

Arkansas Better Chance for School Success

Pre-K in Arkansas
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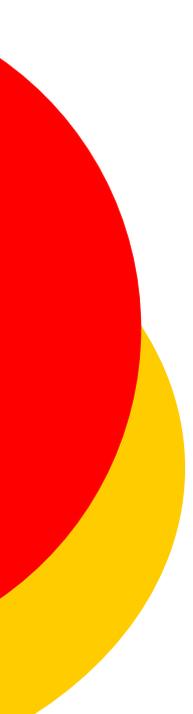
Arkansas Pre-K Projections

Total # of 3 & 4 year olds in Arkansas Living At or Below 200% of Federal Poverty Level	47,930	
Number of Head Start Slots	- 9,950	20.75%
=Preschool Children Not Served in Head Start	37,980	
Apply 70% Take-Up Rate=	26,586	



Background

- Act 212 of 1991 created Arkansas Better Chance with funding of \$13 million.
- Serve children birth through 5 years with variety of developmental and economic risk factors.



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- Act 1841 of 2001 placed a 3% excise tax on beer to help fund early education.



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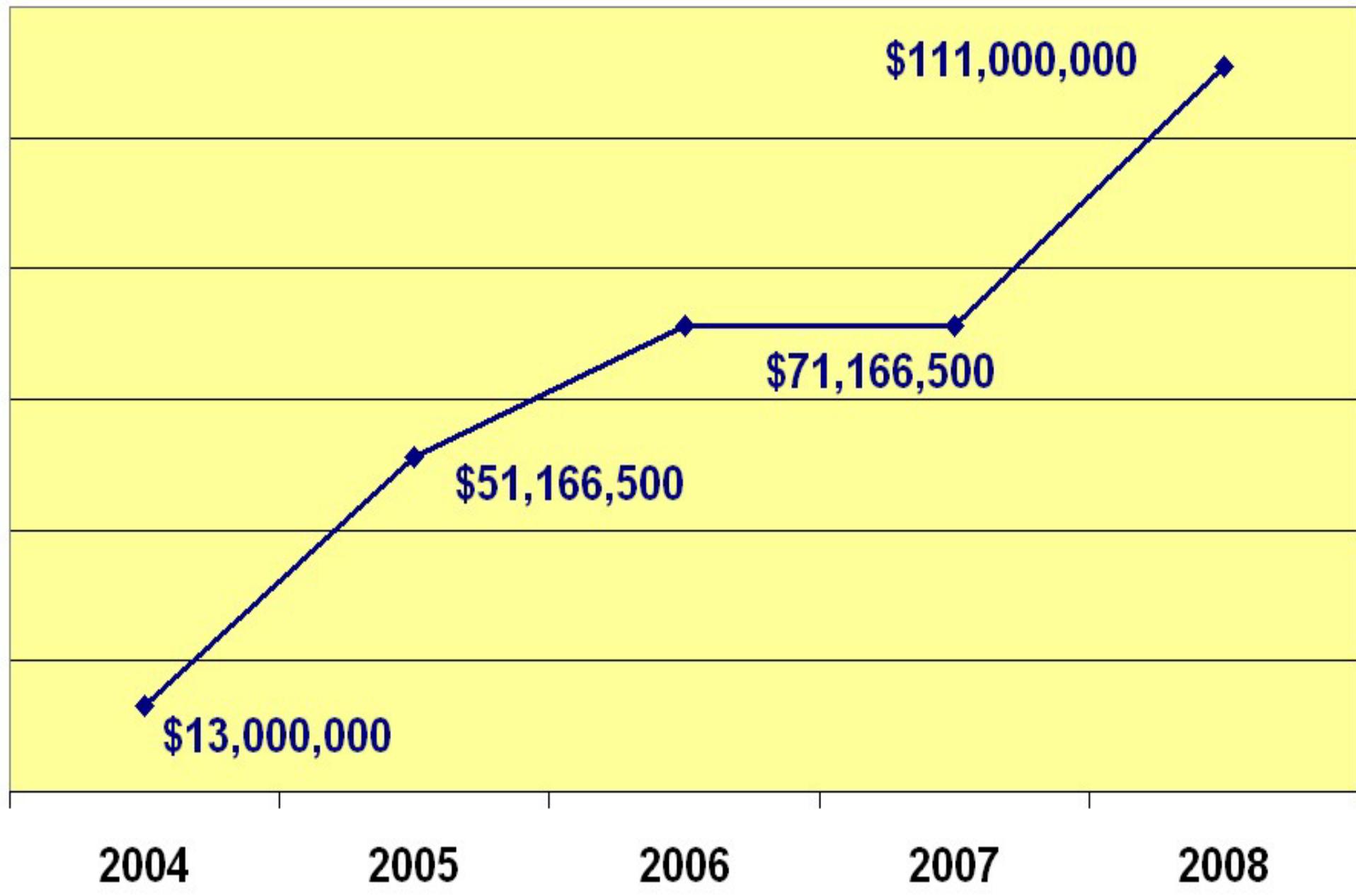
- Act 49 of 2003 created Arkansas Better Chance for School Success (ABCSS) with additional \$40 million in funding.
- ABCSS eligibility requirements:
 - Child shall be 3-4 years old by 9/15
 - At or below 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines



