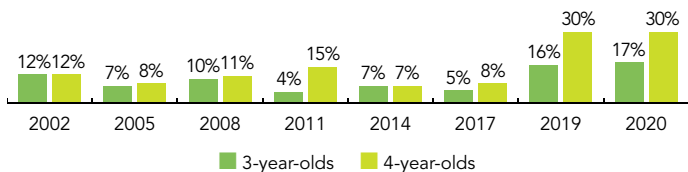
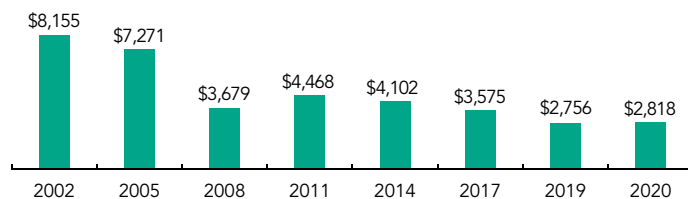


# Massachusetts

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED  
(2020 DOLLARS)



## OVERVIEW

Massachusetts preschool programs enrolled 37,543 children in 2019-2020, an increase of 297 children from the prior year. State funding totaled \$105,778,125, up \$3,134,076 (3%), adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child equaled \$2,818 in 2019-2020, up \$62 from 2018-2019, adjusted for inflation. Massachusetts met an average of 5 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

## WHAT'S NEW

In March 2020, all public preschool programs closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but all programs were required to provide remote instruction. For the UPK program, increased budget flexibility allowed programs the ability to move funds to provide virtual learning and supports.

## BACKGROUND

In 2005, Massachusetts established the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) and launched its Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) initiative, which serves children from age 2 years, 9 months, until they arrive at the locally determined kindergarten eligibility age. During the 2019-2020 program year, the state issued \$5.6 million in grants through an open competitive procurement, further supported by \$33 million in federal CCDF grants. Individual child eligibility for enrollment in a UPK classroom is not based on income level, although programs must be willing to serve children from families with income levels at or below 85% of the state's median income (SMI).

Public schools, private child care centers, Head Start programs, family child care, and faith-based centers are eligible for UPK grants if they offer full-day, full-year services. UPK is usually a competitive grant program, though renewal grants have been used in recent years.

To have an income-eligible contract and/or voucher agreement in place, UPK programs are required to reach at least a Level 3 in EEC's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) and be willing to accept EEC subsidized or low-income children. UPK programs are also required to be accredited by one of several eligible agencies (including NAEYC), and to collect observational formative assessment data on all children in a UPK classroom. As part of the grant requirements, UPK programs must provide the state with: (1) child-level data using either a State Assigned Student Identification or program-specific child ID number and (2) staff information from EEC's Professional Qualifications (PQ) Registry.

Massachusetts also supports preschool enrollment through the Chapter 70 funding stream which is the state's funding formula for K-12 public schools. The Chapter 70 program is included in the State of Preschool report for the third time this year. During 2019-2020, over \$100.2 million supported preschool-age children, and a local match is also required. All children in the state are eligible and are served in public school settings, but local districts can set their own eligibility priorities. The Chapter 70 funding stream previously only supported preschool-age children with an IEP/IFSP but in recent years was expanded to also support general education preschool students. Lead teachers are required to have at least a bachelor's degree and a Preschool through Grade 2 license.

Previously, Massachusetts also supported preschool through the Inclusive Preschool Learning Environments (IPLE) Grant, or the Grant 391 program, which was designed to support inclusive learning environments serving preschool-age children with and without disabilities in high-quality early education and care settings. However, funding for IPLE is being phased out through fiscal year 2020.

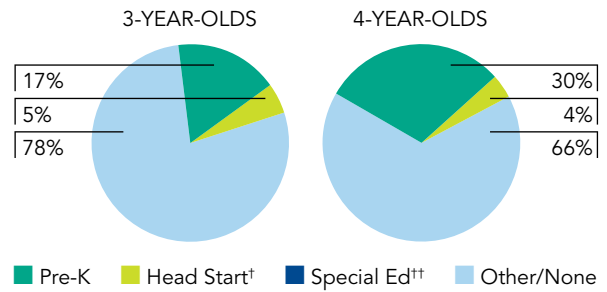
Massachusetts' overall support for state-funded preschool, including enrollment and funding for both Chapter 70 and UPK, is depicted in the first two pages of this state profile. The third page focuses solely on UPK and the fourth page provides information on Chapter 70.

