Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten was established by the state Legislature in 1987, and follows the comprehensive federal Head Start Performance Standards. Like the federal Head Start program, Oregon's program serves 3- and 4-year-old children in poverty. State Head Start funds are provided to all federal Head Start grantees as well as several private, nonprofit organizations that do not receive federal funds but meet the required standards. The program, which is supported with general state revenue, experienced a funding cut in the middle of the 2001–2003 biennium and additional cuts were expected for the new biennium. With 2002-2003 funding at $27,600,000, the number of children enrolled in January 2003 was 3,848.

In 2002, funding for the 2001–2003 biennium was cut from $58,500,000 to $55,200,000. Budget cuts have led to reduced services, but not reductions in slots. Further cuts for the 2003–2005 biennium have been approved at $52,500,000, and have resulted in reductions in the numbers of children served throughout the state.

Each program puts 2.5% of budget allocations into training; these funds are used for professional development of staff.

Teachers in nonpublic schools must have an AA in Early Childhood Education, beginning in September 2004.

Data are for the '01–'02 school year, unless otherwise noted.

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**State-funded Head Start enrollment**  
- 3,698

**Federally-funded Head Start enrollment**  
- 8,149

**Total state Pre-K enrollment**  
- 3,698

**Pre-K enrollment**  
- 3,698

**K–12 enrollment**  
- 276,000

**K–12 expenditure**  
- $9,029

**State spending per 4-year-old**  
- $427

**State spending per 3-year-old**  
- $184

**State Head Start spending**  
- $27,600,000

**Local match required?**  
- No

**State spending per child enrolled**  
- $7,463

**Total state Pre-K spending**  
- $27,600,000

**PRE-K**

#### RESOURCES

- **Staff-child ratio**
  - 3-year-olds: 20
  - 4-year-olds: 20

- **Screening/referral requirements**  
  - Vision, hearing, and health

- **Family support service requirements**  
  - At least 1 service

- **Meals**
  - Breakfast, lunch, and snack

- **HdSt**

#### QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

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- **Student-child ratio**  
  - 3:24

- **CDA or equivalent**  
  - 6% of 4-year-olds in state Pre-K

- **Hours of operation**
  - At least 180 days/year

- **Attendance**
  - At least 90%

- **Curriculum standards**
  - None

- **Teacher degree requirement**
  - BA (public), CDA (nonpublic)

- **Teacher specialized training requirement**
  - CDA certificate (public), M.A. (nonpublic)

- **Assistant teacher degree requirement**
  - None

- **Teacher training requirement**
  - At least 25 hours/year

- **Minimum days per year**
  - 180

- **Home visits**
  - 12

- **Staff-child ratio**
  - 3:24

- **Staffing patterns**
  - 6% of 4-year-olds in state Pre-K

- **Class size**
  - Maximum class size: 20

- **Special education enrollment**
  - 4,506

- **Family support service requirements**
  - At least 1 service

- **Meals**
  - Breakfast, lunch, and snack

- **Meals**
  - Breakfast, lunch, and snack

- **Screening/referral requirements**
  - Vision, hearing, and health

- **Family support service requirements**
  - At least 1 service