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### **Skyline Community Action Partnership Head Start**

## Community Assessment March 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021

## **Mission and Vision**

It is the mission of Skyline CAP to strengthen our communities by improving the lives of those in need through actions promoting self-sufficiency. We seek to eliminate the impact of poverty by focusing on education, housing stability and economic opportunities.

The vision of Skyline CAP Head Start is to provide a loving foundation of learning and involvement that helps children and their families become successful in the future. Best practices are used to enhance developmentally appropriate learning that promotes kindergarten readiness. Children are encouraged to be creative, and continuous efforts are made to help children develop confidence through a strong sense of self-worth and self-esteem.

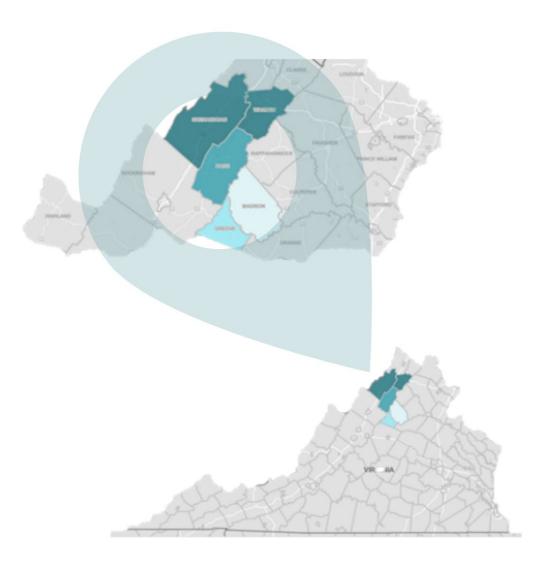
Parents are their children's first and most important teachers; therefore, leadership in Head Start is a shared responsibility between Skyline CAP staff and Head Start parents. Parental involvement is strongly encouraged, and parent training and empowerment is emphasized to help parents become effective partners within their child's education and development. Strategies are developed with each family to enable movement toward self-sufficiency by setting goals to build on strengths and through linkages with community resources. Collaboration partnerships with public schools, community agencies and other groups are in place to help meet the needs of children and their families.

The information presented is derived from community and parent surveys, U.S. Census information, Kids Count, internal data management (ChildPlus Database System) and community and state agency information. Data collected from sources indicate the need for continuation of services in all counties served by Skyline CAP Head Start.

# **Objectives and Geographical Area**

Skyline CAP's Head Start program serves children and families on both sides of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Madison and Greene counties are located on the eastern side of the mountain range, and Page, Shenandoah, and Warren counties are on the western side bordering the Shenandoah Valley. The valley centers are 50 to 80 miles from the administrative office in Madison, Virginia.

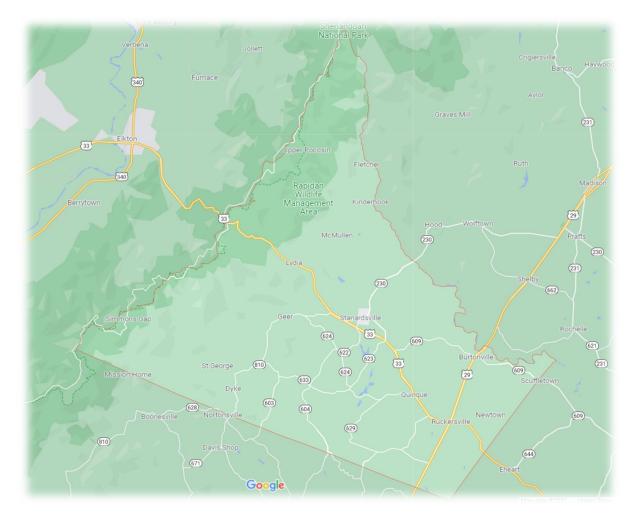
The overall total square mileage served by Skyline CAP Head Start is 1,515.77. The density of each county in the service area ranges from an estimated 2019 population high of 43,616 people in Shenandoah County and a low of 13,261 people in Madison County.