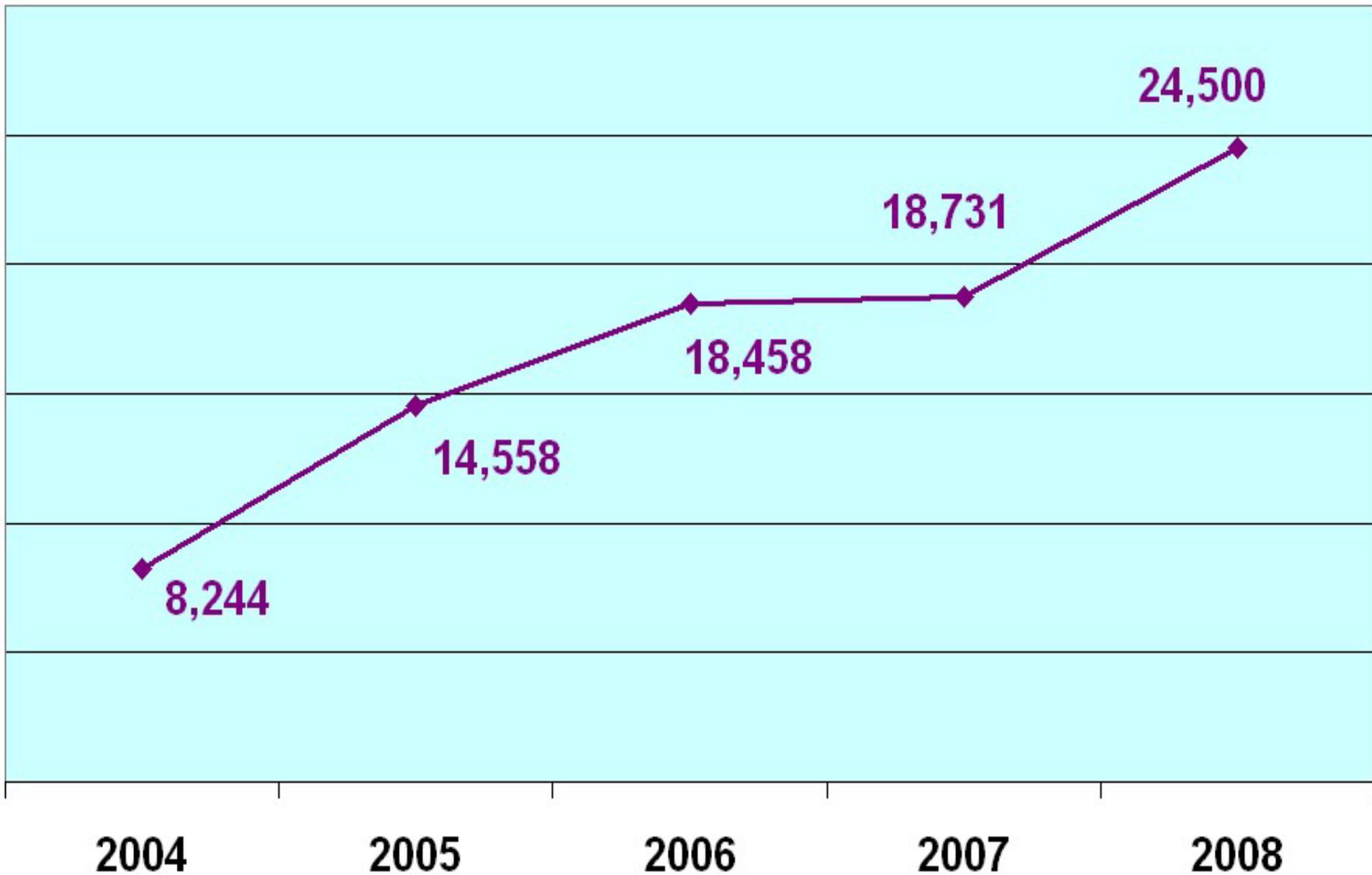
ABCSS

- **ABCSS Funding priority is given to early childhood providers in areas where:**
 - **≥75% students scored below proficient on 4th grade benchmark exams.**
 - **School District in school improvement status**
 - **School District in academic distress**

