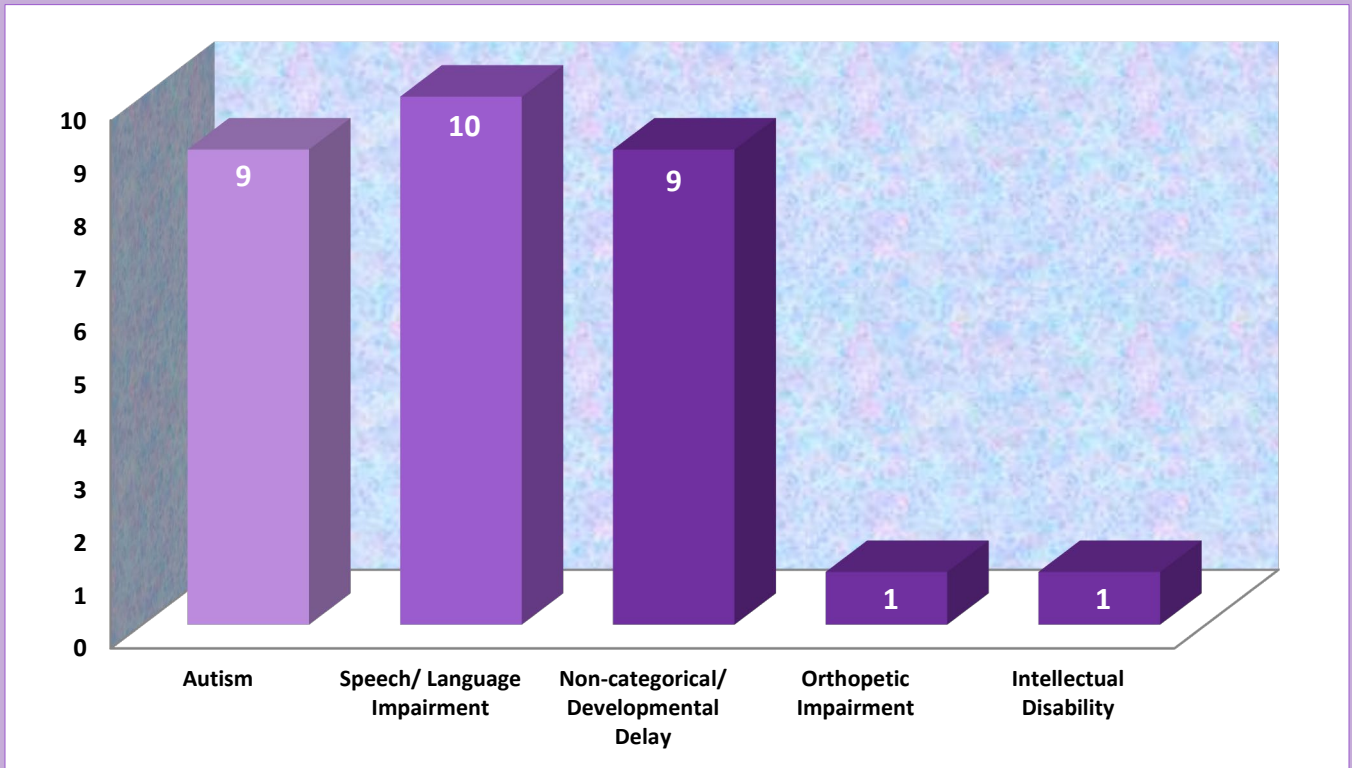




Section 4: Children with Disabilities

The estimated number of children with disabilities four years old or younger including types of disabilities and resources provided to these children by community agency.

The following chart shows, as of April 2025, the number of children ages 3-5 diagnosed with a disability and the type of disability.



Children receive Special Education services on site, through Butte School District #1, at the Head Start location. Children can attend the early morning Special Education program at Head Start, they are then dispersed among 7 Head Start classrooms, with support from School District personnel. School District personnel include: **1** Special Education teacher and **1** Special Education Para, as well as support from School District OT, PT, SLP, and the School District Psychologist.

Family Outreach: The Part C provider in Silver Bow County provides services to children ages 0-8. Disabilities range from Autism to severe developmental delays.