# **County Scope and Area**

## **Greene County**

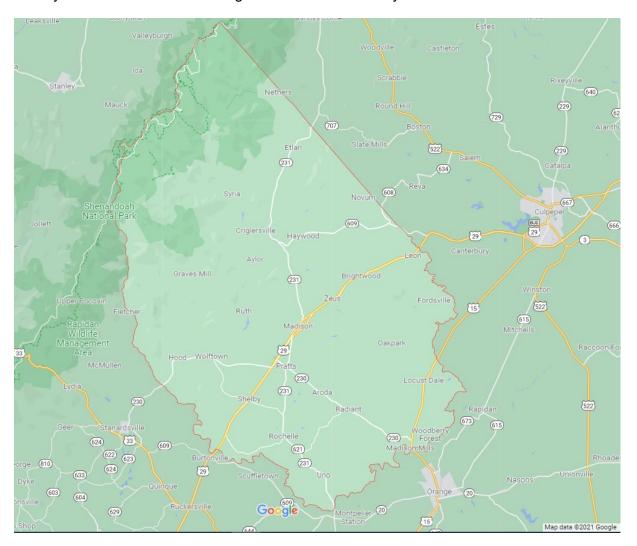
Greene County lies in the north-central portion of Virginia just east of the Blue Ridge Mountains; Shenandoah National Park and the Skyline Drive form the county's western boundary. The county's population was estimated at 19,819 in 2019. Although rural in nature, the county is part of the Charlottesville MSA consisting of four counties and the city of Charlottesville. Because of its ties to the metropolitan region and its location on the U.S. 29 corridor, Greene County represents an appealing pastoral setting for continued business investment. Downtown Charlottesville is approximately 20 miles south of the county seat of Stanardsville; Richmond, the state capital, is 90 miles to the southeast; and Washington, D.C. is approximately 100 miles northeast of the county. Skyline CAP Head Start served 23 Greene County children and families during the 2020-2021 school year.



Source: Google Maps. Map data 2021. Retrieved from https://www.google.com/maps/place/Greene+County,+VA/@38.3442531,-78.5144562,11.5z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x89b46f57dad8c0ef:0x1d1f097e6b13f411!8m2!3d38.3120359!4d-78.4524591.

## **Madison County**

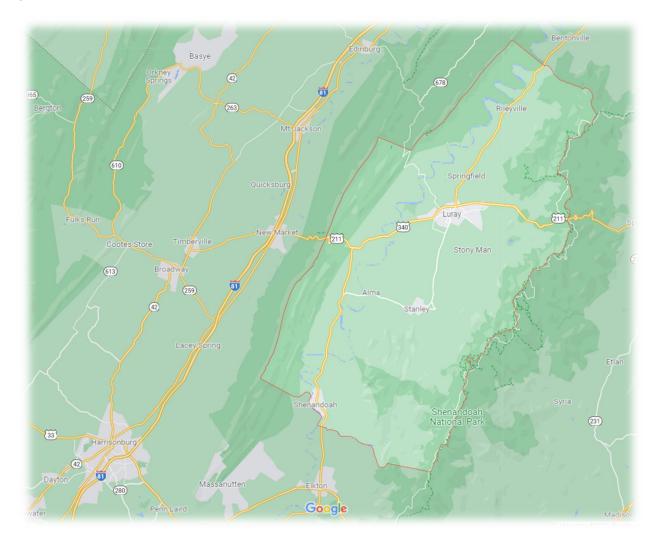
Madison County is in the scenic north-central Piedmont region of Virginia, just east of the Blue Ridge Mountains and has an estimated population of 13,261. The county is bisected by U.S. Route 29, a four-lane divided highway providing easy access to both Interstate 66 to the north and Interstate 64 to the south. Interstate 81 is accessible to the west by U.S. routes 230 and 33, and Interstate 95 is equally accessible via U.S. routes 29 and 3 at Fredericksburg. While this rural county's economy is centered around its agricultural and forest products industries, continued expansion of the northern Virginia economy enhances Madison County's position as an attractive location for trade and industrial growth. Madison County is located approximately 87 miles southwest of Washington, D.C.; 28 miles north of Charlottesville; 94 miles northwest of Richmond; and 187 miles northwest of Norfolk. Skyline CAP Head Start served 27 Madison County children and families during the 2020-2021 school year.



