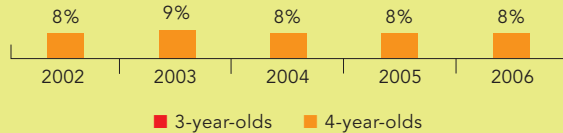
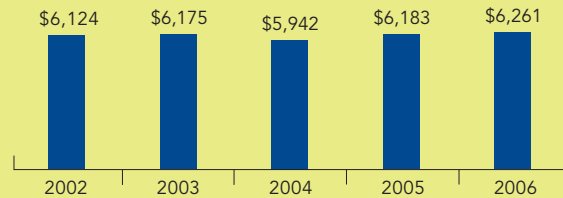


# Delaware

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED  
(2006 DOLLARS)



**D**elaware's Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP) began in 1994 with the purpose of expanding access to comprehensive early childhood services among the state's 4-year-olds who are eligible for Head Start. ECAP programs are modeled after Head Start and are required to follow the Head Start Performance Standards, although the state provides ECAP funds to public schools and other private agencies in addition to Head Start programs. Eligibility requirements are similar to Head Start as well, although ECAP only serves 4-year-olds and not younger children. Ninety percent of enrolled children must have family incomes below the federal poverty line. All participants have identified disabilities or risk factors as established through local community assessments.

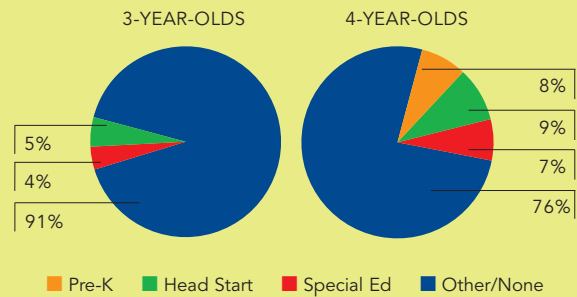
The state implemented a mandatory curriculum framework for state-funded prekindergarten, the Delaware Early Learning Foundations, in 2003. The Foundations are aligned with the state's K-12 standards and performance indicators. The state is preparing to pilot its quality rating system for early care and education programs, and is focusing on a professional development system for prekindergarten that will be aligned with the state's K-12 professional development system.

ACCESS RANKING-4s	ACCESS RANKING-3s	RESOURCES RANKING
26	None Served	5

## ACCESS

Total state program enrollment .....	843
School districts that offer state program .....	100% (counties)
Income requirement .....	90% of children must be below 100% FPL
Hours of operation .....	4 hours/day, 5 days/week
Operating schedule .....	Academic year
Special education enrollment .....	1,166
Federally funded Head Start enrollment .....	1,538
State-funded Head Start enrollment .....	843 <sup>1</sup>

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



## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

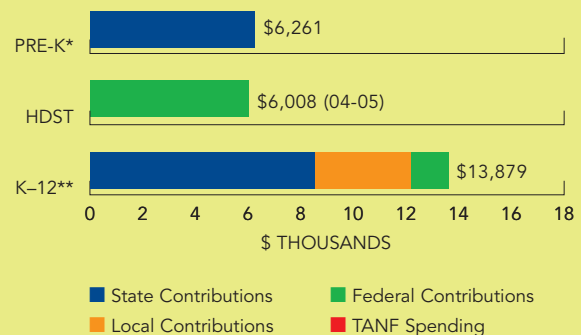
POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?
Early learning standards .....	Comprehensive	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree .....	CDA	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training .....	Meets CDA requirements	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree .....	HSD	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service .....	15 clock hours <sup>2</sup>	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 .....	20		
Staff-child ratio .....		1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds .....	NA		
4-year-olds .....	1:10		
Screening/ referral and support services .....	Vision, hearing, health, behavioral, and developmental; and support services <sup>3</sup>	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals .....	At least 1 meal and snack	At least 1/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring .....	Site visits and other monitoring	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$5,278,300
Local match required? .....	No
State Head Start spending .....	\$5,278,300 <sup>4</sup>
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$6,261
State spending per 3-year-old .....	\$0
State spending per 4-year-old .....	\$486

### SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



\* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.

\*\* K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

Data are for the '05-'06 school year, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>1</sup> This number represents ECAP enrollment. All state-funded Head Start enrollment is through ECAP.

<sup>2</sup> This represents the requirement to meet state child care licensing standards. There is no specific ECAP requirement.

<sup>3</sup> Support services include four annual parent conferences or home visits, education services or job training for parents, parenting support or training, parent involvement activities, health services for parents and children, information about nutrition, referral to social services, transition to kindergarten activities, and medical and dental services.

<sup>4</sup> ECAP is a state-funded Head Start model. All state pre-K spending is therefore directed toward Head Start programs.