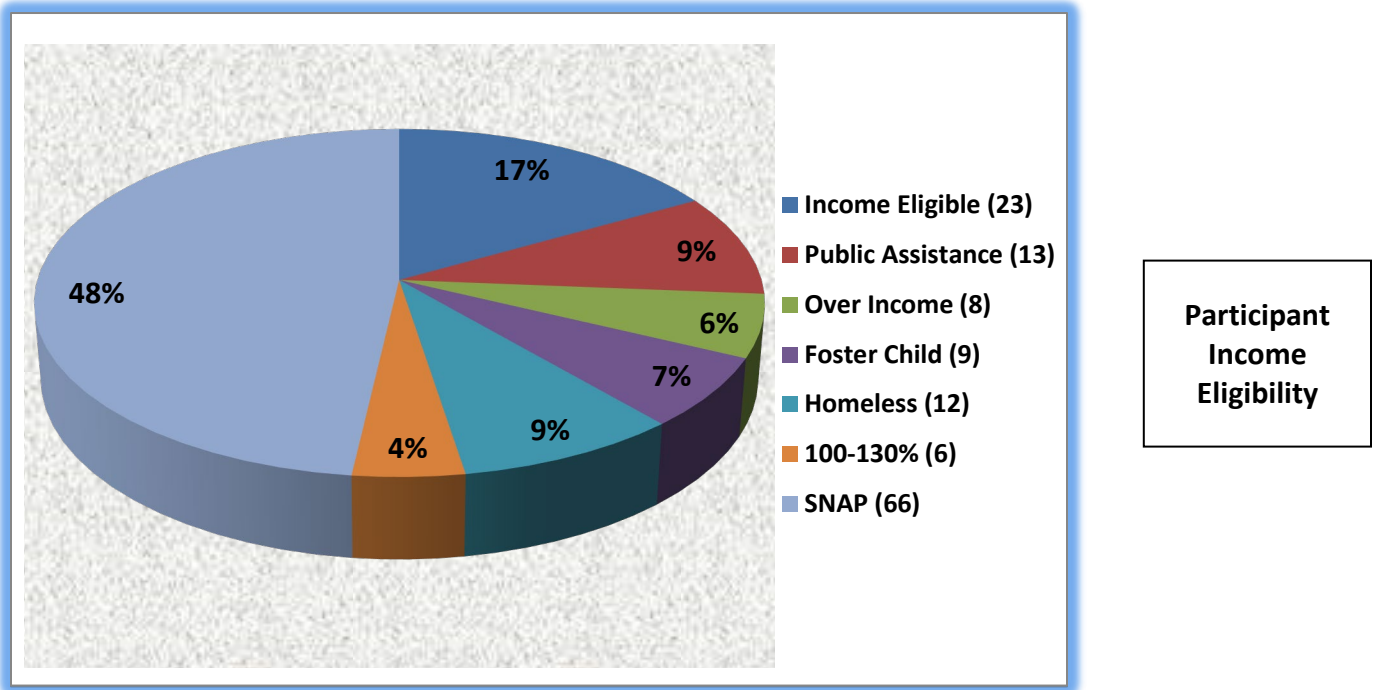
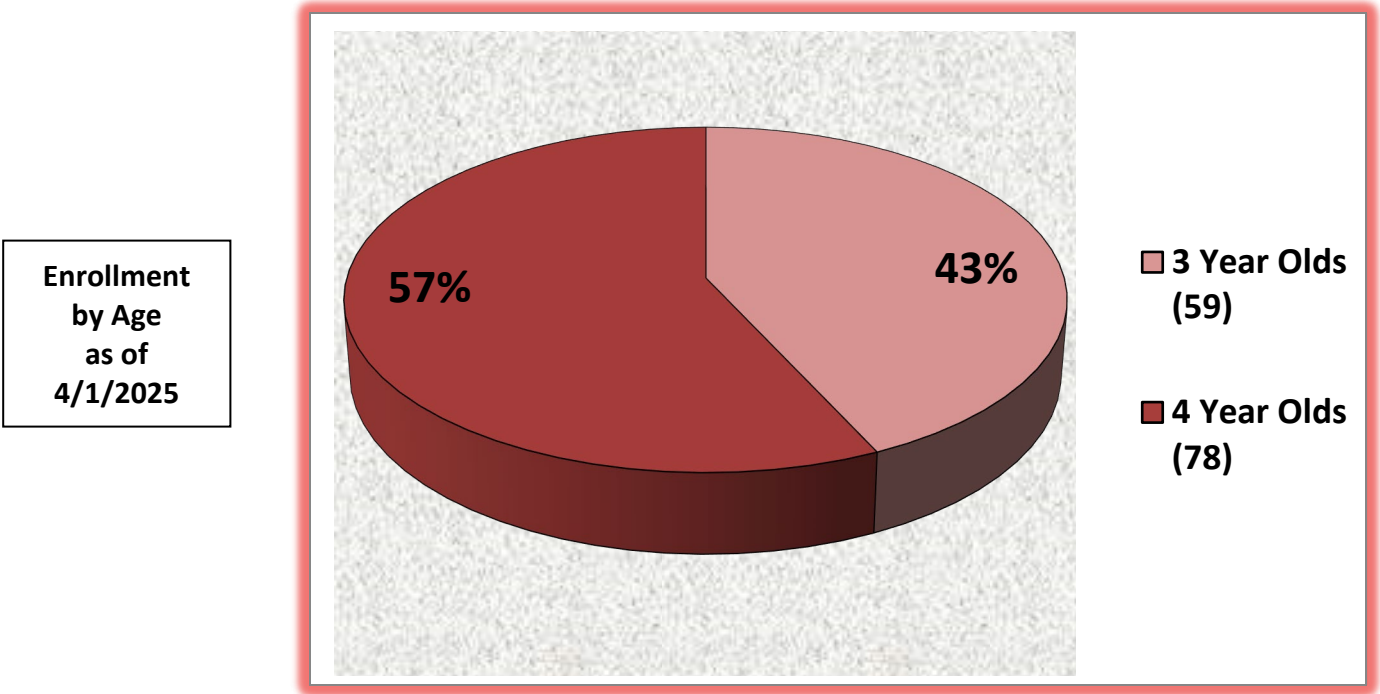
Head Start has a Collaborative Agreement with Butte School District #1 and Family Outreach and works closely with both agencies to provide services to those children identified with special needs.





