

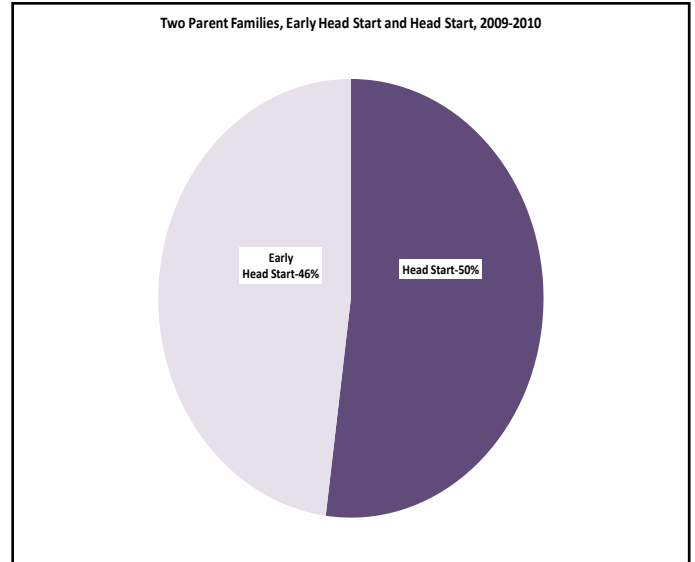
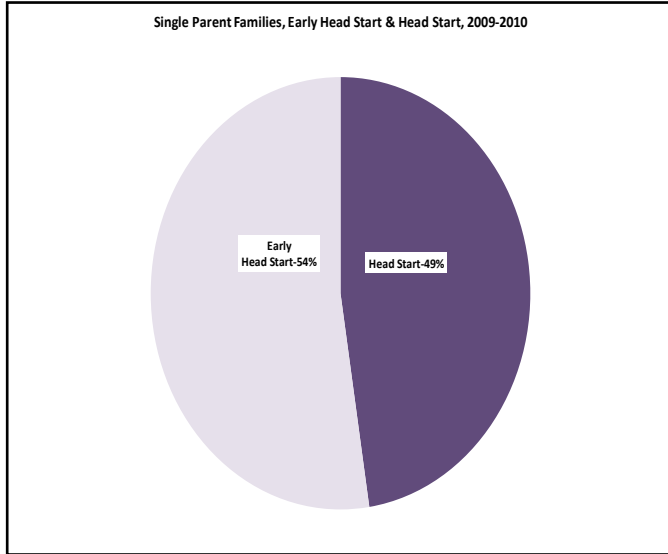


