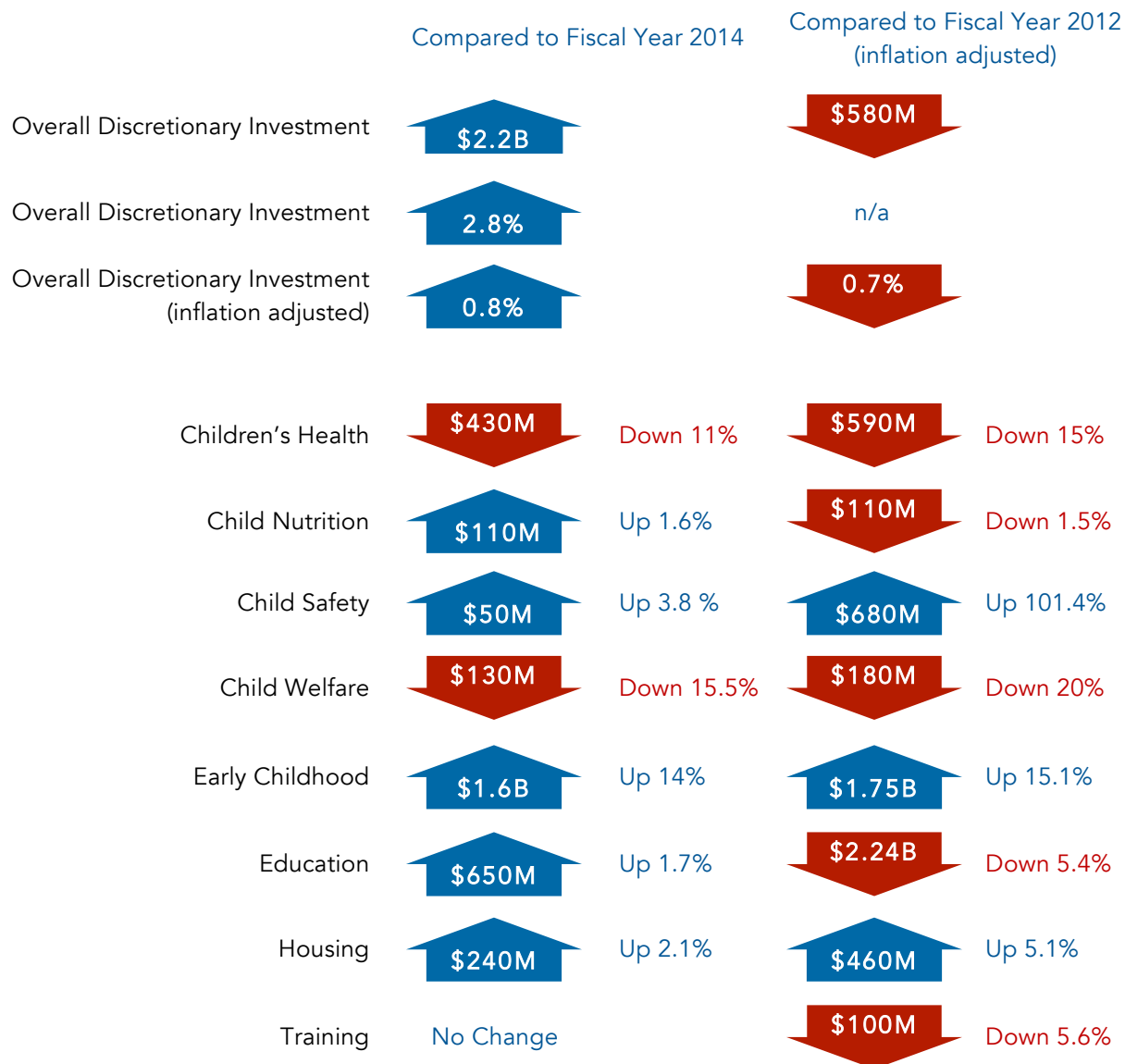


Recently, President Obama released his fiscal year (FY) 2015 budget, reflecting his administration's spending priorities for the coming year. This fact sheet analyzes how children fare in the discretionary portion of the budget proposal, highlighting notable increases, cuts, and new initiatives.

As compared to FY 2014, the president's budget increases **overall discretionary spending on kids by \$2.2 billion, or by less than 1 percent after adjusting for inflation.** However, reflecting the new spending caps from 2014's Bipartisan Budget Act, this budget still leaves discretionary investments for children nearly \$600 million below 2012 pre-sequester levels. President Obama's proposed *Opportunity Growth, and Security Initiative*¹ will go a long way to restore these funding cuts, but it is up to Congress to act to change those caps. Our children's futures are too valuable to waste.

For more information on mandatory spending and policy changes, please visit our issue specific analyses.



Note: Totals reflect First Focus calculations on the share of spending in each program that goes to kids. 2012 was the last full fiscal year before sequestration cuts took effect.

SELECTED NOTABLE INCREASES

Initiative	Increase (\$Nominal)	Relative to FY2014
Child Care Development Block Grant	\$57M	2.4%
Head Start & Early Head Start	\$1.07B	12%
Healthy Homes Program	\$10M	64%
Homeless Assistance Grants ²	\$301M	14%
Juvenile Justice Programs ³	\$45M	24%
Preschool Development Grants ⁴	\$250M	100%
Promise Neighborhoods	\$43M	76%
Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)	\$107M	1.6%
Tenant Based Rental Assistance ⁵	\$923M	4.8%

SELECTED NOTABLE CUTS

Initiative	Decrease (\$Nominal)	Relative to FY2014
Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education	\$265M	100%
Community Services Block Grant ⁶	\$360M	50%
Impact Aid	\$54M	4%
Low Income Home Energy Assistance ⁷	\$624M	18%

SELECTED NEW PROPOSALS⁸

Initiative	\$ Proposed Increase
ConnectEDucators	\$500M
Race to the Top – Equity in Education	\$300M
State Paid Leave Fund	\$105M

¹ The administration proposes a \$56 billion fund, split evenly between defense and non-defense discretionary spending. The budget proposal outlines some of the \$28 billion will be used for but not all. Those that are indicated are included in this total. If passed, we expect more of that investment to go

² Share dedicated to children is 50%.

³ Includes Title II, Title V, & the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant.

⁴ In FY14 Preschool Development Grants were funded at \$250 million in the Race to the Top line item. In the proposed budget these grants are once again separate while Race to the Top is funded at \$300 million to help fund innovations in equity.

⁵ Share dedicated to children is 26%.

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⁷ Share dedicated to children is 23%.

⁸ These proposals are all in the discretionary portion of the president's budget request. For more information on mandatory proposals and tax changes please see the individual issue area analysis that can be found at www.firstfocus.net.