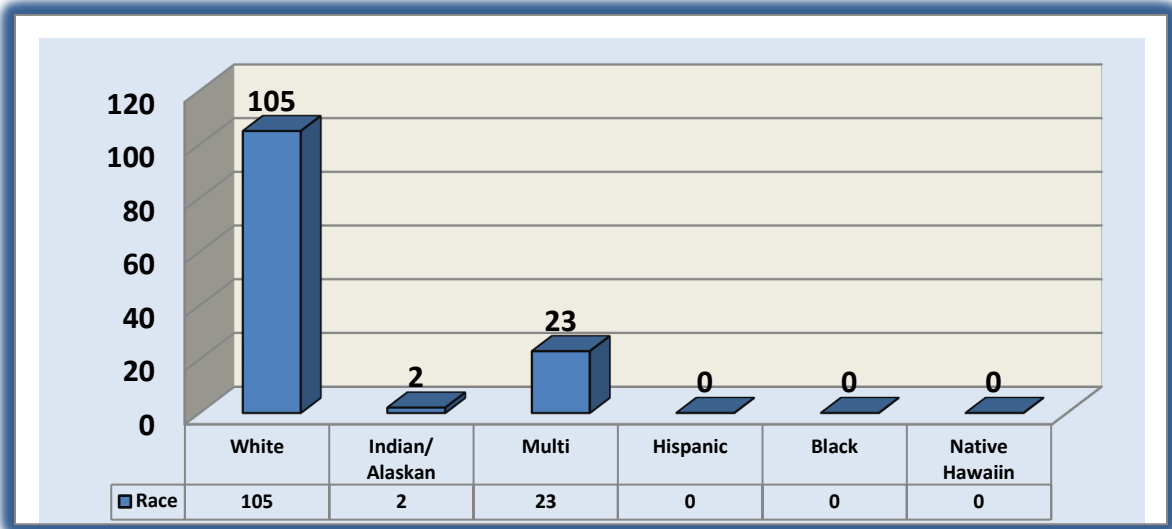
Section 5: Characteristics of Head Start Children 2024-2025

Information on children and families was taken from the Head Start ChildPlus system on children enrolled and terminated during the 2024-2025 program as of April 1, 2025.

