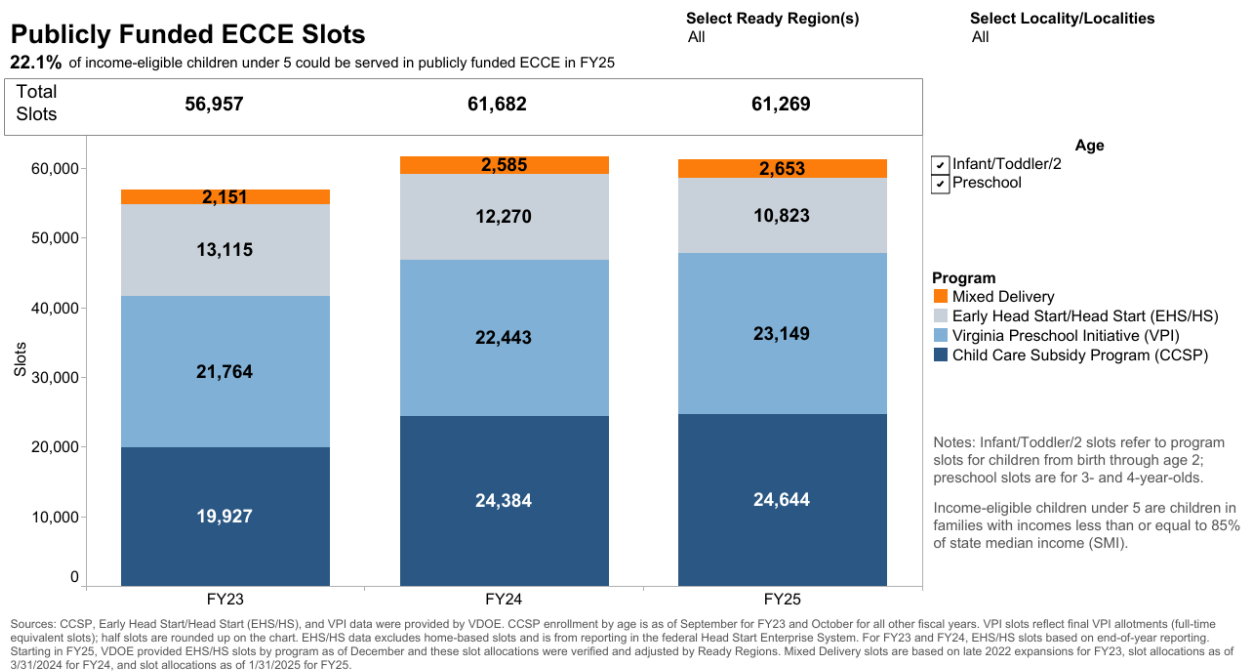


How has the number of publicly funded ECCE slots for infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds changed over time?

1. Navigate to the **Publicly Funded Slots** page of the dashboard. This displays the number of slots in Virginia’s four largest publicly funded ECCE programs—the Child Care Subsidy Program, the Virginia Preschool Initiative, Early Head Start/Head Start, and Mixed Delivery—from fiscal year 2022-2023 (FY23) to the most current fiscal year.



2. The **subheading under the page title** shows the share of income-eligible children under age 5 that could be served in publicly funded ECCE in the most current fiscal year. This is calculated by dividing the total publicly funded ECCE slots by the number of children under 5 in families with incomes at or below 85% of state median income. Statewide, this was **22.1%** in the 2025 Ready Regions ECCE Supply/Demand Dashboard.
3. The **Total Slots** across the top of the bar chart indicates the total number of slots across the four programs for each fiscal year. The bars beneath the total number of slots display the distribution of ECCE slots by specific program.

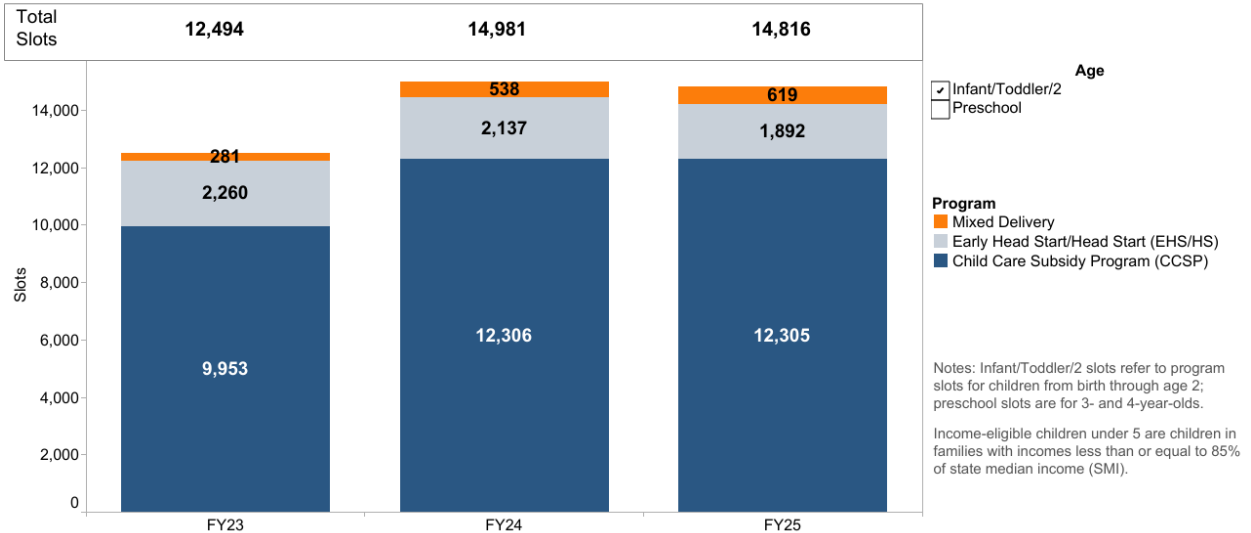
- By default, the dashboard shows publicly funded slots for all children under age 5. To show the number of slots for infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds, uncheck the “Preschool” box under **Age** on the right hand side of the page.

Publicly Funded ECCE Slots

Select Ready Region(s)
All

Select Locality/Localities
All

22.1% of income-eligible children under 5 could be served in publicly funded ECCE in FY25



Sources: CCSP, Early Head Start/Head Start (EHS/HS), and VPI data were provided by VDOE. CCSP enrollment by age is as of September for FY23 and October for all other fiscal years. VPI slots reflect final VPI allotments (full-time equivalent slots); half slots are rounded up on the chart. EHS/HS data excludes home-based slots and is from reporting in the federal Head Start Enterprise System. For FY23 and FY24, EHS/HS slots based on end-of-year reporting. Starting in FY25, VDOE provided EHS/HS slots by program as of December and these slot allocations were verified and adjusted by Ready Regions. Mixed Delivery slots are based on late 2022 expansions for FY23, slot allocations as of 3/31/2024 for FY24, and slot allocations as of 1/31/2025 for FY25.

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Notice that the Virginia Preschool Initiative, which serves only 3- and 4-year-olds, is no longer displayed on the chart focused on just publicly funded slots for infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds.

Statewide, the chart shows a large increase in the number of infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds, being served in publicly funded ECCE services between FY23 and FY24, with a small decrease between FY24 and FY25. Looking at the detailed program information, this decrease is primarily because of smaller numbers of infant, toddler, and 2-year-old slots in Early Head Start.