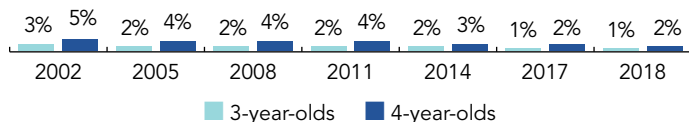
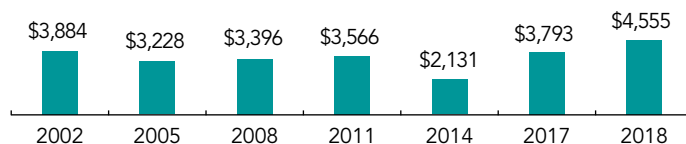


Missouri

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2018 DOLLARS)



OVERVIEW

Missouri preschool enrolled 2,378 children in 2017-2018, a decrease of 268 children from the prior year. State funding totaled \$10,832,676, up \$795,572 (8%), adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child equaled \$4,555 in 2017-2018, up \$762 from 2016-2017, adjusted for inflation. Missouri met 8 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

WHAT'S NEW

Funding for the Missouri Preschool Program (MPP) was reduced in FY 2019, resulting in a reduction in programs' operating schedules as well as no new programs. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education was awarded a Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five award in 2019 for \$6,500,000. This funding will be used to fund the Stronger Together Missouri project, which aims to implement a comprehensive, statewide, birth-to-kindergarten-entry needs assessment and to update the state's Early Childhood Strategic Plan to enhance long-term sustainability in early childhood services.

BACKGROUND

MPP, launched in 1998, serves 3- and 4-year-olds in public schools, private child-care centers, and nonprofit agencies. Roughly 90 percent of children are served in programs operated by public schools. Programs are required to work with the local Parents as Teachers program to provide parent education, family visits, group connections, health and development screenings, and services referrals.

MPP is funded through the state's Tobacco Settlement Fund. In the 2017-2018 school year, MPP was offered in 15 percent of school districts statewide. A competitive grant process determines which programs receive MPP funds, with priority given to those serving children with special needs or from low-income families. MPP contracts are for a maximum of five years. Programs require payment on a sliding scale based on criteria including eligibility for free or reduced-priced school lunch.

Program quality is monitored through site visits and classroom assessments using ECERS-3 to support goal setting and professional development. On-site consultation hours are also provided, ranging from 14 to 20 annually, based on program needs. Children enrolled in MPP are assessed using the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP).

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
43	25

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
25	34

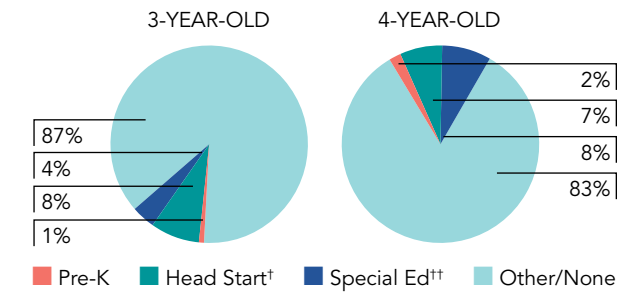
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
8

MISSOURI PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	2,378
School districts that offer state program	15%
Income requirement	No income requirement
Minimum hours of operation	3 hours/day
Operating schedule	School/academic year or calendar year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	10,468
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	11,337
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	MO 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, CD, ECE SpEd	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA, AA in Child Care Education, or 60 college hours (min. of 3 college hours in ECE)	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	22 hours/year; PD plans (certified teachers only ¹); Coaching	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	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.



RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$10,832,676
Local match required?	No
State Head Start spending	\$0
State spending per child enrolled	\$4,555
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$4,555

* 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.

¹ Beginning in 2018-2019 PD plans will be required for all lead and assistant teachers.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

