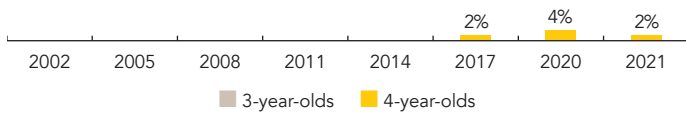
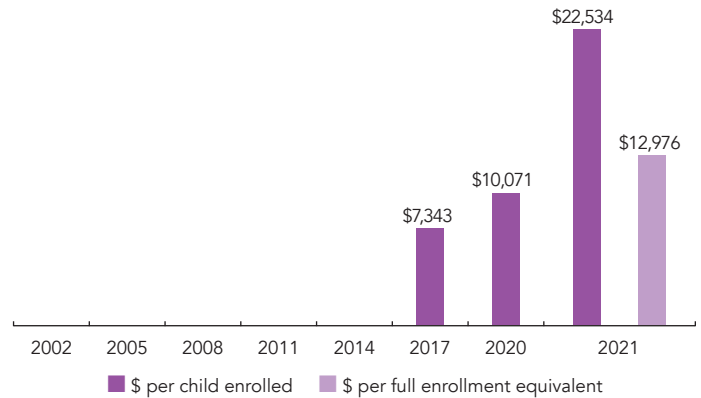


# Hawaii

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2021 DOLLARS)



## OVERVIEW

During the 2020-2021 school year, as the COVID-19 pandemic continued, Hawaii preschool enrolled 391 children, a decrease of 288 children from the prior year. State funding totaled \$8,810,954, up \$1,972,601 (29%), adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child equaled \$22,534 in 2020-2021 up \$12,463 from 2019-2020, adjusted for inflation. Hawaii met an average of 9.6 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

## WHAT'S NEW

In the 2020-2021 program year, administrative authority over all state-funded early learning programs in public charter schools was transferred from the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) to the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission (HSPCSC), thus returning to how programs operated in 2018-2019 and previously.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the first day of school in Fall 2020 brought a mix of remote learning and physically opened preschool buildings. In Hawaii's EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program, enrollment was reduced by half with some schools adopting alternating schedules with 10 students attending on one day and another 10 attending the next day. Some schools shortened their school day schedule. The maximum class size of 10 children remained in effect for the entire 2020-2021 school year.

From Fall 2019 to Fall 2020, there was an overall 41% decrease in enrollment attributed to parents opting to keep their children at home, including a 47% decline in EOEL classes and a 31% decline Hawaii SPCSC classrooms.

## BACKGROUND

In Hawaii, public pre-K programs serve 4-year-old children, with priority given to students considered to be "at-risk," including those from low-income families, now defined as 300% FPL. The EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program is required to operate on the same schedule as public elementary schools, providing services for 1,080 hours a year.

Teachers in the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program and the Hawaii State Public Charter School Early Learning Program are part of the Hawaii State Teachers Association and, as such, receive salary and benefit parity with teachers in K-12 classrooms. Lead teachers in the Public Prekindergarten Program are required to have a bachelor's degree with licensure in ECE, while assistant teachers are required to have a CDA credential. EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program and the Hawaii State Public Charter School Early Learning Program classrooms receive CLASS observations twice a year, and formative child assessments using Teaching Strategies GOLD are conducted throughout the year with three checkpoints. In addition, all programs undergo fiscal monitoring annually and a review of program records more than once per year.

In 2014, Hawaii was awarded a federal Preschool Development Grant (PDG), administered by the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission. In some PDG classrooms, there was a specific focus on Hawaiian culture instruction, including infusion of cultural elements into instruction, Hawaiian immersion programs, classrooms with culture and language embedded throughout instruction, and family engagement activities. Classrooms previously funded through PDG are now under the administration of the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission.

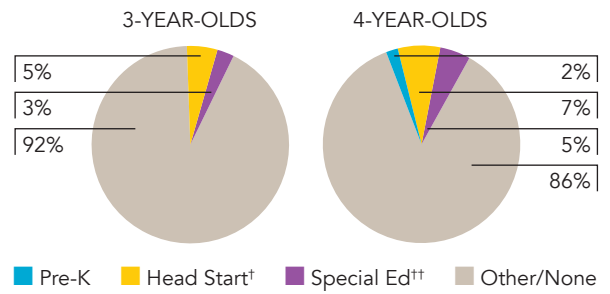
Hawaii's overall support for state-funded preschool, including enrollment and funding for Hawaii's Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) Public Prekindergarten Program and the Hawaii State Public Charter School Early Learning Program is depicted in the first two pages of the state profile. The third page focuses solely on EOEL and the fourth on the Hawaii State Public Charter School Early Learning Program.

