Kansas supports two state-funded prekindergarten programs. The first, established in 1998, is the Kansas State Pre-Kindergarten Program, formerly known as the Four-Year-Old At-Risk Program. The second is the Kansas Preschool Program, formerly known as the Pre-K Pilot Program, which was first offered in the 2006-2007 school year and is funded with tobacco dollars from the Master Settlement Agreement.

The Kansas State Pre-K Program, operated by the Kansas State Department of Education, is available in 181 out of 286 school districts in the state. The program provides funding to public schools directly, although schools may subcontract with community-based organizations to provide services. To be eligible for the program, children must meet at least one of the eight risk factors: eligibility for free or reduced price lunch (185% FPL), academic or developmental delay based upon validated assessments, English Language Learner status, migrant status, a parent lacking a high school diploma or GED, having a single parent, having a teen parent, or having a referral from the Department for Children and Families agency. Child inventories on randomly selected children in each classroom, as well as classroom and parent surveys, are among data collected via a web application.

The Kansas Preschool Program is also operated by the Kansas State Department of Education and accessible in 14 of 105 counties. Grants are awarded to school districts and nonprofit community partnerships or community agencies on behalf of a coalition of service providers. At least 50% of the children enrolled must meet either one of the risk factors listed above or one of the alternate risk factors, such as being referred by an early childhood organization, qualifying for reduced-price lunch (185% Federal Poverty Level), or having a parent on active military duty. The other half must be eligible according to standards set by local programs.

In 2013-2014, sites participating in both programs began receiving technical assistance and support from KSDE. The initial support focused on increasing collaboration at the community level and data-driven decision-making. As of the 2013-2014 school year, both Kansas programs were required to use the Kansas Early Learning Standards, which are aligned with Kansas College and Career Ready Standards, K–12.

Kansas also provides funding for the Parents as Teacher Program, serving children from prenatal to 3 years old and their families. Managed by the Kansas State Department of Education, the program offers services through local school districts and coordination with other communities.

The first two pages of this profile address the general assistance and commitment to prekindergarten in Kansas, including enrollment and spending for both the State Pre-Kindergarten Program and the Kansas Preschool Program. The third page focuses solely on the Kansas Preschool Program, while the last page discusses the Kansas State Pre-K Program.
KANSAS STATE OVERVIEW

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment ................................................................. 7,903
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ............................ 6,625
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ............ 5,500
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ....................... 0

RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending ............................................................... $18,397,560
State Head Start spending ................................................................. $0
State spending per child enrolled ....................................................... $2,328
All reported spending per child enrolled* ................................. $2,328

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

3-YEAR-OLD

4-YEAR-OLD

87%
6%
7%

20%
7%
8%
65%

Pre-K
Head Start†
Special Ed††
Other/None

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

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

PRE-K*

HDST**

K-12***

$2,328

$8,727

$12,188

0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26

$ THOUSANDS

State contributions
Federal contributions
Local contributions
TANF spending

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ACCESS RANKINGS

4-YEAR-OLDS

3-YEAR-OLDS

27
None Served

RESOURCE RANKINGS

STATE SPENDING

ALL REPORTED SPENDING

41
44

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET

CURRENT STANDARDS

NEW STANDARDS

7.1
7.1

Data are for the 2015-2016 school year, unless otherwise noted.
KANSAS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment ........................................... 1,070
School districts that offer state program .......... 13% (counties/parishes)
Income requirement ............................................................... 185% FPL
Minimum hours of operation ........................................... 3 hours/day
Operating schedule .......................................................... Determined locally
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ........................................ 6,625
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .......... 5,500

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RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending ........................................... $4,800,000
Local match required? .......................................................... No
State spending per child enrolled ........................................ $4,486
All reported spending per child enrolled* ........................................ $4,486

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

- KS PRESCHOOL* $4,486
- HDST** $8,727
- K-12*** $12,188

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KANSAS STATE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment................................................. 6,833
School districts that offer state program................................. 63%
Income requirement............................................................ 185% FPL
Minimum hours of operation................................................ 3 hours/day
Operating schedule............................................................. School or academic year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ......................... 6,625
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ............. 5,500

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RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending.................................................. $13,597,560
Local match required?......................................................... No
State spending per child enrolled........................................ $1,990
All reported spending per child enrolled*............................ $1,990

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

State contributions
Federal contributions
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TANF spending

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