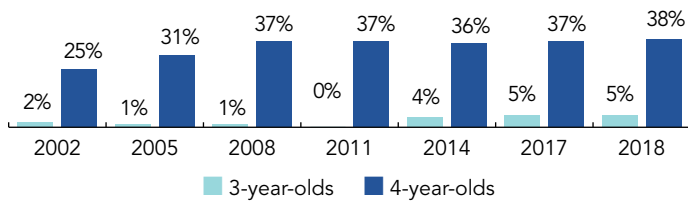
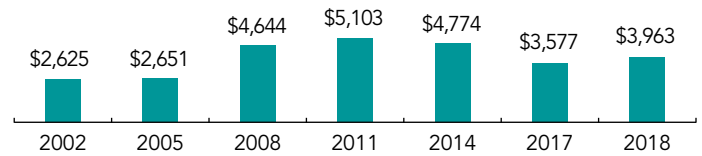


Maryland

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2018 DOLLARS)



OVERVIEW

Maryland preschool enrolled 31,474 children in 2017-2018, an increase of 92 children from the prior year. State funding totaled \$124,726,542, up \$12,481,963 (11%), adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child equaled \$3,963 in 2017-2018, up \$386 from 2016-2017, adjusted for inflation. Maryland met 7 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

WHAT'S NEW

In 2018, HB 1415, "Education - Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education" was passed by the Maryland legislature and signed into law. This Bill provides state funding beginning in FY 2020 for prekindergarten at the FY 2019 funding level when the federal Preschool Development Grant (PDG) expires. The Maryland Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (Kirwan Commission) is also in the process of finalizing recommendations that will expand access to full-day pre-K at no cost for 3- and 4-year olds from families with incomes up to 300% FPL through a mixed-delivery system. Through this plan, full-day pre-K will also be available to 4-year-olds between 300-600% FPL on a sliding scale. The plan will be phased in over 10 years. Also in 2018, the Maryland State Department of Education was awarded \$10.6 million under the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five.

BACKGROUND

Maryland created the Extended Elementary Education Program (EEEP) in 1980 as a pilot preschool program in Baltimore City and Prince George's County. The Maryland Prekindergarten Program was started in 2002, giving local boards of education until 2007 to provide pre-kindergarten in public schools to all 4-year-olds from families with incomes at or below 185% FPL. The state provides funding through the school-funding formula.

Maryland enacted the Prekindergarten Expansion Act in 2014, adding \$4.3 million per year to increase access to full-day public pre-K for 4-year-olds from families with household incomes up to 300% FPL. That same year, Maryland was awarded a federal PDG of \$15 million per year to support pre-K for children in families with incomes at or below 200% FPL. That funding supported almost 4,300 children in new and enhanced quality state pre-K slots in 2017-2018.

The Division of Early Childhood (DEC) in the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is responsible for early care and education. Funding for the Maryland Prekindergarten Program is based on the K-12 per pupil amount, prorated for the percent of children attending half- and full-day programs. DEC staff monitor pre-K programs annually using a self-developed checklist. State Pre-K programs are required to participate in Maryland EXCELS, the state's QRIS, and are able to access targeted technical assistance.

Maryland also has 54 "Judy Centers" located in Title 1 school districts that work collaboratively with elementary schools to offer comprehensive, year-round early learning services for children birth to age 6.

Through recommendations from the Kirwan Commission, prekindergarten supplemental grants were provided to local boards of education in which all additional prekindergarten students are provided full-day prekindergarten, for fiscal years 2018 through 2020. The supplemental prekindergarten grant for eligible local boards equals the State share of the per pupil foundation amount multiplied by the number of full-time equivalent eligible children enrolled in a public full-day pre-K program on September 30 of the previous school year. The grant program phases in between 2018 and 2020.

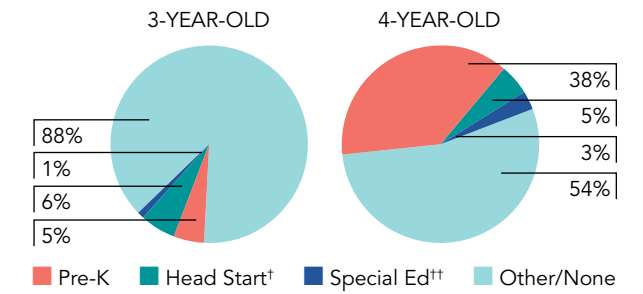
ACCESS RANKINGS		RESOURCE RANKINGS		TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS	STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING	
13	15	31	13	7

MARYLAND PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	31,474
School districts that offer state program	100%
Income requirement	185% FPL
Minimum hours of operation	2.5 hours/day; 5 days/week
Operating schedule	School or academic year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	8,685
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	7,727
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	0

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



† 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.

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MD PRE-K 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	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	HSD	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	6 credit hours/5 years (teachers); 24 hours/year (assistants); PD plans	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	Average of 20 (3- & 4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input 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	Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement	<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	\$124,726,542
Local match required?	No
State Head Start spending	\$1,800,000
State spending per child enrolled	\$3,963
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$8,166

* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.
 ** Head Start per-child spending includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds.
 *** K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