Source: Google Maps. Map data 2021. Retrieved from https://www.google.com/maps/place/Madison+County,+VA/@38.4425394,-78.2784383,11z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x89b43fa2d4f1e049:0x72bbc41d577e4788!8m2!3d38.436934!4d-78.2476146.

## Page County

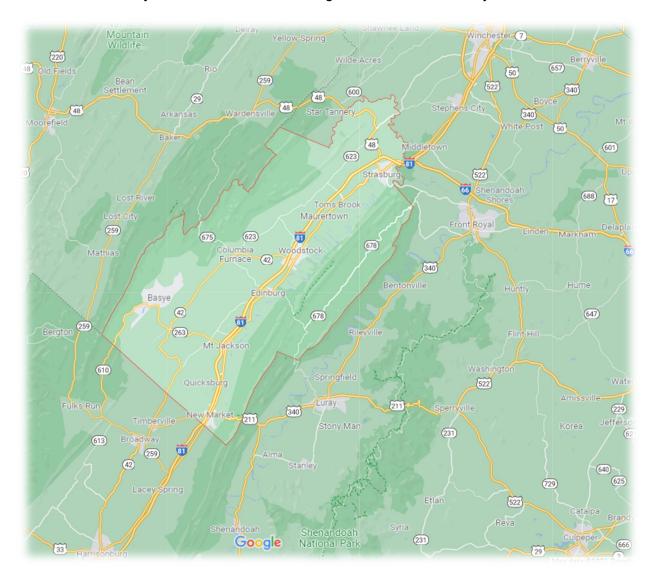
Page County is located between the Blue Ridge and Massanutten mountains in the Shenandoah Valley The 2019 estimated population count for Page County was 23,902. The county's location offers direct access to major markets and east coast ports and is only 15 minutes from I-81 and 30 minutes from I-66. Page County has a heritage of independence, selfreliance and community which is evident in today's labor force. A high-quality educational system, inexpensive cost of living and doing business; friendly, quiet community, and a scenic and unspoiled environment are just a few of the qualities that make Page County an ideal place to visit, live, or do business. The county's location is 90 miles from Washington, D.C. Skyline CAP Head Start served 22 Page County children and families during the 2020-2021 school year.



Source: Google Maps. Map data 2021. Retrieved from https://www.google.com/maps/place/Page+County,+VA/@38.638284,-78.6113074,10.75z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x89b45ce9074f64fd:0xb9050f35e2d03aef!8m2!3d38.6301331!4d-78.52065.

## **Shenandoah County**

Shenandoah County is located in the scenic and historic Shenandoah Valley in the northwestern portion of Virginia at the crossroads of Interstates 81 and 66. The county's 2019 population is estimated at 43,616. Shenandoah County has a land area of 507 square miles with Woodstock, the county seat, conveniently located off I-81. Trade and commerce have long been important factors in the development of the county. Washington, D.C. is 95 miles east, and Richmond, the state capital, is 153 miles southeast. Skyline CAP Head Start serves 25 Shenandoah County children and families during the 2020-2021 school year.



Source: Google Maps. Map data 2021. Retrieved from https://www.google.com/maps/place/Shenandoah+County,+VA/@38.888522,-78.5831216,10z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x89b5ac1711d2dd25:0xde96a298780a0ab2!8m2!3d38.8413778!4d-78.5660852.