South Dakota Head Start & Early Head Start Family Profile

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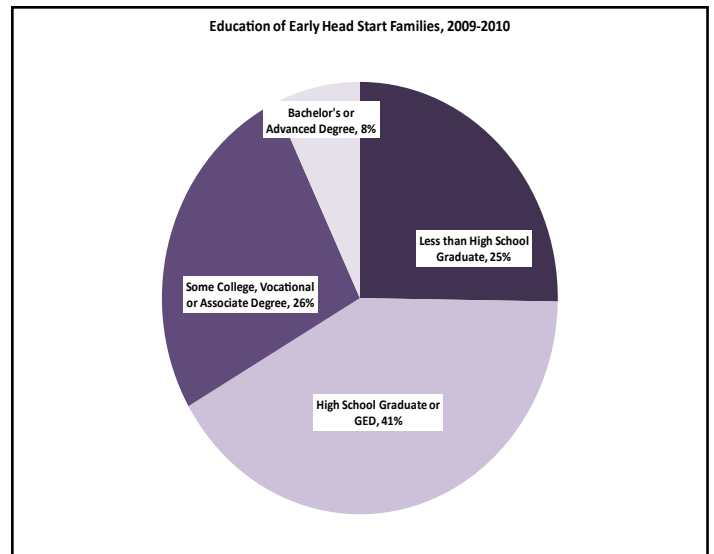
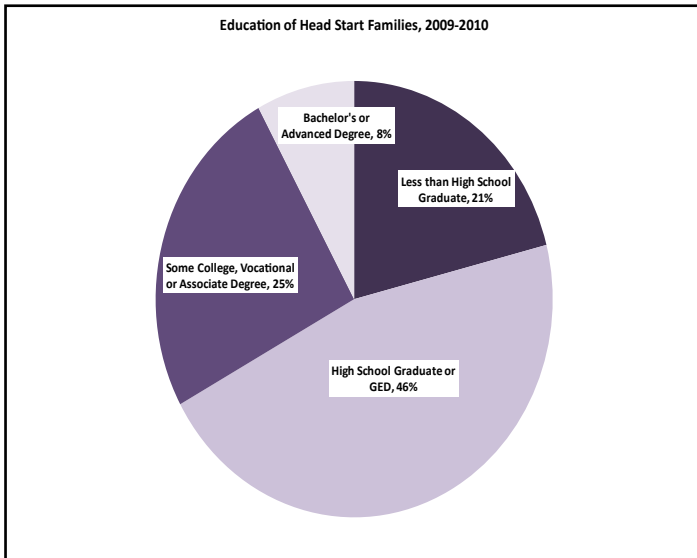
Family Type

Information on types of families with children enrolled in South Dakota Head Start in 2009-2010 show there are more single parent families in Early Head Start. There are more two-parent families in Head Start.



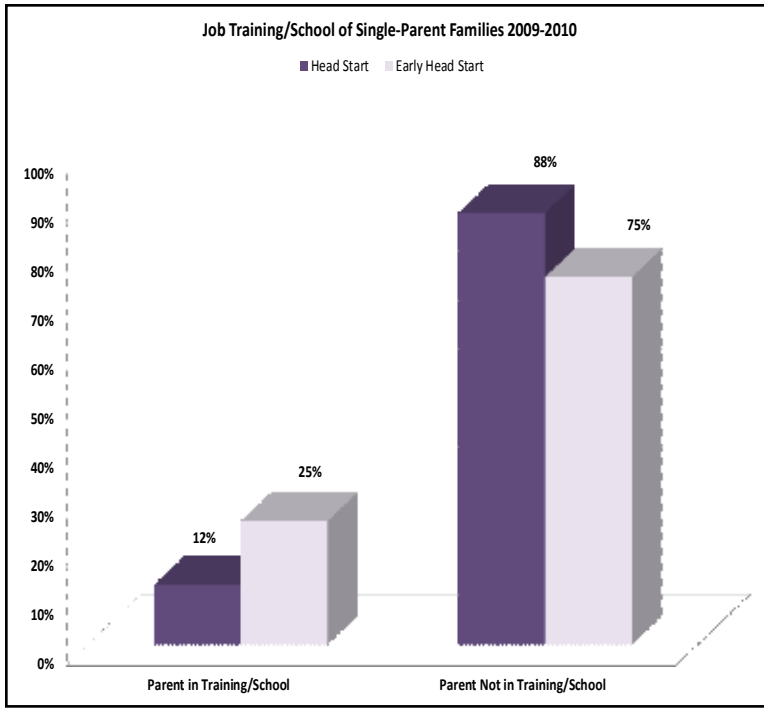
Education Level

In 2009-10, over 40% of families in Early Head Start/Head Start contained a parent whose highest education level attained was a high school diploma or GED. In 26% of EHS and 25 percent of HS families, the highest level of parental education was some college, vocational or associates degree. In 7% of families in EHS and 8% of HS the highest level attained was a bachelor's or advanced degree.



