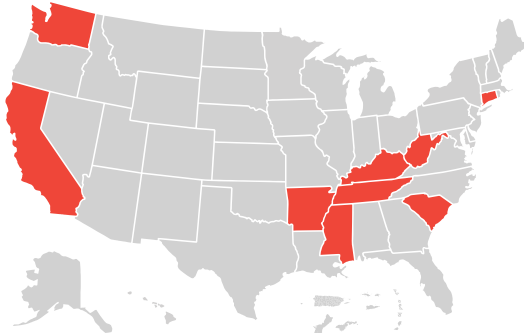


Early Steps to School Success

[Early Steps to School Success](#) (ESSS) builds strong foundations for parenting and school readiness in communities with limited resources. The model aims to help provide children with the skills necessary for success in school; empower parents with the knowledge and skills to support their children’s education; strengthen the connection between the home, school, and community; and significantly increase early childhood knowledge and skills in communities.

<p>What is the model’s approach to providing home visiting services?</p>	<p>Home visits take place twice a month until a child is 3 years old. ESSS recommends that families begin services prenatally, but they can enroll any time before the child is 2 years old.</p> <p>ESSS’ service population includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✔ Expectant caregivers✔ Families with low incomes✔ First-time caregivers✔ Caregivers under 21 years old✔ Caregivers with limited access to education
<p>Who is implementing the model?</p>	<p>Home Visitors</p> <p>ESSS was implemented by 155 home visitors in 2022. The model requires a high school diploma or GED and experience working with families and children for home visitors; an associate’s or bachelor’s degree and experience in home visiting and child health and/or development are recommended. Home visitors are required to maintain a caseload of 20 children.</p> <p>Supervisors</p> <p>ESSS was implemented by 43 supervisors in 2022. The model requires a bachelor’s degree and experience in early education, child health and/or development, home visiting, staff supervision, and working with families and children for supervisors; a master’s degree is recommended.</p>

<p>Where is the model implemented?</p>	 <p>ESSS operated in 155 local agencies across 9 states in 2022.</p>
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Families Served Through Home Visiting in 2022



43,404

home visits provided
including 20,474 virtual visits



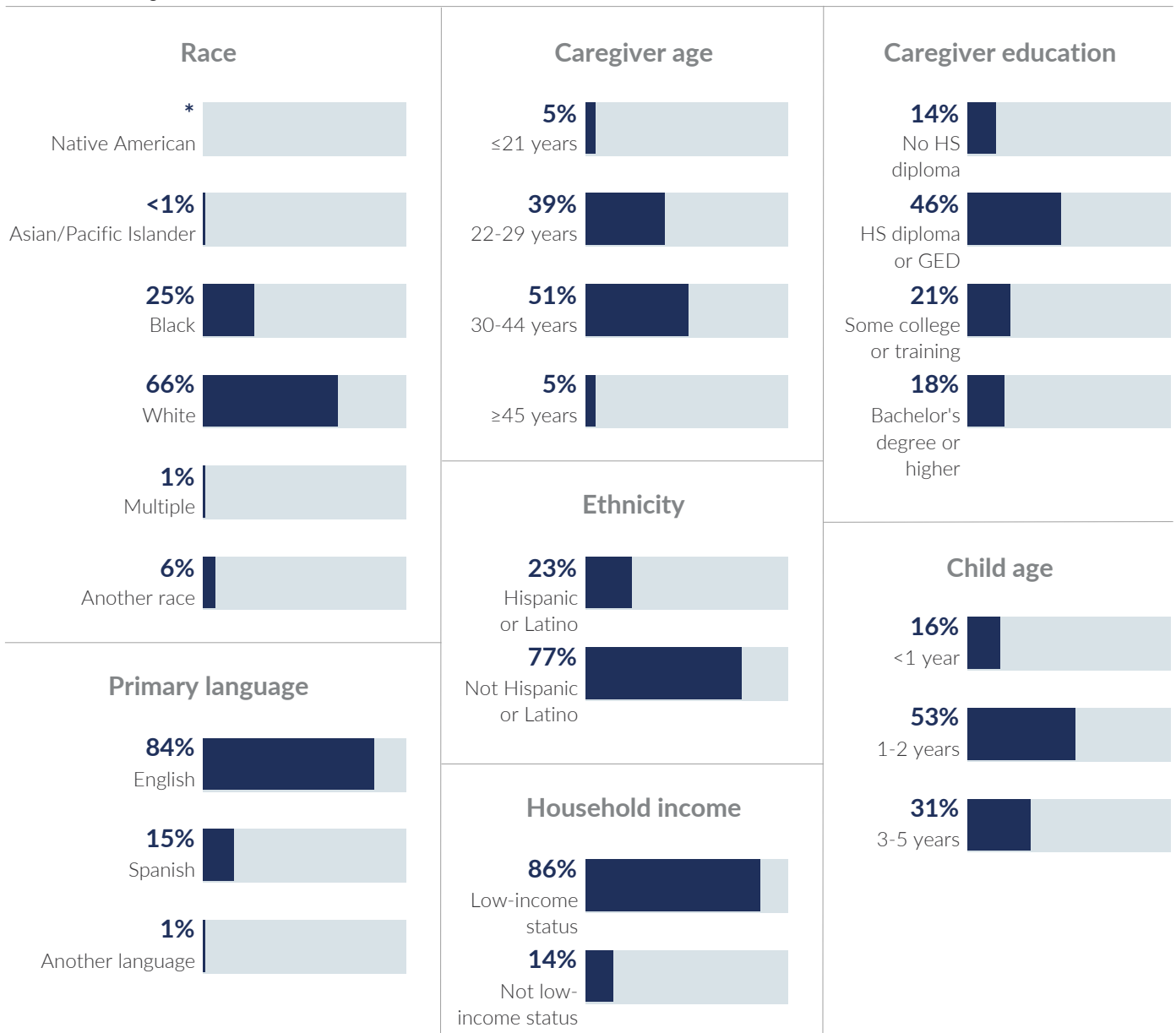
2,679

families served



3,290

children served



Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. • To protect confidentiality, race and ethnicity categories with 10 or fewer caregivers were replaced with *.