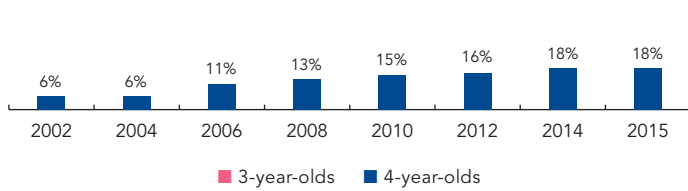


# Virginia

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED\*



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED\* (2015 DOLLARS)



The Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) has served at-risk 4-year-olds who are not enrolled in existing preschool programs since 1995. The VPI program served 18,250 4-year-olds in the 2014-2015 school year, increasing for the fourth consecutive year. Eighty-eight percent of the school districts operate VPI classrooms, and the majority of children participate in public school settings. Funding allocations to local school divisions are based on the number of students eligible for free lunch, but criteria for student eligibility are based on locally determined risk factors including, but not limited to: poverty, family unemployment, limited English proficiency, homelessness, parent with limited education, and parent incarceration. VPI programs may provide services on either a part- or school-day schedule throughout the school year.

State funding for VPI rose for the third consecutive year in 2014-2015. Lottery revenues continued to account for all state funding for VPI.

In 2011, the Virginia Preschool Initiative was evaluated for both program quality and child outcomes by the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. Program monitoring by state education staff and consultants was conducted through site visits every two years, prior to 2011-2012, to review program facilities, on-site safety procedures, and program record checks. Site visits were eliminated due to budget constraints in 2011-2012. Desk monitoring of local plans and results of child assessments continue as methods to conduct an annual review of program-level outcomes.

In the 2015-2016 school year, new eligibility criteria will be mandated by the General Assembly. This will include children who are 200% or below poverty level.

Preschool teachers in public schools are required to be paid on the same salary schedule as K-3 teachers as mandated by state policy.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
27	None Served

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
27	21

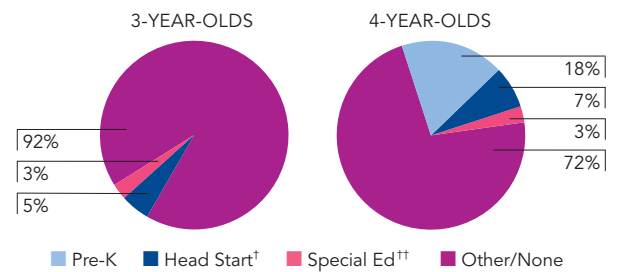
POLICIES TO SUPPORT	
DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNERS	WORKFORCE
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# VIRGINIA PRESCHOOL INITIATIVE

## ACCESS

Total state program enrollment .....	18,250
School districts that offer state program.....	90% (school districts)
Income requirement.....	No income requirement
Hours of operation .....	5.5 hours/day, 5 days/week <sup>1</sup>
Operating schedule .....	School or academic year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	9,335
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	12,032
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	0

STATE PRE-K AND HEAD START ENROLLMENT AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION



<sup>†</sup> Some Head Start children may also be counted in state pre-K.  
<sup>††</sup> Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?
Early learning standards .....	Comprehensive	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree .....	BA (public); HSD (nonpublic)	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training.....	Early Primary; Elem Ed	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree .....	HSD or equivalent (public); No minimum degree (nonpublic)	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service .....	15 clock hours/years	At least 15 hours/year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size.....		20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds .....	NA		
4-year-olds.....	18		
Staff-child ratio .....		1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds .....	NA		
4-year-olds .....	1:9		
Screening/referral.....	Vision; hearing; immunizations; and support services	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals .....	No meal required	At least 1/day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring .....	Other monitoring	Site visits	<input type="checkbox"/>

**TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET**

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## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$68,300,254
Local match required?.....	Yes
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$3,742
All reported spending per child enrolled*.....	\$5,887

\* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.  
 \*\* Head Start per-child spending for the 2014-2015 year includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds served. Past years' figures have unintentionally included funds for Early Head Start.  
 \*\*\* K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures. Data are for the '14-'15 school year, unless otherwise noted.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