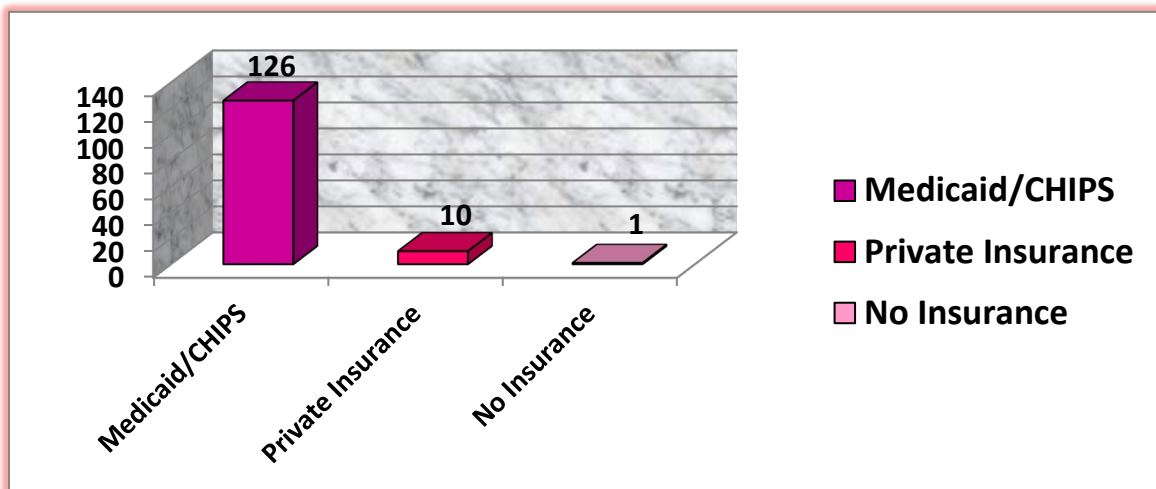




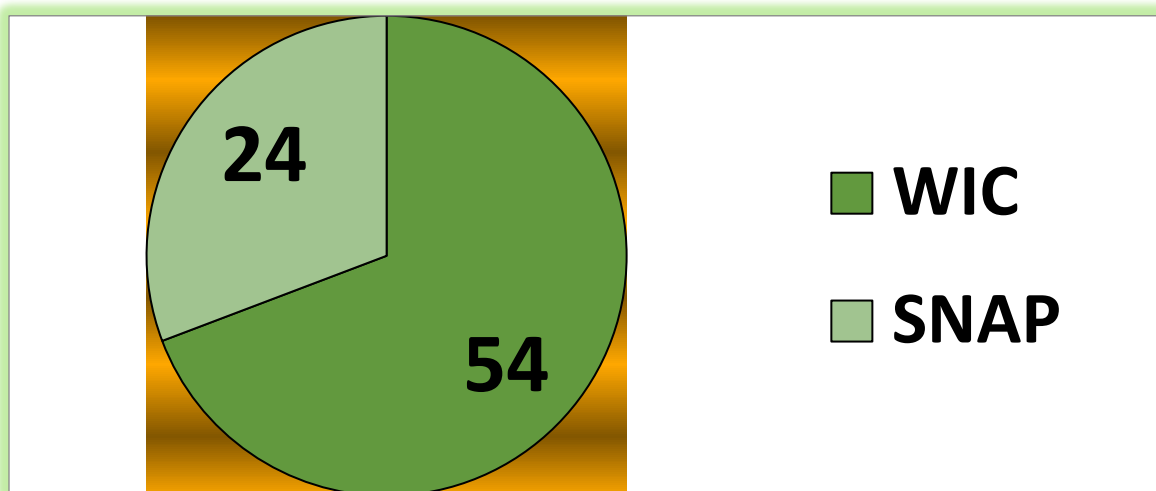
Participant Race



Health Insurance Coverage as of 4-1-2025

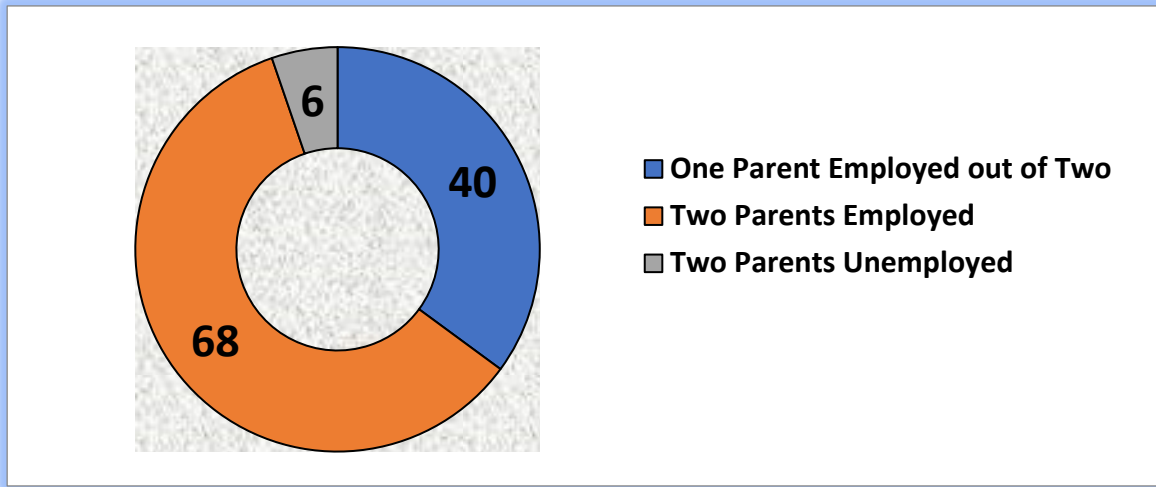


WIC/SNAP Participation by Head Start Families

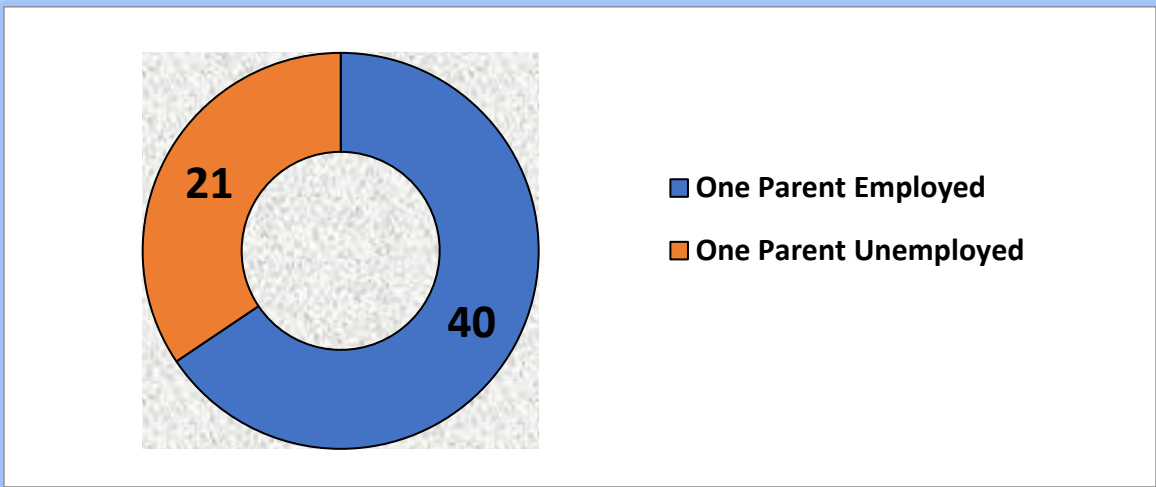




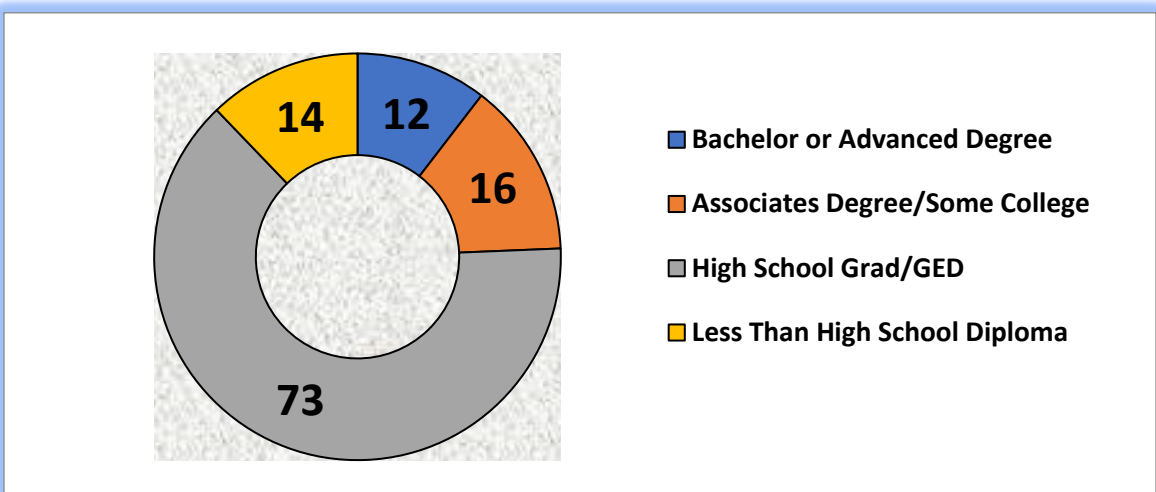
Employment Status of Two Parent Household



Employment Status of One Parent Household



Level of Education





Section 6: Perceptions of Head Start Parents

In addition to examining programmatic data and trends for this Community Assessment, Head Start conducted a parent survey with all families enrolled for the 2024-2025 program year to gain an understanding of the adults' experience with the program and any suggestions to improve the quality of services that are delivered to children and families. The surveys were sent via email and on home visits. The response rate was 68%.