## Warren County

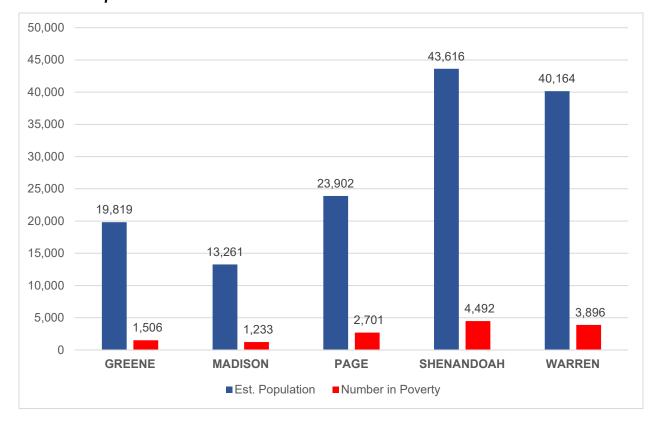
Warren County is in northwestern Virginia in the northern Shenandoah Valley. The county is part of the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with an estimated 2019 population of 40,164. The Skyline Drive, which is the scenic route through the Shenandoah National Park, begins in Warren County. Front Royal, the county seat and only incorporated town, is located at the intersection of routes 55, 340, and 522, and is just two miles south of I-66 and nine miles east of Interstate 81. Washington, D.C. is 70 miles east; Richmond, the state capital, is 133 miles southeast, and Norfolk is 218 miles southeast. The Virginia Inland Port is in Warren County. Skyline CAP Head Start served 22 Warren County children and families during the 2020-2021 school year.



Source: Google Maps. Map data 2021. Retrieved from https://www.google.com/maps/place/Warren+County,+VA/@38.9211649,-78.2573376,11.25z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x89b5da9f364bba93:0x9b2273769870eb05!8m2!3d38.9331749!4d-78.2476146.

# **Population**

Within our service area, the counties of Greene and Warren experienced growth that exceeded that of the state of Virginia. Both Madison and Page counties lost population over the past year.



#### Table 1 – Population - 2019

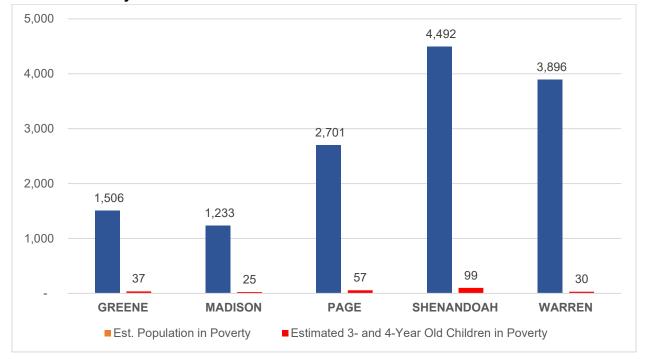
Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Quick Facts. 2019. Retrieved from

https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/VA,warrencountyvirginia,shenandoahcountyvirginia,pagecountyvirginia,greenecountyvirginia,madisoncountyvirginia/PST045219.

# Poverty

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median household income in the United States in 2020 decreased 2.9% between 2019 and 2020 to \$67,521, the first statistically significant decline in median household income since 2011. The official poverty rate increased 1.0 percentage point, the first increase in poverty after five consecutive annual declines.

The service area for Skyline CAP is largely rural. Typically, rural areas have a lower median household income than urban areas, and the poverty rate is higher. Of the communities we serve, Page County had the highest poverty rate at 11.3%.



#### Table 2 – Poverty - 2019

#### Sources: U.S. Census Bureau. Quick Facts. 2019. Retrieved from

<u>https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/VA,warrencountyvirginia,shenandoahcountyvirginia,pagecountyvirginia,greenecountyvi</u> <u>rginia,madisoncountyvirginia/PST045219</u>; and U.S. Census Bureau. Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2020. Retrieved from https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2021/income-poverty-health-insurancecoverage.html

# **Fair Market Rent**

Virginia has the 19th highest rent in the country out of 56 states and territories. The Fair Market Rent in Virginia ranges from \$701 for a 2-bedroom apartment to \$1,765 for a 2-bedroom unit.

Locality	2021 2-BR FMR	Annual Income to Afford 2-BR FMR	Rent Affordable at Mean Renter Wage	30% of Area of Median Income (AMI)
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Greene	\$1,266	\$50,640	\$732	\$28,110
Madison	\$922	\$38,880	\$635	\$19,020
Page	\$732	\$29,280	\$524	\$18,420
Shenandoah	\$824	\$32,960	\$634	\$20,940
Warren	\$1,024	\$40,960	\$627	\$25,740
Virginia	\$1,269	\$50,767	\$627	\$28,423

Table 3 – Fair Market Rent (FMR) - 2020

Sources: RentData.org. Virginia Fair Market Rent. 2020. Retrieved from <u>https://www.rentdata.org/states/virginia/2020</u>. National Low Income Housing Coalition. Out of Reach 2021: Virginia. Retrieved from <u>https://reports.nlihc.org/oor/virginia</u>.