## MASSACHUSETTS STATE OVERVIEW

### ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment .....	37,543
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	11,158
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	9,498
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	126

### PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

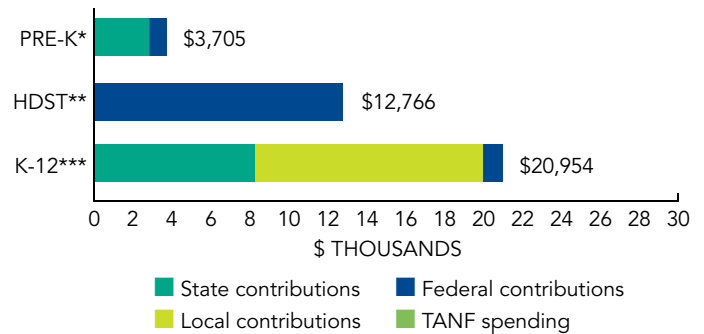


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 †† Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

### RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$105,778,125
State Head Start spending .....	\$15,000,000
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$2,818
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$3,705

### SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



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ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
24	6

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
40	36

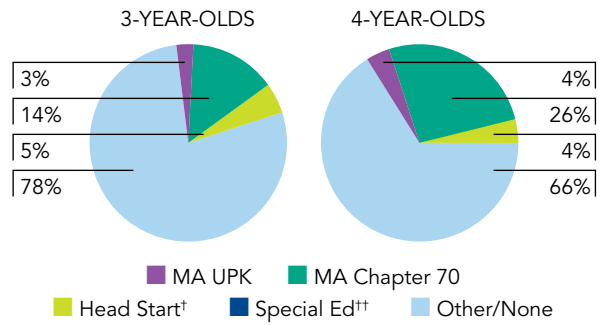
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
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# MASSACHUSETTS UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN (UPK)

## ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment ..... 6,927  
 School districts that offer state program ..... 16% (communities)  
 Income requirement ..... No income requirement  
 Minimum hours of operation ..... Determined locally  
 Operating schedule ..... Determined locally

## PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MA UPK REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<b>Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	<b>Approval process &amp; supports</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA (public); HSD (nonpublic)	<b>BA</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	3 ECE credits	<b>Specializing in pre-K</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	HSD	<b>CDA or equivalent</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	150 hours/5 years (public teachers); 20 hours/year (nonpublic teachers & assistants); PD plans; Coaching for some teachers	<b>For teachers &amp; assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	20 (3- & 4-year-olds)	<b>20 or lower</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:6-10 (3- & 4-year-olds)	<b>1:10 or better</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Required screenings vary by auspice	<b>Vision, hearing &amp; health screenings; &amp; referral</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement	<b>Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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For more information about the benchmarks, see the Executive Summary and Roadmap to State Profile Pages.

## RESOURCES

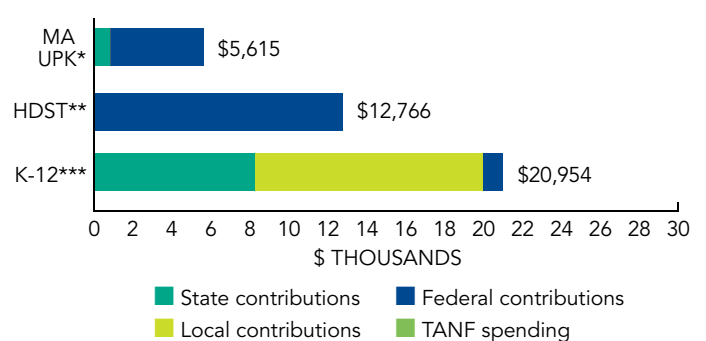
Total state pre-K spending ..... \$5,570,318  
 Local match required? ..... No  
 State spending per child enrolled ..... \$804  
 All reported spending per child enrolled\* ..... \$5,615

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## SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

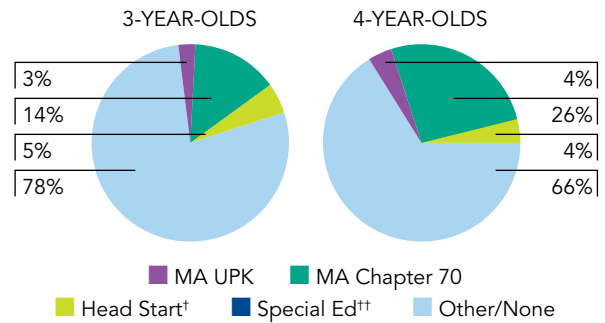


## MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER 70

### ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment .....	30,616
School districts that offer state program .....	69%
Income requirement .....	No income requirement
Minimum hours of operation .....	Determined locally
Operating schedule .....	Determined locally

### PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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### QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MA CHAPTER 70 REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<b>Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	<b>Approval process &amp; supports</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA	<b>BA</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	Pre-K–2	<b>Specializing in pre-K</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	Determined locally	<b>CDA or equivalent</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	150 Professional Development Points/ 5 years (teachers only); PD plans (teachers only)	<b>For teachers &amp; assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	No limit (3- & 4-year-olds)	<b>20 or lower</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	No limit (3- & 4-year-olds)	<b>1:10 or better</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, physical exam; Referrals not required	<b>Vision, hearing &amp; health screenings; &amp; referral</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement	<b>Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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### RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$100,207,807
Local match required? .....	No
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$3,273
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$3,273

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### SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