Limitations:

All of the data presented only represents the information provided by Head Start parents/guardians who responded to the surveys and does not represent all the Head Start parents/guardians.

Some of the data relies on the perception or individual experience of the respondents and only represents the individual perception. All assumptions are based on the data.

Program Options:

In terms of program options, of the surveys returned, 99% are satisfied with the program options of 4 days per week - 4 hours per day, as well as extended hour/day classrooms 6.25 hours per day – 4/5 days per week. 92% feel that extended hours have better prepared their child for kindergarten.

Program Satisfaction:

All parents that responded to the survey are satisfied with the overall program - this includes classroom staff, transportation, and enrollment staff.

Parents agreed that Head Start is providing a clean and safe learning environment and is helping their child get ready for school by teaching them to become more independent and learning to share and cooperate.

Parents received quality information through the Parent Handbook, Classroom Newsletters, Home Visits, Weekly Noteboard, Head Start Facts, and ChildPlus messaging.

Head Start has provided parents with informational support regarding child development (92%), School Readiness (87%), Community Resources (77%), Special Services (58%), Behavioral Health (67%), and Health/Dental Health (76%).

Parents agreed that Head Start has helped them define their family goals (82%) and helped them understand their role as the primary educator of their child (81%). (91%) of families have participated in At-Home activities.





Expressed Needs:

Parents were asked to identify the biggest challenges facing their family. Their challenges included the following:

- **Affordable childcare**
- **Money/finances**
- **Affordable housing**
- **Cost of living**
- **Health concerns/ medical bills**
- **Buying a house**
- **Mental Health challenges/available services**
- **Food, clothing, diapers**

Parents were also asked to identify what they believed were the most significant problems in the community.

- **Crime/violence**
- **Drugs/substance abuse**
- **Poverty/homelessness**
- **Food costs**
- **Affordable housing**
- **Low paying jobs**
- **Mental health issues/no help**
- **Inflation**

Program Strengths:

Parents were also surveyed on what they felt were the most important services that Head Start provided. This included the following:

- **Kindergarten Readiness**
- **Transportation**
- **Nutritious meals**
- **Safe nurturing learning environment**
- **At-Home Activities**
- **Socialization for my child**
- **Special Education/speech services provided on-site**
- **Social and Emotional Development**
- **Supportive Staff**
- **Family Activities**
- **Behavioral Health Services provided on-site**

What services would you like to see added or expanded?

Smaller class size

More Teachers and Assistant

More Family Engagement Nights





Section 7: Community Resources

Action Inc. Programs and Services, 25 W. Silver St., Butte, MT 59701, 406-533-6855
Website: www.butteassistanceprograms.org

Energy Assistance Programs (Six County Area)

- **Energy Share** – is a statewide, nonprofit organization that provides emergency energy assistance, regardless of income, to Montanans who are experiencing hardships and have no other financial resources available to help them with heating costs.
- **Free Weatherization Program** – includes an energy audit to identify areas where the home maybe losing heat and then a team is sent in to correct efficiency issues. Typical weatherization may include air sealing, insulation of attics, floors, and walls, weather stripping, minor energy related repairs, and heating system testing and repair.
- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** – provides energy assistance to low-income individuals and families in need of heat assistance.

Action Inc. Head Start (Butte-Silver Bow Only) – is a comprehensive child development program for children ages 3 to 5 from income eligible. Children attending Head Start participate in a variety of educational activities along with medical, dental, and mental health care.

Homeless Solutions Programs (Six County Area)

- **Emergency Housing Services** – assists families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless by providing rent assistance. The program is limited by availability of funds and completion of intake and assessment process.
- **Feeding the Homeless “We Deliver Program”** – is a collaboration of organizations and individuals who provide sack lunches at six sites to those in need.

Housing Choice Voucher Program (Six County Area) – provides rental subsidies for very low-income individuals, families, seniors, and persons with disabilities the opportunity to choose their own rental home.

Housing Properties

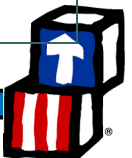
- **Continental Gardens**, HUD Project – Butte, MT (60 units for low-income seniors 62 years of age and over)
- **Valley Housing**, USDA Project – Ennis, MT (12 units for low-income families and individuals)
- **The Meadows**, USDA Project – Deer Lodge, MT (9 units for low-income families and individuals)
- **Shermont Manor**, USDA project – Sheridan, MT (12 units for low-income senior citizens and disabled people)

Mining City Christmas (Butte-Silver Bow Only) is a holiday giving program for families and seniors in need of gifts and food. Mining City Christmas represents the true spirit of giving. Those in need can fill out an application and *those who want to help may want to donate to this wonderful program*. The program is supported entirely by donations. Applications are available at Action Inc. or on our website.

Summer Meals Program – provides breakfast and lunches Monday through Friday to children ages one to eighteen at multiple sites around Butte. All children are welcome regardless of income or where they live. The program runs from June through mid-August.

Youth Programs (Six County Area)

- **Montana Chafee Foster Care Independence Program** – helps current and former foster care youths achieve self-sufficiency. Services include help with education, employment, financial management, housing, emotional support, and life skills development. The program serves youth who are currently or previously in foster care between the ages of 14-21.
- **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)** – provides education and workforce training services to youth ages 14-24. WIOA is designed to prepare Montana’s youth to enter post-secondary education, training, or employment.
- **Homeless Youth Program** – System Navigation and Transitional Housing.



