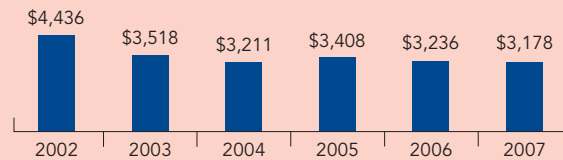


# Wisconsin

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED  
(2007 DOLLARS)



When Wisconsin became a state in 1848, its constitution established a commitment to provide a free education for 4-year-old children. The Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) program was established in 1873 and continues to operate today despite a suspension in funding between 1957 and 1984. Public schools receive funding and may either offer prekindergarten programs or contract with private child care centers or Head Start to do so. Over the past few years, the state has successfully increased enrollment in its Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program both by beginning new programs in districts that did not previously offer 4K and by serving more children in districts with existing 4K programs. During the 2006-2007 school year, 4K was offered in 62 percent of school districts and the state plans additional expansion for the 2007-2008 school year. Districts receive 50 percent of their state per-pupil K-12 funding amount for half-day slots for 4-year-olds. They can receive 60 percent if they also offer parent support programs. While not required, Wisconsin encourages state-funded programs to follow the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards.

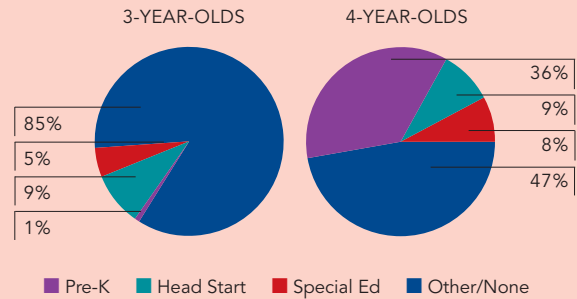
Wisconsin Head Start State Supplement is a separate state preschool initiative. Wisconsin provides state funding to federal Head Start grantees in the state, enabling them to increase access to their programs. Wisconsin Head Start offers comprehensive early education to 3- and 4-year-olds with a disability or from a low-income family. The programs are required to follow federal Head Start Performance Standards. Head Start grantees have often collaborated with local school districts to implement the 4K program and these partnerships increased during the 2006-2007 school year.

The first two pages of the Wisconsin profile summarize the state's overall contribution and commitment to prekindergarten, including enrollment and spending for both state-financed Head Start and 4K. The third page presents specific details on the 4K program and the fourth page focuses on the Head Start State Supplement program.

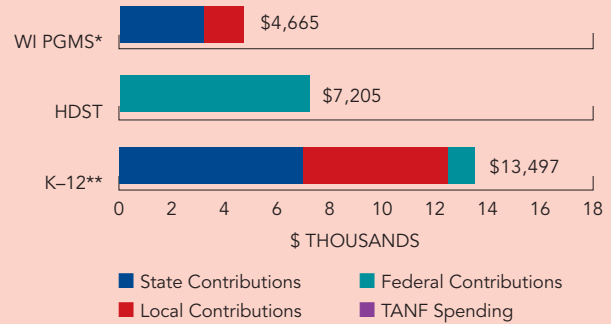
## STATE OVERVIEW

Total state program enrollment.....	25,488
Total state spending.....	\$81,012,500
State Head Start spending.....	\$7,212,500
State spending per child enrolled.....	\$3,178
All reported spending per child enrolled .....	\$4,665

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



### SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



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\*\*K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

Data are for the '06-'07 school year, unless otherwise noted.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
8	23

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
24*	19

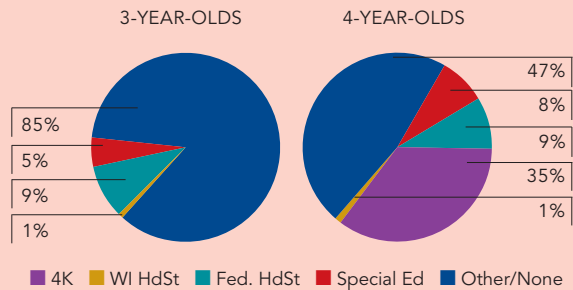
\* In previous Yearbooks, only state spending was ranked.