# **Family Demographics**

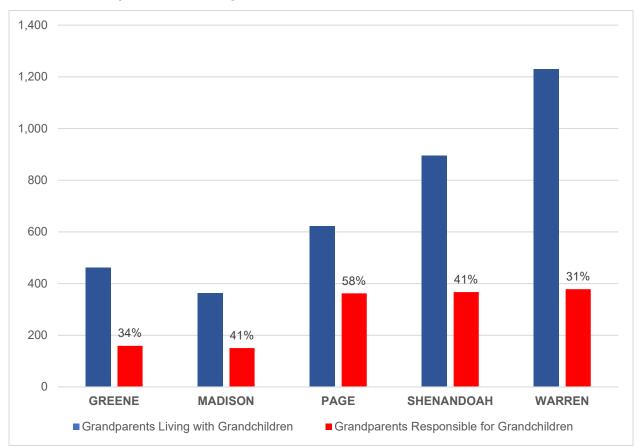
#### Table 4 – Head Start Families Served

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Total Served	207	190	193	119
Average Household Size	4	4	4	4
Single Parent Households	48%	52%	51%	45%
Children with Disabilities	21%	25%	24%	18%
Parents with at Least One Parent Working	72%	74%	75%	73%
Receiving Food Stamps/TANF	60%	56%	63%	50%
Receiving Medicaid or CHIP	88%	85%	86%	87%
Spanish as Primary Language	9%	8%	7%	7%
Parents with Less Than High School Diploma	16%	14%	13%	9%

Source: Skyline CAP Head Start Program Information Reports (PIR). 2017-2021.

#### Grandparents as Caregivers

Grandparents who have their own grandchildren under the age of 18 living in their household and who are financially responsible for their food, shelter, clothing, day care, etc. are determined to be the caregiver.



#### Table 5 – Grandparents as Caregivers

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2019. American Community Survey. 2019 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles. Retrieved from https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?g=0500000US51079,51113,51139,51171,51187&tid=ACSDP5Y2019.DP02&hidePreview=true

## **Births**

	2019 Total Live Births	Teen Pregnancies (Age < 19)	Teen Live Births	Non-Marital Live Births	Total Low Weight Births
GREENE	207	190	193	119	1.4%
MADISON	4	4	4	4	9.6%
PAGE	48%	52%	51%	45%	10%
SHENANDOAH	21%	25%	24%	18%	9.4%
WARREN	72%	74%	75%	73%	5.1%

Table 6 – Birth Related Risk Factors

Source: Virginia Dept. Of Health. Statistical Reports and Tables. 2019. Retrieved from <u>https://apps.vdh.virginia.gov/HealthStats/stats.htm</u>

## **Preschool**

#### Table 7 - Preschool Services and Children in Poverty

	Number of Children	Number Living in Poverty	Percentage Living in Poverty	Head Start Slots	4-Year-Olds Served by VA Preschool Initiative
GREENE	4,698	513	11.1%	37	36
MADISON	2,712	383	14.6%	37	13
PAGE	4,827	803	17.3%	36	60
SHENANDOAH	9,180	1,366	15.2%	33	136
WARREN	8,743	1,158	13.6%	38	91

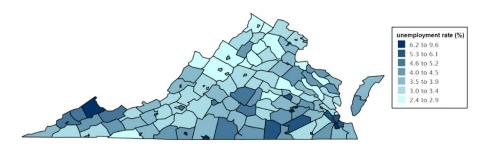
Sources: The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Kids Count Data Center. Total Child Population: After 2011 in Virginia. Retrieved from: datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/9191-total-child-population-after-2011. Child Poverty (1 year estimates) in Virginia. 2019. Retrieved from https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/5879-child-poverty-1-year-

estimates?loc=48&loct=2#detailed/2/any/false/1729,37,871,870,573,869,36,868,867,133/any/12494,12493. Four-year-olds served by Virginia Preschool Initiative in Virginia. 2019-2020. Retrieved from https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/3258-four-year-olds-served-by-virginia-preschool-