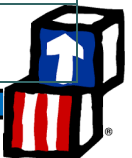


ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	PHONE #	INFORMATION
<u>Education</u>			
Butte 4C's	101 N. Main Butte, MT 59701	406-723-4019	A resource and referral agency that works to assist working families who meet income guidelines and pay for childcare. Also assists individuals in starting and operating a childcare business.
Trio - Educational Opportunity Center	MT Tech University 1300 W. Park Butte, MT 59701	406-496-4683	Offers free educational outreach programs for individuals who wish to continue their education at either high school or college level.
Job Corps, Anaconda	1384 Foster Cr. Rd Anaconda, MT	406-563-8700	Offers education, technical training and job placement.
Montana Youth Challenge	790 E. Cornell Dillon, MT 59725	406-683-7905	The mission is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 16-18-year-old high school dropouts, producing graduates with the values, life skills, and education to succeed as productive citizens.
Butte High School Career Center (Webster Garfield)	1050 S. Montana Butte, MT 59701	406-533-2967	Offers alternative classes for elementary middle and high school students. Also offers Adult Basic Education and GED preparation.
Butte Central High School	9 S. Idaho Butte, MT 59701	406-782-6761	Private Catholic High School with tuition scholarships available. Grades 9-12
Butte Public High School	401 S. Wyoming Butte, MT 59701	406-533-2200	Public High School 9-12.
AWARE Early Head Start	237 W. Mercury Butte, MT 59701	406-782-0455	Federally funded program that provides comprehensive child development family support to income eligible infants and toddlers and their families, and pregnant women and their families.
Emerson Elementary	1924 Phillips Butte, MT 59701	406-533-2800	Public Elementary School Grades K-6
Hillcrest Elementary	3000 Continental Butte, MT 59701	406-533-2850	Public Elementary School Grades K-6
Kennedy Elementary	1101 N. Emmet Butte, MT 59701	406-533-2450	Public Elementary School Grades K-6
Margaret Leary Elementary	4½ Mile Vue Road Butte, MT 59701	406-533-2550	Public Elementary School Grades K-6
West Elementary	Emmett and Steele Butte, MT 59701	406-533-2700	Public Elementary School Grades K-6
Whittier Elementary	2500 Sherman Butte, MT 59701	406-533-2890	Public Elementary School Grades K-6
Blind and Low Vision Services at Vocational Rehabilitation	700 Casey Street E. Entrance Suite B Butte, MT 59701	406-496-4925	Provides services through Voc-Rehab, Visual, Medical, and Older Blind to assist eligible individuals in finding or maintaining employment and increasing independence.





ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	PHONE #	INFORMATION
Express Employment Professionals	700 E. Front Butte, MT 59701	406-723-6531	Full-service staffing agency that will work with you to find a job that fits your needs and abilities. Also provides employment services to help meet employers' needs and goals.
Montana Job Service	2201 White Blvd. Butte, MT 59701	406-494-0300	Job search, job referral, unemployment program, dislocated worker and special services to veterans.
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	700 Casey St. Butte, MT 59701	406-496-4925	Promote work and independence for Montanans with disabilities. Services available to assist, find or maintain employment.
<u>Family or Partnership Services</u>			
Child Abuse Hotline		1-800-332-6100	Help available 24 hours a day. Referrals to counseling and other local services.
Child Support Enforcement	17 W. Galena Butte, MT 59701	406-497-6600	Collects child support from absent parents.
Safe Space	PO Box 594 Butte, MT 59701	406-782-9807	Provides shelter, counseling, advocacy and referral services to families.
Victims/witness Advocate Program	155 W. Granite Butte, MT 59701	406-497-6230	Provides assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assaults and other violent crimes.
<u>Food/Nutrition Programs and Homeless Shelters</u>			
Butte Emergency Food Bank	1019 E. Second Butte, MT 59701	406-782-6230	Provides food assistance to families.
Butte Rescue Mission	610 E. Platinum Butte, MT 59701	406-782-0925	Provide housing, meals, recovery and supportive services to those most vulnerable.
WIC	25 W. Front Butte, MT 59701	406-497-5060	Provides supplemental food, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income families.
Food Stamps/SNAP Education and Training	Silver Bow Ext. Office 305 W. Mercury St. #303 Butte, MT 59701	406-723-0217	Provides nutrition assistance to low-income individuals and families.
<u>Hospitals and Urgent Care Clinics</u>			
Sterling Urgent Care	1307 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701	406-792-3001	Open M-S from 8:00-8:00
Southwest Montana Community Health Center	445 Centennial Butte, MT 59701	406-723-4075	Open M-F from 8:00-7:00 Saturday-Sunday 8:00-5:00
Express Care	435 S. Crystal Butte, MT 59701	406-496-3670	Open M-F from 8:00 to 5:45
Intermountain Health Hospital	400 S. Clark Butte, MT 59701	406-723-2500	A comprehensive hospital serving the health care needs of people in a seven-county area.
Travelers Healthcare Clinic	122003 Nissler Rd.	406-782-2928	Open M-TH 9:00-7:30





