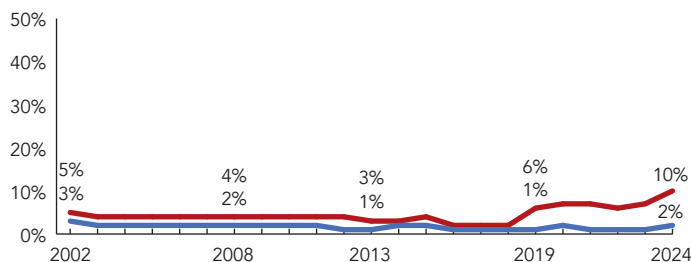
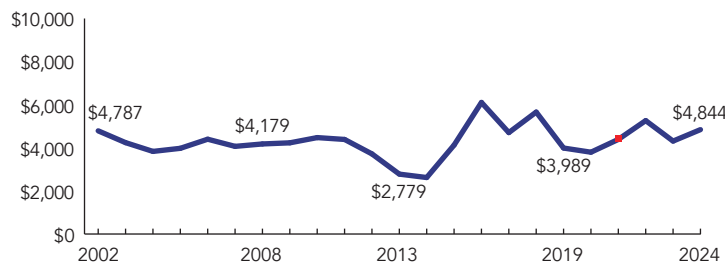


Missouri

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED
(2024 DOLLARS)



OVERVIEW

During the 2023-2024 school year, Missouri preschool enrolled 8,796 children, an increase of 2,421 from the prior year. State spending totaled \$42,609,450, up \$15,120,955 (55%), adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child equaled \$4,844 in 2023-2024 up \$532 from 2022-2023, adjusted for inflation. Missouri met an average of 4.3 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

WHAT'S NEW

In 2023-2024, the state implemented an additional preschool program, Missouri Quality Preschool (MOQPK), which provided funding for both public schools and licensed private child care centers and preschools, unlike the state's other pre-K program, Pre-K Foundation Formula that only operates in public schools. All MOQPK classrooms are observed every two years using CLASS. Lead teachers are required to have at least 18 college credits in early childhood education or child development and participate in coaching and complete 18 clock hours per year of professional development.

The Pre-K Foundation Formula program funds have doubled for the 2024-2025 school year. Districts are now able to claim 8% of their FRL population for Pre-K students, an increase of 4% from the previous year.

BACKGROUND

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, Missouri's Local Education Agencies (LEAs) were encouraged to use the Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula fund for preschool. Most policy decisions are made by the LEAs but programs must meet requirements around teacher to child ratios, teacher degrees and certification, and fiscal spending and reporting.

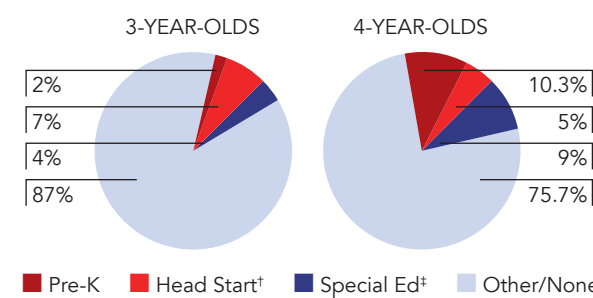
Previously, the Missouri Preschool Program (MPP), launched in 1998, served 3- and 4-year-olds in public schools, private child-care centers, and nonprofit agencies. Programs were required to work with the local Parents as Teachers program to provide parent education, family visits, group connections, health and development screenings, and services referrals. MPP was funded through the state's Tobacco Settlement Fund. Priority for funding was given to programs serving children with special needs or from low-income families. The 2020-2021 school year was the last year of operation for MPP.

