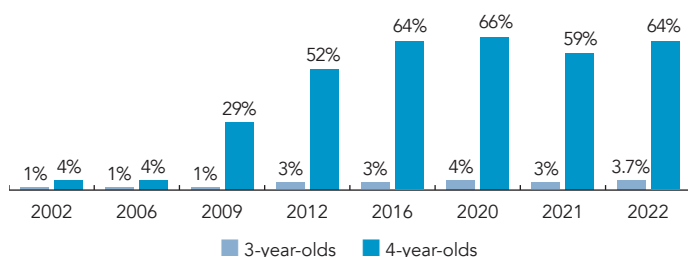
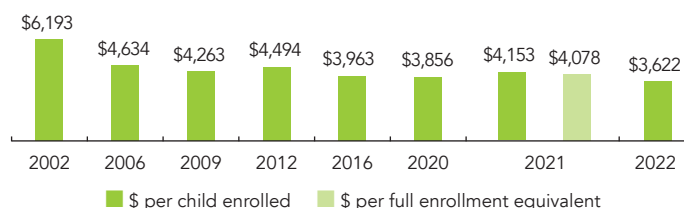


Iowa

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED
(2022 DOLLARS)



OVERVIEW

During the 2021-2022 school year, Iowa preschool programs enrolled 27,078 children, an increase of 1,983 from the prior year, as the program began to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. State spending totaled \$88,176,654, with an additional \$5,152,861 in federal recovery funds to support the program, down \$6,050,674 (6%), adjusted for inflation since last year. State spending per child (including federal recovery funds) equaled \$3,622 in 2021-2022, down \$530 from 2020-2021, adjusted for inflation. Iowa met 8 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

WHAT'S NEW

Senate file 160 required districts to provide an option for in-person instruction for all children participating in Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs (SWVPP). Families could choose in-person or virtual instruction for their children when a district provided both options.

Given many districts had experienced reduced enrollment (resulting in reduced funding), the School Budget Review Committee approved the Department of Education's use of ESSER III funds to back-fill SWVPP budgets in eligible districts due to lost enrollment during the 2020-2021 school year.

For Shared Visions (SV) grantees, new legislation now allows carryforward funding from the 2021-2022 program year, so grantees were not required to revert unspent funds at the end of the grant year. Additionally, a new state commitment provides SV grantees with access to an online program, which supports early language development and family engagement, during the 2022-2023 program year.

End of year reporting data reflects grantees' experiences with staffing shortages and a decrease in the availability of community resources and referral agencies. However, professional development provided virtually increased as did the quality and ability to access these opportunities.

Programs providing extended child care opportunities have an option to access one of two state-funded child care management systems, brightwheel and Playground. Programs that participate receive free technical assistance and support from a financial consultant.

BACKGROUND

Iowa has two state-funded preschool programs: Shared Visions (SV) and the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP). The Shared Visions program has provided services to 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds since 1989 through competitive grants to public schools, licensed non-profit childcare centers, other public non-profit agencies, and Head Start. Shared Visions serves children in part-, school-, or extended-day programs.

Iowa began the SWVPP in 2007 to increase 4-year-olds' access to preschool. All 4-year-olds in the state are eligible to attend SWVPP. Funding for the SWVPP is based on the state funding formula in which 4-year-olds are funded at 50% of the K-12 state aid amount. SWVPP classrooms operate at least 10 hours per week and programs may collaborate with Head Start, other preschool programs, or childcare programs to provide the SWVPP and/or offer full-day services.

Both SWVPP and Shared Visions have undergone formal evaluations. As part of the state longitudinal data system, all children enrolled in either program receive a unique state identification number.

An important difference between the two state-funded preschool programs pertains to child eligibility. Shared Visions is a targeted program where at least 80% of children are required to meet income eligibility guidelines (family income at or below 130% FPL). Children can also qualify for the program based on other risk factors but may be required to pay a fee based on a sliding scale. Services within this program are provided in 29 of Iowa's 99 counties through 49 awarded grants. Programming is offered in 23 school district locations (through 16 school districts), representing less than 5% of school districts. In addition, services are provided in 26

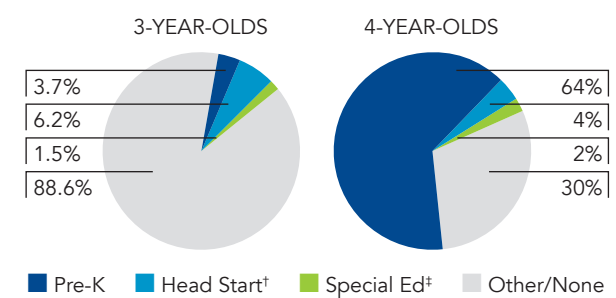
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IOWA STATE OVERVIEW

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	27,078
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	3,635
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	5,422
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	0