Arkansas Pre-K Funding



Children Served in Arkansas Pre-K





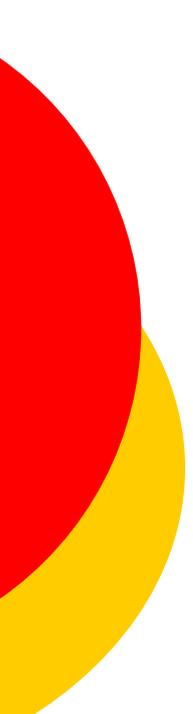
ABC Children by Age

- Birth-3 years: 3%
- 3 year olds: 29%
- 4-5 year olds: 68%



Varying Program Models Provide Maximum Coverage of Services

- **Classroom-based**
 - *Licensed as Center/Quality Accreditation*
 - *Staff meet qualifications*
- **Family Child Care Home**
 - *Licensed as FCCH/Quality Accreditation*
 - *Staff meet qualifications*
- **Home-Visiting Programs**
 - *HIPPY*
 - *Parents as Teachers*



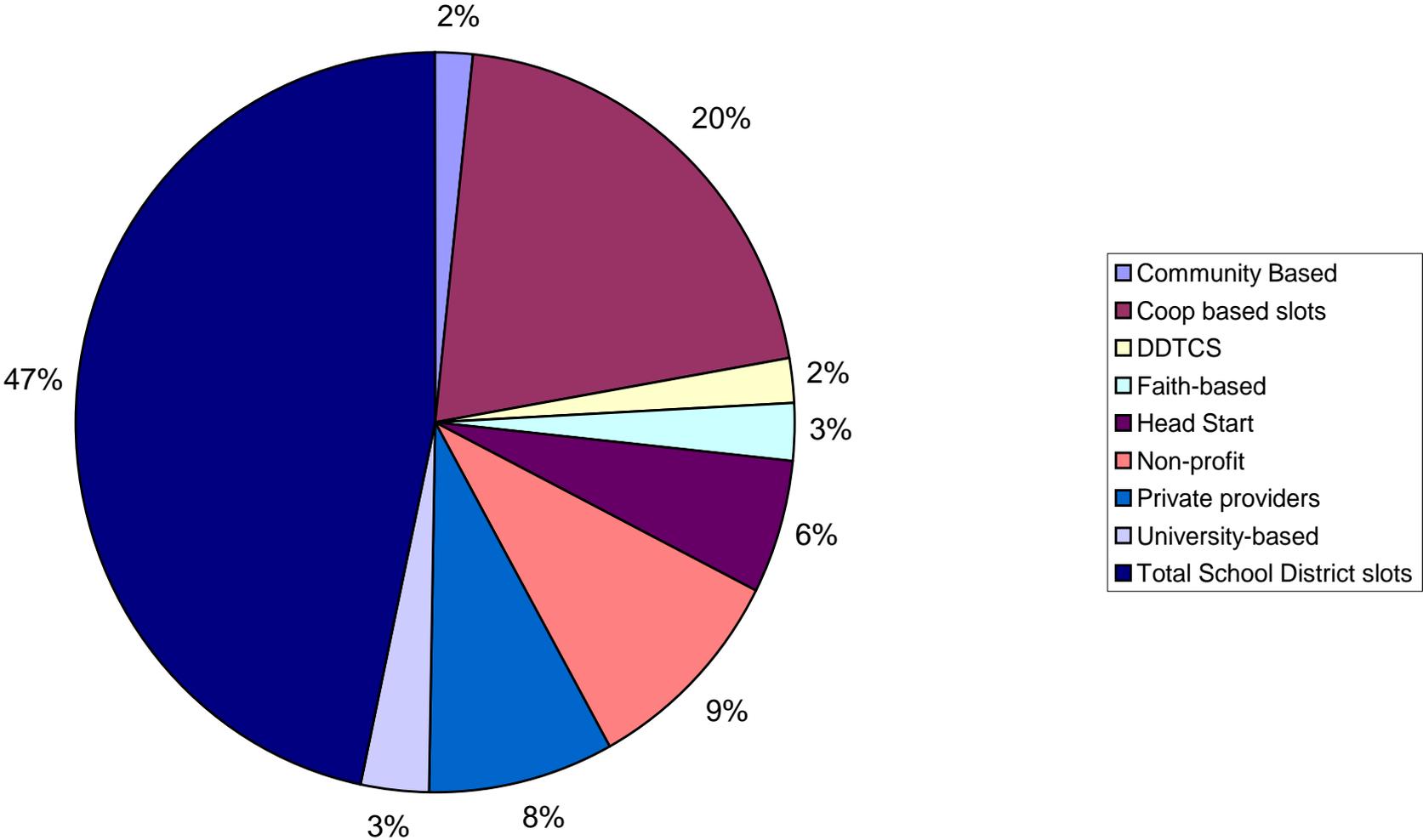
Varying Agency Types Provide Maximum Diversity of Children Served