The Head Start / State Collaboration Office - (<http://doe.sd.gov/oess/headstart.asp>)

The Head Start / State Collaboration Office, at the Department of Education was established in 1990, is the state's central point of contact between South Dakota Head Start programs and State agencies. Its purpose is to disseminate information about Head Start, assist in development of multi-agency and public/private partnerships between Head Start and the State, assist with interagency agreements for services and transitions from early childhood into the public schools, collaborate with other agency initiatives, and help build early childhood systems and access to comprehensive services for all low-income children.

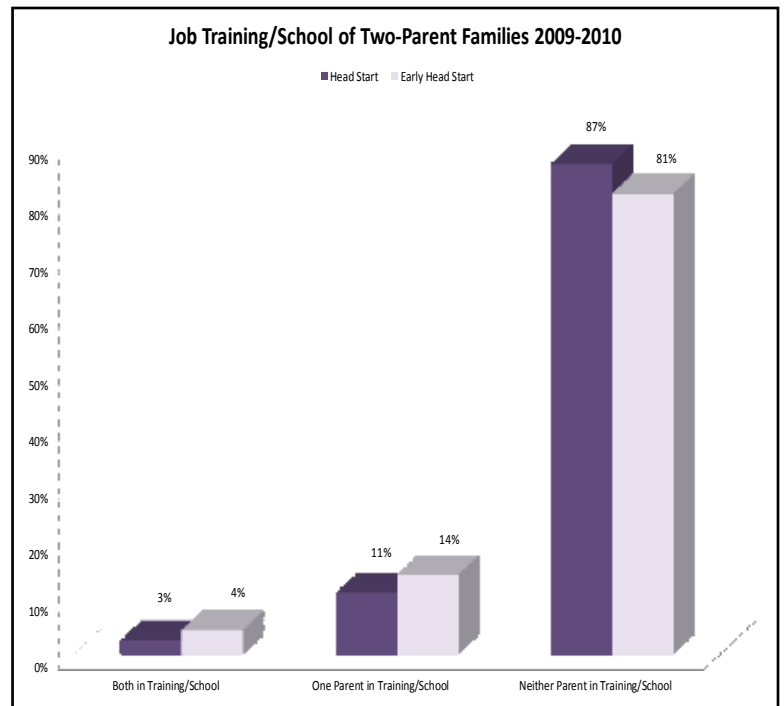


Employment Status

For Head Start and Early Head Start programs, over 80% of two-parent families have one or both parents working. For single-parent families just over half of the parents are working. In 2009, South Dakota was tied for 4th in the nation with 73% of children under age six with all available parents in the labor force¹. The national rate was 64 percent.

While most parents are employed about one in four Early Head Start single-parent families are in school or training. For Head Start programs about 12% percent of single-parent families are in school or training. For two-parent families (either one parent or both parents) in Early Head Start, a little less than one-fifth are in school or training. Fourteen percent of Head Start two-parent families (either one parent or both parents) are in school or training.

¹Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data Center, <http://datacenter.kidscount.org> accessed 2/17/11.



Data Sources: Data are from the Head Start Program Information Reports 2010. The figures are all Head Start and Early Head Start programs in South Dakota, including Tribal programs. In 2009/10 there were 23 reporting sites.

South Dakota Head Start Association (<http://sdheadstart.org>)



The South Dakota Head Start Association, established in 1989, is to coordinate and conduct activities designed to enhance awareness of Head Start in South Dakota, to be a support link between local, regional and National Head Start programs, to develop joint policy positions and statements which reflect a consensus of the opinions of Head Start Parents, Staff, Directors, and Friends, to establish communication, cooperation and an action network between head Start Directors, Staff, Parents, and Friends withing the State of South Dakota, to conduct training on a statewide basis for Head Start parents, Staff, Directors, and Friends and to coordinate efforts with other interested groups.

Our Mission: The South Dakota Head Start Association is a leading voice supporting the work of Head Start programs and their partners through education, advocacy, training and networking for quality early childhood education and services to families. **Our Vision:** To be a positive voice, a powerful advocate and promoter of quality programs for children, families, and communities in South Dakota.