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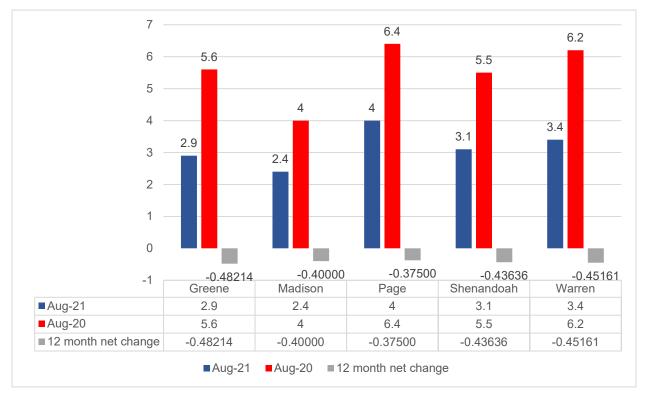
# Unemployment

Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.0% in August 2021, which is 3.9 percentage points below the rate from one year ago. Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be below the national rate of 4.8 percent.



Unemployment rates by county, not seasonally adjusted, Virginia, August 2021

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Local Area Unemployment Statistics Map. August 2021. Retrieved from https://data.bls.gov/lausmap/showMap.jsp;jsessionid=75FCA745C3B9751581918C2981AF093D.\_t3\_08v

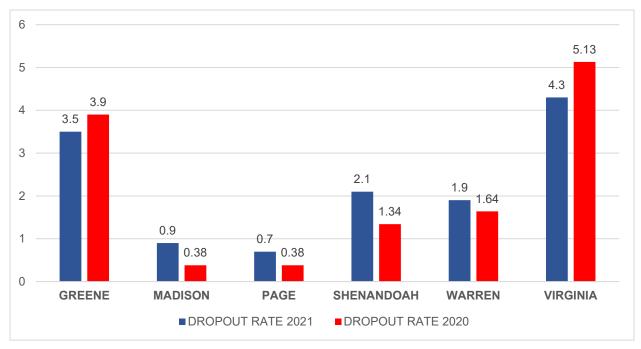


#### Table 8 – Unemployment Statistics

Source: Economic Research. FRED Economic Data. Counties, Monthly, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Virginia. August 2020-August 2021. Retrieved from <u>https://fred.stlouisfed.org/release/tables?rid=116&eid=256391#snid=256444</u>

# **Education**

Public schools annually report on the number of students in grades 7-12 who drop out during the school year. These dropout percentages represent the number of dropouts for a given school year divided by the membership on September 30 of that school year.



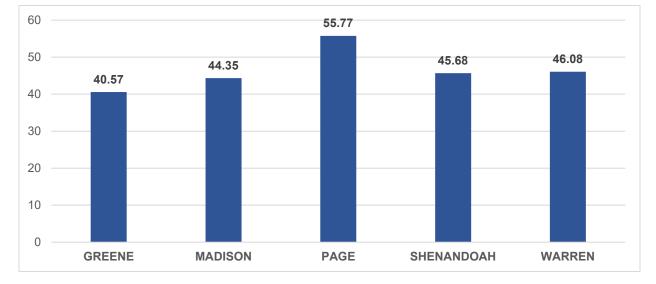
#### Table 9 – Dropout Rates

Source: Virginia Department of Education. Virginia Cohort Reports. Cohort Dropout Rate. 2020-2021. Retrieved from https://www.doe.virginia.gov/statistics\_reports/graduation\_completion/cohort\_reports/indes.shtml

# **Nutrition**

The National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential childcare institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.

The data below represents the most recent data available. Data is not available for the 2020-2021 school year. Pursuant to the authority in Section 2202(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127), the U.S. Department of Agriculture cancelled certain administrative Data reporting requirements for state agencies and LEAs operation the NSLP in the 2020-2021 school year.





Source: Virginia Department of Education. Office of School Nutrition Programs. 2019-2020 Free and Reduced Eligibility Report – SFA Level. Retrieved from https://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/nutrition/statistics/index.shtml.