# WISCONSIN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM (4K)

## ACCESS

Total state program enrollment.....	24,097
School districts that offer state program.....	62%
Income requirement .....	None
Hours of operation.....	Determined locally <sup>1</sup>
Operating schedule .....	Academic year <sup>1</sup>
Special education enrollment .....	8,837
Federally funded Head Start enrollment.....	13,036
State-funded Head Start enrollment.....	1,331 <sup>2</sup>

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



## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?
Early learning standards .....	Comprehensive .....	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree .....	BA <sup>3</sup> .....	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training .....	EC-level license <sup>3</sup> .....	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher .....	Teacher asst. license or AA (public), 1 course in EC (nonpublic) <sup>4</sup>	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service .....	180 clock hours or 6 credit hours/5 years	At least 15 hours/year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size .....	.....	20 or lower	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds .....	.....NA		
4-year-olds .....	Determined locally		
Staff-child ratio .....	.....	1:10 or better	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds .....	.....NA		
4-year-olds .....	Determined locally		
Screening/referral .....	Support services only <sup>5</sup> .....	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meals .....	Depend on length of program day <sup>6</sup> .....	At least 1/day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring .....	Site visits and other monitoring .....	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

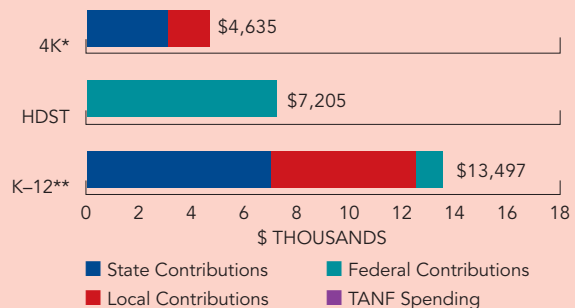
**TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET**

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## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending.....	\$73,800,000
Local match required? ..Yes, local share of school revenue generated through property tax	
State Head Start spending.....	\$7,212,500
State spending per child enrolled.....	\$3,063
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$4,635

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



\* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.

\*\*K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

Data are for the '06-'07 school year, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>1</sup> Programs must operate for a minimum of 437 hours per year. Programs may add 87.5 hours per year for parent outreach. Most programs operate 5 days per week; some have parent outreach on the fifth day and some have classroom experiences.

<sup>2</sup> Wisconsin did not break this figure into specific numbers of 3- or 4-year-olds. As a result, age breakdowns used in the Access pie chart were also estimated, using proportions of federal Head Start enrollees in each age category.

<sup>3</sup> Teachers must hold an appropriate early childhood teacher license with the Department of Public Instruction. These licenses all require that the BA program addresses early childhood birth to third grade and include field work and a practicum with this age level. Some licenses go beyond third grade but still require early childhood-specific work.

<sup>4</sup> Assistant teachers are required to have a license from the Department of Public Instruction. In public schools, assistant teachers may be required to have an AA if Title I standards are applicable. The minimum requirement for assistant teachers in nonpublic settings reflects child care licensing regulations, which also require that assistant teachers be at least 18 years old.

<sup>5</sup> State law supports vision, hearing, and health screenings prior to enrollment. The number of annual parent conferences or home visits is determined locally. Support services include parent involvement activities, health services for children, referral to social services, and school counseling.

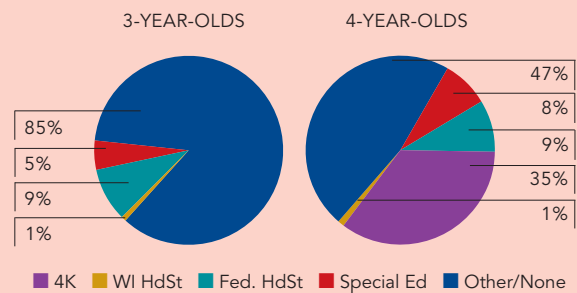
<sup>6</sup> Snack and/or lunch may be provided based on the length of the program day and requirements of other community programs.