## HAWAII STATE OVERVIEW

### ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment .....	391
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	1,652
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	2,220
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	0

### PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

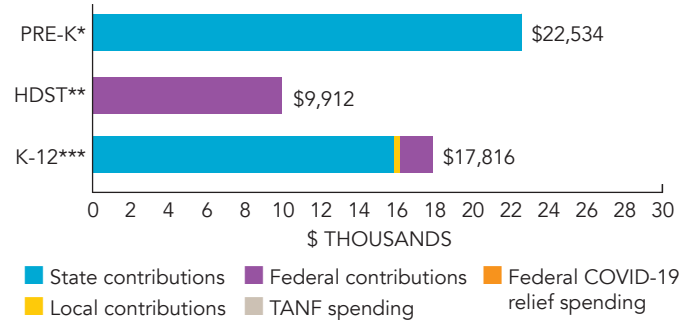


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### RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$8,810,954
State Head Start spending .....	\$0
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$22,534
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$22,534

### SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



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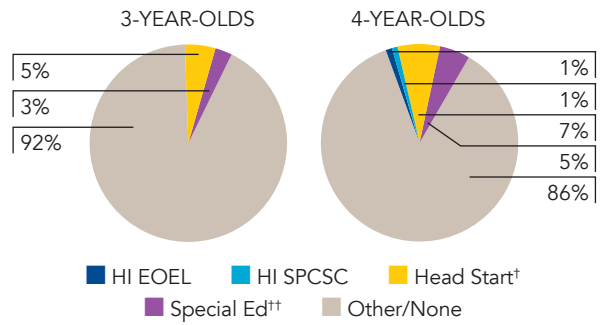
ACCESS RANKINGS		RESOURCE RANKINGS		TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS	STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING	
44	None Served	3	3	9.6

# HAWAII'S EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

## ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	239
School districts that offer state program.....	100%
Income requirement.....	300% of FPL
Minimum hours of operation.....	30.5 hours/week; 5 days/week
Operating schedule.....	School or academic year

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	HI EOEL	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<b>Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	<b>Approval process &amp; supports</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA	<b>BA</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE, CD	<b>Specializing in pre-K</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA	<b>CDA or equivalent</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	60 hours/year (teachers); 25 hours/year (assistants); PD plans; Coaching	<b>For teachers &amp; assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	10 (4-year-olds)	<b>20 or lower</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:10 (4-year-olds)	<b>1:10 or better</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Full physical exam (includes vision & hearing)	<b>Vision, hearing &amp; health screenings; &amp; referral</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement	<b>Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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## RESOURCES

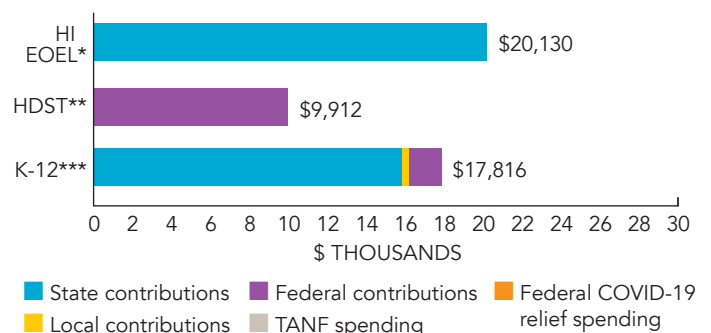
Total state pre-K spending .....	\$4,810,954
Local match required?.....	No
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$20,130
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$20,130

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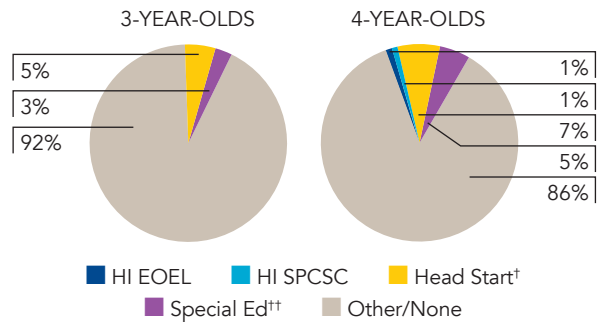


# HAWAII STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

## ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	152
School districts that offer state program.....	53% (complex areas)
Income requirement.....	No income requirement
Minimum hours of operation.....	30.5 hours/week; 5 days/week
Operating schedule.....	School or academic year

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	HI SPSC	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<b>Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	<b>Approval process &amp; supports</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA (waivers permitted)	<b>BA</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE, CD	<b>Specializing in pre-K</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA	<b>CDA or equivalent</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	50 hours/year (teachers); 30 hours/year (assistants); PD plans; Coaching	<b>For teachers &amp; assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	20 (4-year-olds)	<b>20 or lower</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:10 (4-year-olds)	<b>1:10 or better</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Full physical exam (includes vision & hearing)	<b>Vision, hearing &amp; health screenings; &amp; referral</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement	<b>Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$4,000,000
Local match required?.....	No
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$26,316
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$26,316

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