- **Public Sector**
 - School Districts
 - Education Cooperatives
 - State Universities
- **Private Sector**
 - Head Start
 - Private, for-profit
 - Community-based/Non-profit
 - Faith-based

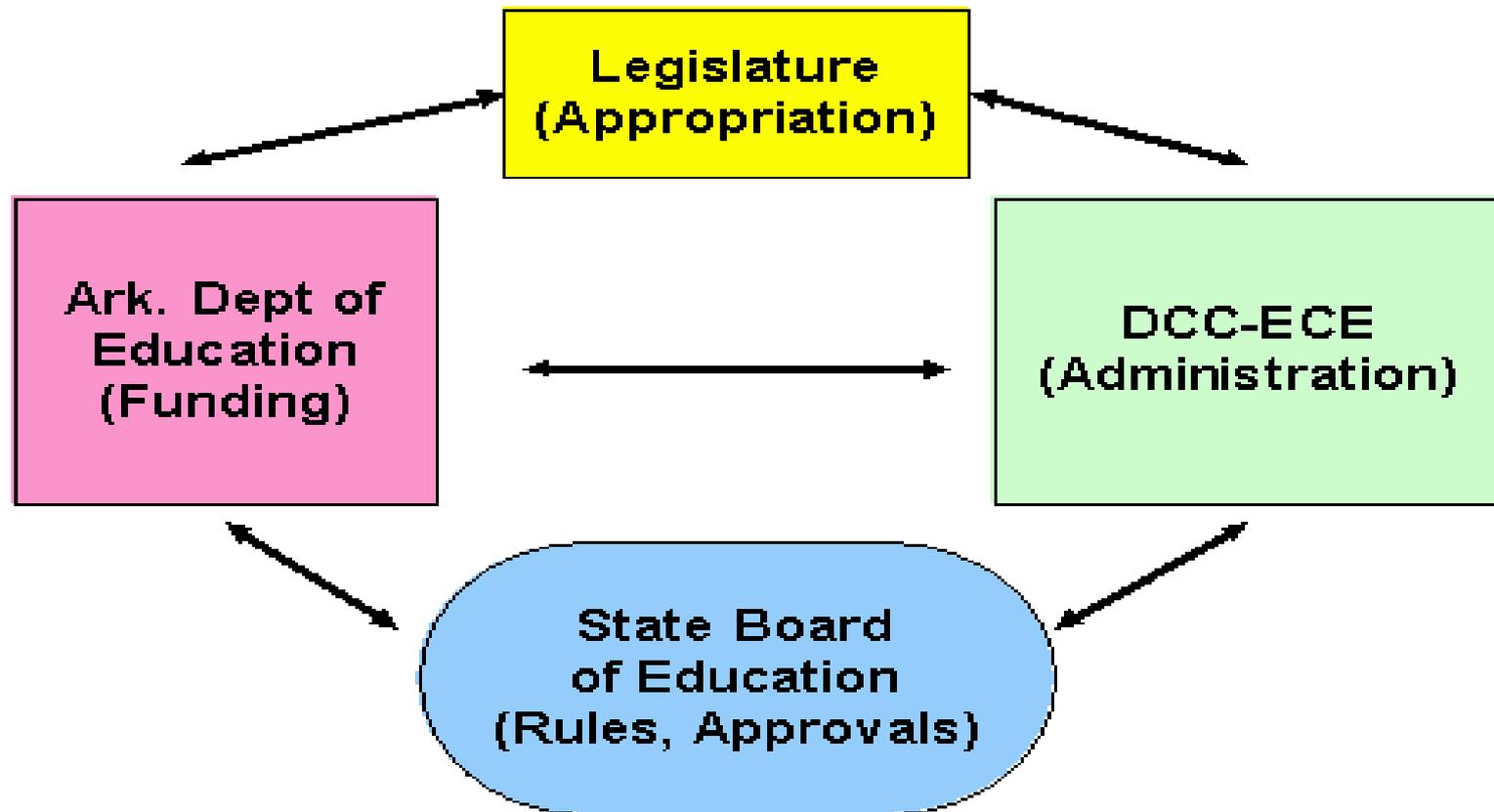
Funded Slots by Agency Type

Community-based		431
Coop-based-Part B providers		4997
DDTCS-Part C providers		519
Faith-based		624
Head Start		1427
Non-profit		2295
Private providers		2050
University-based		711
Total of All Other	53%	13054
Total School District slots	47%	11478
Total		24532

ABC Funded Slots by Agency Type



ABC Governance Structure





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