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Best Med Urgent Care	3545 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701	406-430-1034	Open M-F 8:00-8:00 Saturday-Sunday 9:00-4:00
Intermountain Health Butte Flats Clinic	3636 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701	406-496-3600	Open M-F 7:00-7:00
Mercury St. Medical	300 W. Mercury St.	406-723-1300	M-Th 8:00-5:00
Rocky Mountain Clinic	435 S. Crystal St. Suite 300 Butte, MT 59701	406-496-3600	M-F 8:00-5:00
<u>Legal Assistance</u>			
Montana Legal Services	201 W. Granite Butte, MT 59701	800-666-6899	Offers legal help on most civil matters.
<u>Low Income Housing</u>			
Aspen Apartments	4500 Continental Butte, MT 59701	406-494-3660	Affordable housing community - Section 8 welcome.
Columbus Plaza	1515 Oregon Ave. Butte, MT 59701	406-782-0090	Elderly and disabled - 30% of adjusted gross income.
Continental Gardens	100 Gardens Way Butte, MT 59701	406-533-0705	Ages 62 and older - 30% of adjusted gross income.
Elm Street Project	1500-1600 Elm St. Butte, MT 59701	406-782-6461	30% of adjusted gross income.
Highland View Manor	3033 Busch St. Butte, MT 59701	406-782-0090	Ages 62 and older - 30% of adjusted gross income.
John R Riley Complex	701 Hobson Ave. Butte, MT 59701	406-494-8373	Housing for developmentally disabled.
Leggat Apartments	50 W. Broadway Butte, MT 59701	406-782-6461	Ages 62 or older or disabled - 30% of adjusted gross income.
Legion Oasis	3400 Hill Butte, MT 59701	406-494-3400	Moderate to low-income families 30% of adjusted gross income.
Meadowlands Apartments	4034 Elizabeth Warren Butte, MT 59701	406-782-5151	Affordable housing community, Section 8 welcome.
Rosalie Manor	Front and Main St. Butte, MT 59701	406-782-6461	Person 62 or older or disabled - 30% of adjusted gross income.
Silver Bow Homes	Curtis St. Butte, MT 59701	406-782-6461	Low-income families and elderly - 30% of adjusted gross income.
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Silver Bow Village	910 Evans Butte, MT 59701	406-494-9580	Low-income individuals and families - 30% of adjusted gross income.





<u>Mental Health Services</u>			
A.W.A.R.E.	227 E. Mercury Butte, MT 59701	406-782-2042	Individual, family, and group therapy, Case Management, Community Support, Psychiatry.
Southwest Montana Community Health Center	445 Centennial Butte, MT 59701	406-723-4075	Behavioral health for children and adults. ADD/ADHD Screens.
Shodair Children's Hospital	2755 Colonial Dr. Helena, MT	1-800-447-6614	Inpatient treatment facility.
Western Montana Mental Health	106 W. Granite Butte, MT 59701	406-497-9000	Comprehensive school and community program - Home Support Services - Youth Case Management - Outpatient therapy.
Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch YBGR	775 W. Gold Butte, MT 59701	406-782-5389	
Advanced Therapy Clinic	2100 Harrison Ave. Suite C Butte, MT 59701	406-690-6996	Behavioral, Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy.
Shodair Outpatient Clinic	435 S. Crystal St. Butte, MT 59701	406-444-1069	Outpatient psychiatric services for children and families.
<u>Social and Community Services</u>			
American Red Cross	Butte, MT 59701	1-800-272-6668	Disaster relief, training in first aid and CPR, blood pressure screening, Home-Along Program.
Butte Silver Bow Health Department	25 W. Front St. Butte, MT 59701	406-497-5020	Home Health - Lead Program - Family Planning - Immunization Program - Maternal Child Health Program - Public Health Nursing.
New Hope Pregnancy Center	320 S. Idaho Butte, MT 59701	406-723-7144	Free pregnancy tests, peer counseling referrals, support group.
Butte Native Wellness Center	55 E. Galena Butte, MT 59701	406-782-0461	Referral and support services for Native Americans in Silver Bow County.
BSW Thrift Store	2310 Cobban Butte, MT 59701	406-723-2309	Used clothing and furniture at affordable prices.
Goodwill Industries	Tamarack Square 3703 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701	406-533-0021	Used clothing and furniture at affordable prices.
<u>Transportation</u>			
Butte Transit System	Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701	406-497-6515	Bus schedule information
Mining City Taxi	227 E. Front Butte, MT 59701	406-723-6511	Local taxi service
ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	PHONE #	INFORMATION
School District Transportation	1220 E. Front Butte, MT 59701	406-533-2490	Call contact number to obtain information





<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Alcoholics Anonymous		1-800-515-1255 1-800-521-6920 1-406-443-0438	24 hours on call help
Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Butte	65 E. Granite Butte, MT 59701	406-782-9644	Offers mentoring and support for children in single parent households.
Healthy Montana Kids	PO Box 202951 Helena, MT	1-888-706-1535	Offers free or low-cost health insurance to eligible Montana children and teenagers up to age 19 household income must meet income guidelines.
Northwestern Energy	11 E. Park St. Butte, MT 59701	1-888-467-2669 Customer Care 1-888-467-2427 Gas Emergency 1-888-467-2353 Electric Energy	Local Utility Company
Poison Control Center		1-800-222-1222	Information on prevention and emergencies.





Section 8: Other Data Resources

DATA Analysis – April 2025

- **40% Education Staff have a Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood**
- **20% Education Staff have Associate’s degrees in Early Childhood**
- **27% Education Staff have a CDA**
- **98% Family Partnership Agreements completed**
- **Average Monthly Attendance -**
- **Enrollment 125/125 (100%)**
- **24% Children receiving special education services on site**
- **Staff who are Former/Current Head Start Parents – 31%**
- **Average Cost Per Child - \$18,044,568.00**
- **Total Funding - \$2,255,571.00**





Action Inc. Head Start School Readiness Goals 2024-2025
Teaching Strategies Gold Child Development Assessment

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT:

Families will be school-ready and committed to lifelong learning
Attendance, Medical, and Dental Home, In-kind, P/T Conferences

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Children will establish positive relationships, regulate emotions, and become independent learners.

