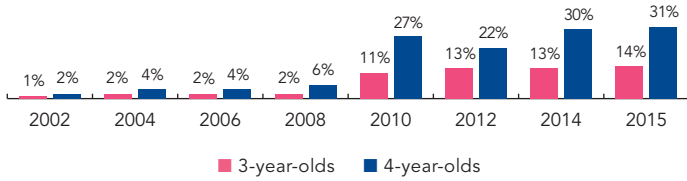
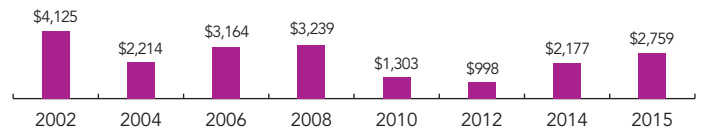


Nebraska

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED*



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED* (2015 DOLLARS)



The Nebraska Early Childhood Education Grant Program began as a pilot in 1992 and expanded in 2001. The program provides preschool education for children ages 3 to 5. At least 70% of awarded grant funding to participating programs must be used to provide services to children with one of the following risk factors: disability or developmental delay, living in a home in which English is not the primary language, eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch (185% FPL), having teen parents or parents who have not completed high school, and having been born prematurely or with a low birth weight. The program seeks to serve children of diverse social and economic characteristics.

Direct financial support is available for public schools and education service units that partner with child-care centers, as well as Head Start agencies and/or human services agencies. Grantees are obligated to match 100% of the funding using local and/or federal sources. The program monitors child, program, and family outcomes annually.

There is no state-level policy in Nebraska regulating services for dual language learners, though home language other than English could be considered to be an eligibility criterion for enrollment in the state program. The state also allocates extra funds to accommodate additional resources for children who are considered DLL.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
17	6

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
36	22

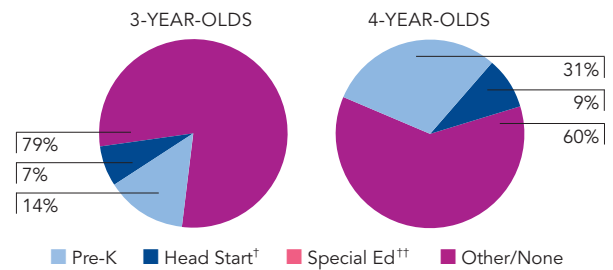
POLICIES TO SUPPORT	
DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNERS	WORKFORCE
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NEBRASKA EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

ACCESS

Total state program enrollment	12,073
School districts that offer state program.....	84% (school districts)
Income requirement	185% FPL
Hours of operation	Determined locally
Operating schedule	School or academic year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	3,185
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	4,192
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	0

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



† 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

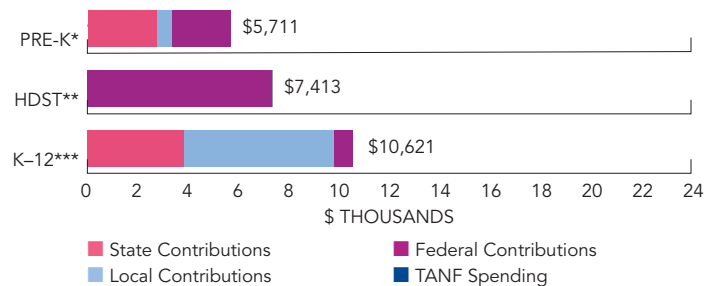
POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET 7 </div>
Early learning standards	Comprehensive	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Teacher degree	BA	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Teacher specialized training	EC Inclusive; EE with ECE; SpEd with EC SpEd Endorsement	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Assistant teacher degree	CDA or 12 semester hours of credit in CD or ECE	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Teacher in-service	12 clock hours/year	At least 15 hours/year	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maximum class size		20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3-year-olds	20			
4-year-olds	20			
Staff-child ratio		1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3-year-olds	1:10			
4-year-olds	1:10			
Screening/referral	Determined locally; and support services	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Meals	One meal and one snack	At least 1/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Monitoring	Site visits and other monitoring ¹	Site visits	<input type="checkbox"/>	

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$33,313,438
Local match required?	Yes
State spending per child enrolled	\$2,759
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$5,711

* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.
 ** Head Start per-child spending for the 2014-2015 year includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds served. Past years' figures have unintentionally included funds for Early Head Start.
 *** K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures. Data are for the '14-'15 school year, unless otherwise noted.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



¹ Self-assessments must be done by someone with Environment Rating Scale training. A randomly selected percent of districts will also receive an assessment by a reliable observer for comparison. Programs less than three years old continue to receive a visit by a reliable observer. Randomly selected programs not visited through one of the other means will receive a site visit as well. It is possible, however, that not all sites will receive a visit.