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

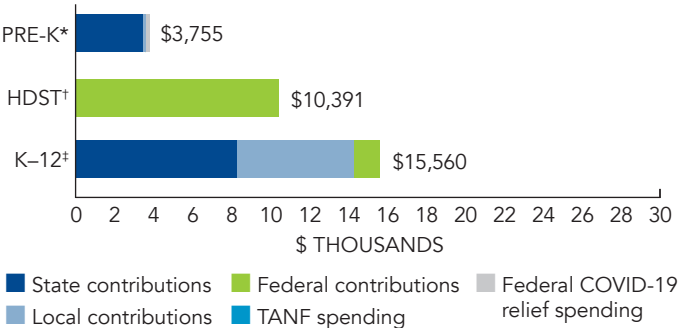


† Estimates children in Head Start not also enrolled in state pre-K.
‡ Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$93,329,515
State Head Start spending	\$0
State spending per child enrolled	\$3,622
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$3,755

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



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ACCESS RANKINGS		RESOURCE RANKINGS		TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS	STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING	
5	22	39	43	8

other community-based locations, representing 11 organizations. In contrast, SWVPP, is available in 99% of school districts and all resident children who turn four by September 15 are eligible to attend.

Shared Visions lead teachers are required to meet the educational qualifications as outlined in the program standards selected within the awarded application. While requirements within selected program standards vary, 76% of lead teachers hold a BA degree or higher in early childhood, child development, or a related field, while another 22% hold an AA degree in early childhood or a related field. All SWVPP lead teachers must have at least a BA and an Iowa teaching license with an early childhood endorsement.

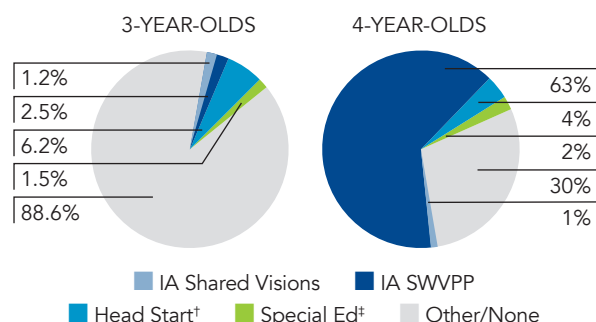
Iowa’s overall support for state-funded preschool, including enrollment and funding for Shared Visions and SWVPP, is depicted in the first two pages of this state profile. The third page focuses on Shared Visions and the fourth page provides information on SWVPP.

IOWA SHARED VISIONS

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	1,057
School districts that offer state program	29% (counties)
Income requirement	130% FPL
Minimum hours of operation	Determined locally
Operating schedule	Determined locally

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	IA SHARED VISIONS REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	Approval process & supports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA (public); AA (nonpublic)	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE, CD	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA or equivalent	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	PD hours based on program standards; PD plans; Coaching (teachers with an active teaching license only)	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	20 (3- & 4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:8 (3- & 4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, health & more	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations (every 5 years and determined locally); Data used for program improvement	Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>

For more information about the benchmarks, see the Executive Summary and Roadmap to State Profile Pages.

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RESOURCES

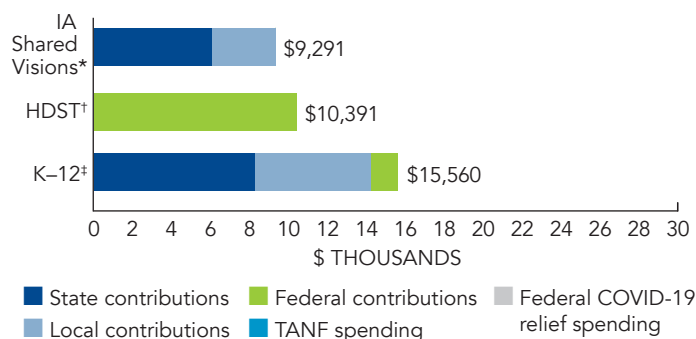
Total state pre-K spending	\$6,391,823
Local match required?	Yes
State spending per child enrolled	\$6,047
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$9,291

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

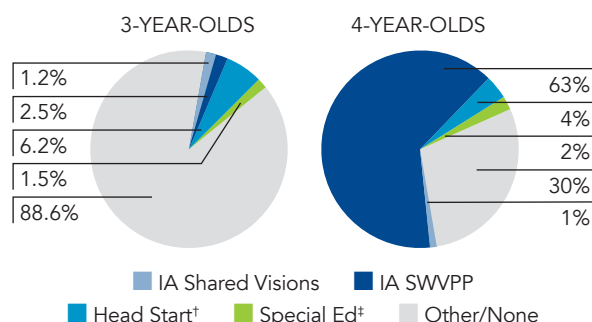


IOWA STATEWIDE VOLUNTARY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	26,021
School districts that offer state program	99%
Income requirement	No income requirement
Minimum hours of operation	10 hours/week
Operating schedule	Determined locally

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	IA SWVPP REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	Approval process & supports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA (public & nonpublic)	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE, CD, Elem Ed (with ECE endorsement)	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA or equivalent	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	15 hours/year recommended (teachers only); PD plans; Coaching (public only)	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	20 (3- & 4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:10 (3- & 4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, health & more	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement at the local level only	Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>

For more information about the benchmarks, see the Executive Summary and Roadmap to State Profile Pages.

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RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$86,937,692
Local match required?	No
State spending per child enrolled	\$3,519
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$3,519

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

