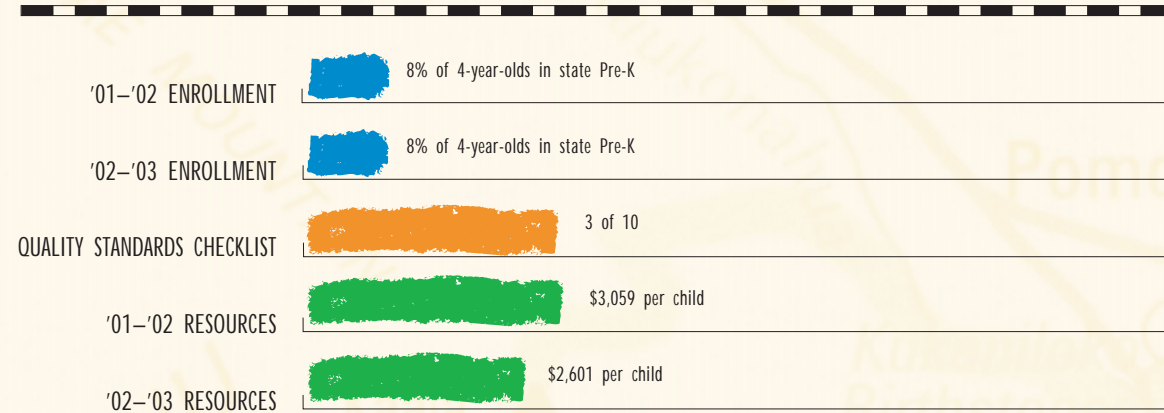


Hawaii



In the early 1980s, the Hawaii State Legislature began appropriating child care funds for prekindergarten. The Preschool Open Doors Project gives low-income parents of 4-year-olds up to \$425 per month to purchase preschool in a licensed child care facility and up to \$475 per month if the preschool is accredited. Some 3-year-olds with special needs are also enrolled. Eligibility, program standards, teacher credentials, and monitoring are the same as for subsidized, licensed child care.

The Preschool Open Doors Project served 1,249 4-year-olds and received \$3,248,748 in state funds for 2002–2003.

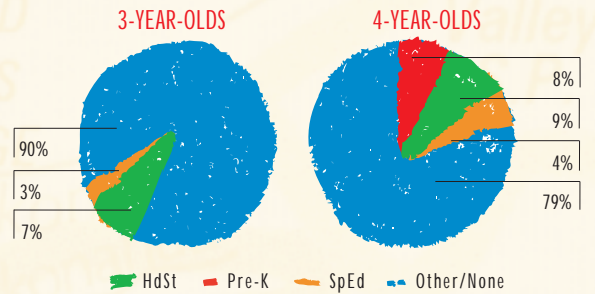
In 2002 the Legislature appropriated \$5 million over two years for the new Hawaii Pre-Plus program, recognizing the need for additional prekindergarten facilities. The state funds must be used to construct facilities located at public elementary schools. (Funding to run the programs will come from federal and private sources.) Eligible children are 4-year-olds in families below 200 percent of the federal poverty level who live in the elementary school district. By the fall of 2003, 13 sites were expected to be fully operating.



ACCESS

Total state program enrollment	1,249
School districts that offer state program	100% ¹
Income requirement	85% SMI
Hours of operation	Full-day, full-week
Operating schedule	Calendar year
Special education enrollment	1,119
Federally-funded Head Start enrollment	2,576
State-funded Head Start enrollment	0

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



QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

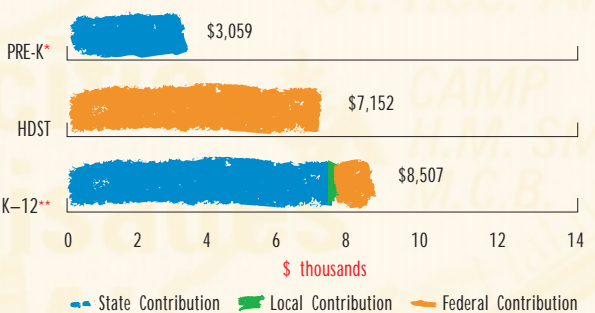
POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?
Curriculum standards	None	Comprehensive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree requirement	CDA	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training requirement	CDA + 1 year exp.	Specializing in EC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree requirement	CDA + 6 mos. exp.	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service requirement	None	At least 15 hours/year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size		20 or lower	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	No limit		
4-year-olds	No limit		
Staff-child ratio		1:10 or better	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	1:12		
4-year-olds	1:16		
Screening/referral requirements	None	Vision, hearing, and health	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family support service requirements	None	At least 1 service	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meal requirements	Lunch and snack	At least 1/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



RESOURCES

Total state Pre-K spending	\$3,820,420
Local match required?	No
State spending per child enrolled	\$3,059
State spending per 3-year-old	NA ²
State spending per 4-year-old	\$235 ²

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 '01-'02 school year, unless otherwise noted.

¹ The program is available in all districts, but is not run by the districts.
² For the purpose of these calculations all spending was considered to be directed toward 4-year-olds, since nearly all enrollees are age 4.