- 1a. Manages feelings
- 1c. Takes care of own needs appropriately
- 2c. Interacts with peers

LANGUAGE:

Children will use language to communicate needs and express ideas with adults and peers.

- 8b. Follows directions
- 9a. Uses an expanding expressive vocabulary

LITERACY:

Children will demonstrate knowledge in print recognition, sound, rules of language and written representation.

- 15a. Notices and discriminates rhyme
- 16a. Identifies & names letters
- 19a. Writes name

COGNITION & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (MATHEMATICS):

Children will be able to connect their own thoughts and experiences to process information and problem solve.

- 20a. Uses number concepts and operations
- 20b. Quantifies
- 20c. Connect numerals with their quantities
- 21a. Understands spatial relationships

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH:

Children will practice healthy and safe habits and demonstrate growth in motor skills.

- 7a. Uses fingers & hands
- 4. Demonstrates traveling skills

APPROACHES TO LEARNING:

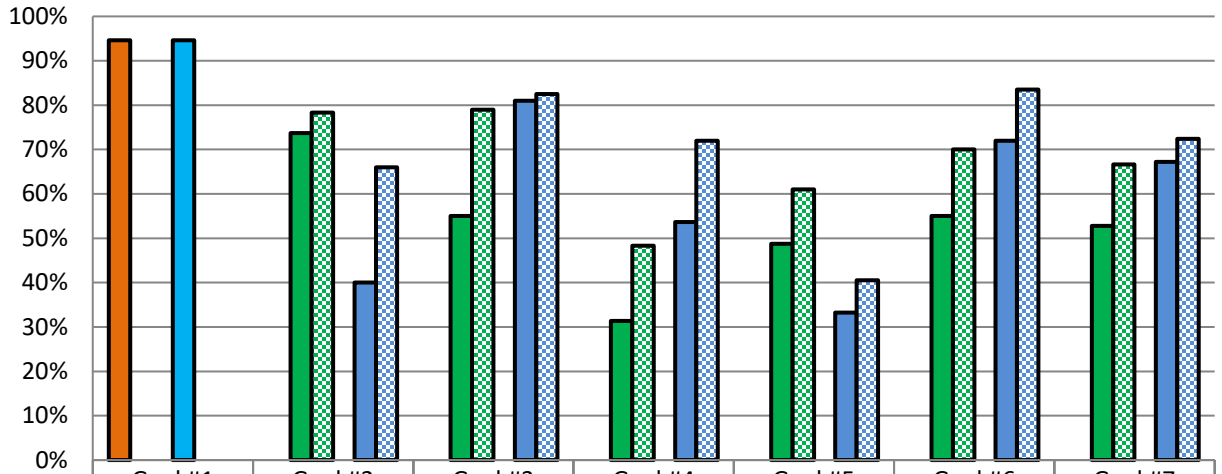
Children will show curiosity, motivation, and eagerness to learn about a variety of topics and ideas.

- 11b. Persists
- 11c. Solves problems
- 11d. Shows curiosity and motivation
- 11e. Shows flexibility and inventiveness in thinking
- 12a. Recognizes and recalls





Action Inc. Head Start Percent of Children Meeting School Readiness Goals Fall/Winter 2024-2025



	Goal #1 Family Engagement	Goal #2 Social & Emotional Development	Goal #3 Language	Goal #4 Literacy	Goal #5 Cognition & General Knowledge	Goal #6 Physical Development & Growth	Goal #7 Approaches to Learning
Fall All Children	95%						
Fall 3yr old		74%	55%	31%	49%	55%	53%
Winter 3yr old		78%	79%	48%	61%	70%	67%
Winter All Children	95%						
Fall 4yr old		40%	81%	54%	33%	72%	67%
Winter 4yr old		66%	83%	72%	41%	84%	72%





Section 9: Head Start Accomplishments

- **Continue to have a strong partnership with School District #1 – to provide services on-site.**
- **Behavioral Health Services available on site through Yellowstone Boys/Girls Ranch.**
- **Increased wages for staff continue to be a priority.**
- **Change of Scope approved – Funded enrollment 125.**
- **Enrollment of 125 has been maintained throughout the program year.**
- **Students from the local high schools and junior high volunteering weekly.**
- **In-person Family Engagement Events – 1 per month.**
- **Family Days – monthly in classrooms**
- **Father Friendly events.**
- **ABA services available on-site to those qualifying children.**
- **Mental Wellness Day established to help staff address social and emotional needs.**
- **Tele-Health available through Southwest Montana Community Health Center.**





Section 10: Challenges

During the 2024-2025 program year, the program has had to deal with the following issues/concerns:

- **High number of children with challenging behaviors**
- **Staffing – not enough staff to deal with all of the challenging behaviors.**
- **Maintaining funded enrollment – little or no waiting list.**
- **Staff Burnout – Mental Health Wellness a concern.**





Section 11: Conclusions

Head Start will continue to strengthen the delivery of services to children and families through the following:

- Provide training opportunities for staff and families to increase their knowledge on how to deal with behavior issues in the classroom and at home.
- Provide extra classroom support to assist teaching staff to help meet the needs of all children.
- Provide family engagement activities that will increase parent's knowledge as the primary educator of their child and the importance of attendance in Head Start and beyond.
- Provide opportunities to families that will increase their knowledge and understanding of the importance of healthy living and its relationship to school readiness success for their children.
- Provide enough classroom space for School Dist. #1 staff to effectively deliver services.
- Develop a "classroom helpers" program to encourage families to volunteer in their child's room 1 day per month.
- Continue to collaborate with agencies in the community to recruit Head Start eligible children and families.
- Continue to recruit and retain qualified staff.
- Continue to increase wages in order to recruit and retain qualified staff.