MISSOURI STATE OVERVIEW

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	8,796
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	11,765
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	9,133
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	0

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

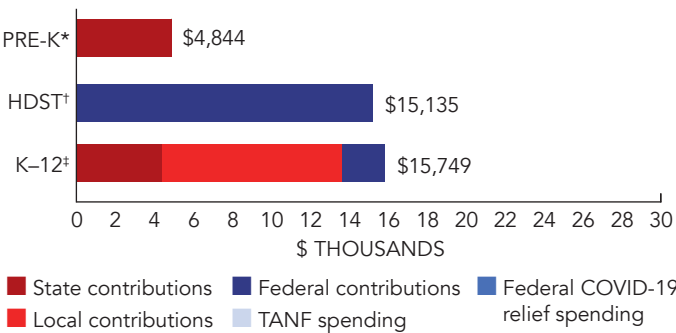


† Some Head Start children may also be counted in state pre-K.
‡ Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$42,609,450
State Head Start spending	\$0
State spending per child enrolled	\$4,844
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$4,844

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



* 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.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
39	29

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
34	39

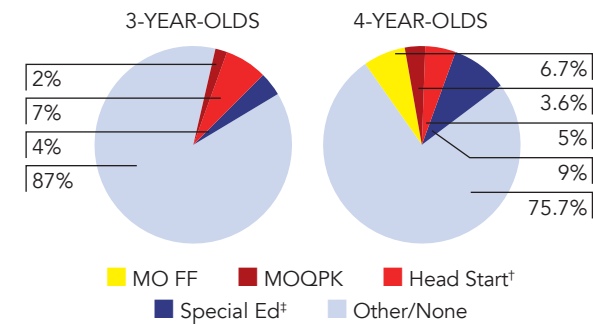
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
4.3

MISSOURI PRE-K FOUNDATION FORMULA

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	6,145
School districts that offer state program	35% (public school districts); 57% (charter schools)
Income requirement	185% FPL
Minimum hours of operation	Determined locally
Operating schedule	School or academic year

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MO FF 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	Approval process & supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE, ECE SpEd	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	Other	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	30 hours/year (teachers years 1-4); 15 hours/year (teachers year 5 until exempt); PD plans and Coaching (some teachers)	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	No limit (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	None	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	None	Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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RESOURCES

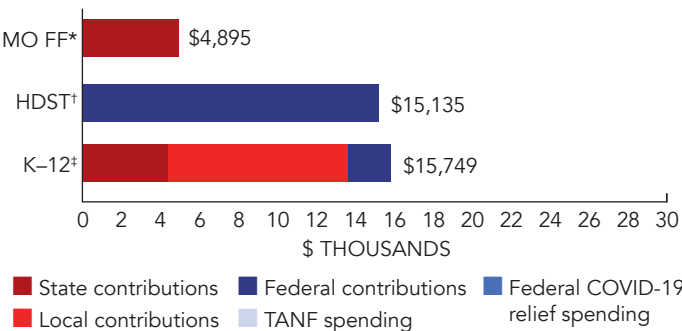
Total state pre-K spending	\$30,077,040
Local match required?	No
State Head Start spending	\$0
State spending per child enrolled	\$4,895
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$4,895

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

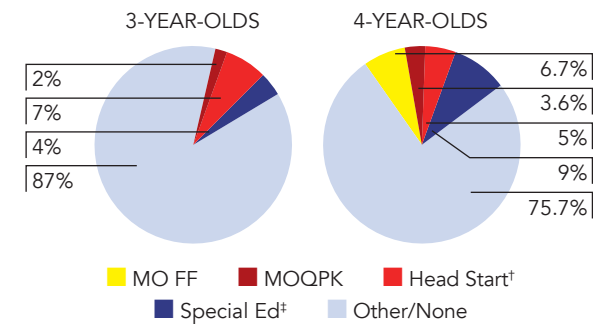


MISSOURI QUALITY PRESCHOOL GRANT (MOQPK)

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	2,651
School districts that offer state program.....	27% (LEAs)
Income requirement.....	No income requirement
Minimum hours of operation.....	3 hours/day
Operating schedule.....	School or academic year

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MOQPK 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	Approval process & supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	Other	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	18 ECE/CD credits	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	Other	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	18 hours/year; Coaching	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	20 (4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:10 (4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Developmental; Referrals not required	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input 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"/>

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RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$12,532,410
Local match required?	No
State Head Start spending	\$0
State spending per child enrolled	\$4,727
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$4,727

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

