Historical Head Start Funding Per Student

**Sources & notes:**
Diversitydatakids.org calculations of funding per student based on fiscal years 1965-2012 funding amounts and funded enrollment numbers from Head Start Program Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2012.

*Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010 include American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) one-time appropriations.*
Enrollment and funding numbers include Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and American Indian/Alaska Native Head Start programs. Funding per pupil estimate in given year is equal to fiscal year actual appropriation amount divided by fiscal year funded enrollment. Total appropriation amounts include total amounts allocated to Local Head Start Projects and Support Activities. In addition to usual congressional appropriations, $2.1 billion appropriated to Head Start and Early Head Start Programs in the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is split across fiscal years 2009 and 2010. The additional funded enrollment from ARRA is added to fiscal year 2010 only, consistent with the Head Start Program Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2012. Constant 2010 U.S. dollar amounts were calculated using the Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator. The BLS calculator uses Consumer Price Index data to convert a dollar amount in a given year to its equivalent in 2012 U.S. dollars.