# WISCONSIN HEAD START STATE SUPPLEMENT

## ACCESS

Total state program enrollment.....	1,391 <sup>1</sup>
School districts that offer .....	92% (federal state program Head Start grantees)
Income requirement.....	90% of children must be at or below 100% FPL
Hours of operation.....	Determined locally <sup>2</sup>
Operating schedule .....	Determined locally <sup>2</sup>
Special education enrollment .....	8,837
Federally funded Head Start enrollment.....	13,036
State-funded Head Start enrollment.....	1,331 <sup>1</sup>

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



## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?
Early learning standards .....	Comprehensive .....	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree .....	BA (public); CDA (nonpublic) <sup>3</sup> .....	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training .....	License in birth to at least age 6 (public); Meets CDA requirements (nonpublic) <sup>3</sup> .....	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree .....	Determined locally (public), 1 course in EC (nonpublic) <sup>4</sup> .....	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service .....	Amount not specified .....	At least 15 hours/year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size .....	.....	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds .....	.....17		
4-year-olds .....	.....20		
Staff-child ratio .....	.....	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds .....	.....2:17		
4-year-olds .....	.....1:10		
Screening/referral and support services .....	Vision, hearing, health, developmental, dental; and support services <sup>5</sup> .....	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals.....	Lunch and/or breakfast <sup>6</sup> .....	At least 1/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring .....	None <sup>7</sup> .....	Site visits	<input type="checkbox"/>

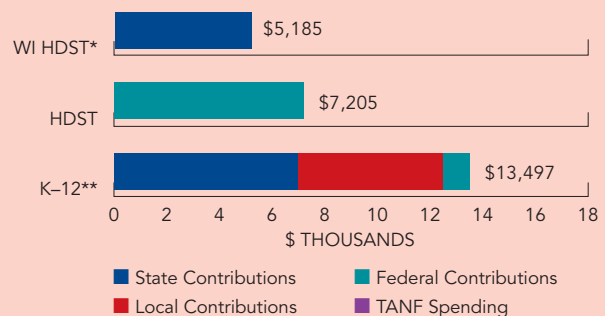
**TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET**

**6**

## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending.....	\$7,212,500
Local match required?.....	No
State Head Start spending.....	\$7,212,500 <sup>8</sup>
State spending per child enrolled.....	\$5,185
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$5,185

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



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<sup>1</sup> Wisconsin did not break this figure into specific numbers of 3- or 4-year-olds. As a result, age breakdowns used in the Access pie chart and Resources section were also estimated, using proportions of federal Head Start enrollees in each age category.

<sup>2</sup> As required by federal Head Start Performance Standards, programs must operate a minimum of 3.5 hours per day, 4 days per week, and 32 weeks per year, unless approved as a federal Head Start alternative. Programs may partner with child care or 4K to extend hours, days, or weeks.

<sup>3</sup> School districts that are federal Head Start grantees may require lead teachers to have a BA and appropriate licensure. The federal Head Start program requires teachers to have at least a CDA.

<sup>4</sup> This requirement for assistant teachers in nonpublic settings reflects child care licensing regulations. School districts that are federal Head Start grantees may require assistant teachers to have an AA and assistant teacher license.

<sup>5</sup> Support services include two annual parent conferences or home visits, education services or job training for parents, parenting support or education, parent involvement activities, health services for parents and children, information about nutrition, referral to social services, transition to kindergarten activities, and others as per federal Head Start Performance Standards.

<sup>6</sup> The federal Head Start Performance Standards require that part-day programs provide children with at least one-third of their daily nutritional needs, and full-day programs provide one-half to two-thirds of daily nutritional needs, depending on the length of the program day.

<sup>7</sup> The state mandates that all programs follow federal Head Start monitoring requirements. The state itself does not conduct monitoring of these programs.

<sup>8</sup> All spending through this initiative is directed toward Head Start programs.