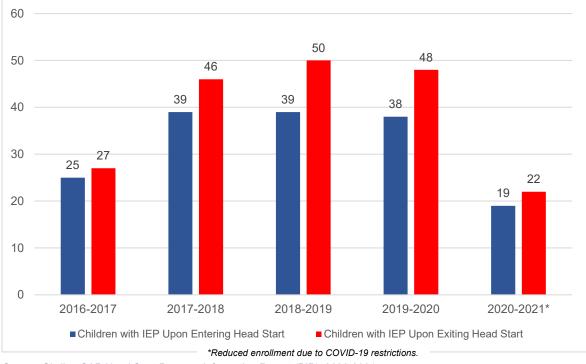
## **Disabilities**

Table 11 –	Diagnosed	Disabilities
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	Children Under 5 (estimate)	Children Under 5 with a Disability (estimate)
GREENE	1,229	122
MADISON	676	57
PAGE	1,267	176
SHENANDOAH	2,399	257
WARREN	2,370	239
U.S.	503,596	40,288

U.S. Census Bureau. Quick Facts. 2019. Retrieved from

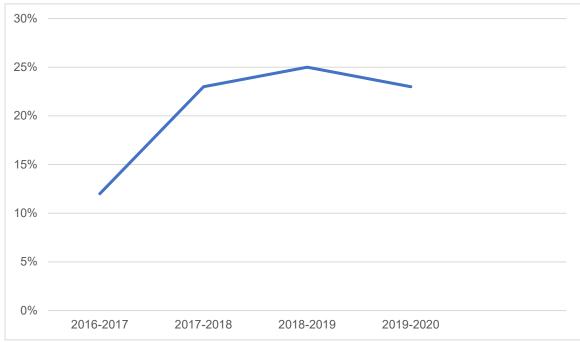
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#### Table 12 – Head Start Children with Disabilities

Source: Skyline CAP Head Start Program Information Report (PIR). 2020-2021





#### www.doe.virginia.gov/special\_ed/reports/performance/division/

\*Participation and Performance on Statewide Assessments due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Virginia was granted a waiver by the U.S Department of Education for the 2019-2020 school year of the assessment requirements in section 1111(b)(2)of the ESEA, the accountability and school identification requirements in sections 1111(c)(4) and 1111(d)(2)(C)-(D), and certain reporting requirements related to assessments and accountability in section 1111(h).

# Health

Table 14 reflects measurable health outcomes of Head Start services provided to enrolled children (This data reflects the total number of children who entered and left the program during the program year).

Table 14 – Health Outcome
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Health Coverage Factors	Number of Children at Enrollment (2020-2021)	Number of Children at End of Enrollment (2020-2021)
Children with Health Insurance	117	118
Children Enrolled in Medicaid	101	104
Children with Private Health Insurance	16	14
Children with No Health Insurance	2	1
Children with Continuous, Accessible Dental Care Provided by a Dentist	91	116
Children Enrolled with an Ongoing Source of Continuous, Accessible Health Care	117	119
Children Up-to-Date on a schedule of Age Appropriate Preventative and Primary Health Care According to the Relevant State's EPSDT Schedule for Well Child Care	46	92
Children Determined by a Health Care Professional to be Up-to-Date on Immunizations	114	114

Source: Skyline CAP Head Start Program Information Report (PIR). 2020-2021

## **Parent Services**

#### Table 15 – Family Services

	Identified Needs	Services Received
Emergency/crisis intervention, such as meeting immediate needs for food, clothing or shelter	47	47
Housing assistance - subsidies, utilities, repairs, etc.	1	1
Mental health services	3	3
English as a Second Language (ESL) training	0	0
Adult education - GED programs and college selection	0	0
Job training	2	2
Substance abuse prevention	0	0
Substance abuse treatment	0	0
Child abuse and neglected services	*	*
Domestic violence services	*	*
Child support assistance	*	*
Health education – Preventative medical/dental	119	119
Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals	1	1
Parenting education	103	103
Marriage education	2	2
Asset building services	17	17
Involvement in discussing their child's screening and assessment results and progress	100	100

Source: Skyline CAP Head Start Program Information Report (PIR). 2020-2021