

## APPENDIX D: PRE-K SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT DATA

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGES OF 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLDS IN SCHOOL- OR CENTER-BASED PROGRAMS, BY STATE, 2023-2024

STATE	3-year-olds		4-year-olds		Total 3- and 4-year-olds	
	Number enrolled	Percent of state population	Number enrolled	Percent of state population	Number enrolled	Percent of state population
Alabama	1,352	2%	2,788	5%	4,140	3%
Alaska	399	4%	693	8%	1,092	6%
Arizona	3,298	4%	5,922	7%	9,220	6%
Arkansas	2,625	7%	7,139	19%	9,764	13%
California	16,755	4%	27,063	6%	43,818	5%
Colorado	3,348	5%	6,197	10%	9,545	8%
Connecticut	3,027	8%	4,043	11%	7,070	10%
Delaware	1,006	9%	1,514	14%	2,520	11%
District of Columbia	636	9%	1,061	14%	1,697	11%
Florida	7,853	3%	16,325	7%	24,178	5%
Georgia	3,521	3%	7,228	6%	10,749	4%
Hawaii	640	4%	1,285	8%	1,925	6%
Idaho	828	4%	1,462	6%	2,290	5%
Illinois	9,416	7%	17,289	12%	26,705	10%
Indiana	4,352	5%	8,164	10%	12,516	7%
Iowa	1,424	4%	2,682	7%	4,106	5%
Kansas	2,881	8%	5,480	15%	8,361	12%
Kentucky	3,517	7%	8,675	16%	12,192	11%
Louisiana	1,572	3%	6,554	12%	8,126	7%
Maine	663	5%	1,404	11%	2,067	8%
Maryland	4,373	6%	6,589	9%	10,962	8%
Massachusetts	4,421	6%	7,527	11%	11,948	9%
Michigan	4,006	4%	6,139	6%	10,145	5%
Minnesota	3,864	6%	9,327	14%	13,191	10%
Mississippi	879	3%	2,874	8%	3,753	5%
Missouri	3,682	5%	8,083	11%	11,765	8%
Montana	203	2%	419	3%	622	3%
Nebraska	1,285	5%	2,848	11%	4,133	8%
Nevada	1,717	5%	3,182	9%	4,899	7%
New Hampshire	1,008	8%	1,390	11%	2,398	9%
New Jersey	6,999	7%	9,790	9%	16,789	8%
New Mexico*	Not reported		Not reported		Not reported	
New York	18,507	9%	28,810	14%	47,317	11%
North Carolina	3,524	3%	8,395	7%	11,919	5%
North Dakota	537	5%	1,178	12%	1,715	9%
Ohio	6,875	5%	15,377	11%	22,252	8%
Oklahoma	1,373	3%	3,354	7%	4,727	5%
Oregon	2,254	5%	4,804	11%	7,058	8%
Pennsylvania	8,647	6%	20,016	14%	28,663	10%
Rhode Island	649	6%	1,432	13%	2,081	10%
South Carolina	2,273	4%	4,173	7%	6,446	5%
South Dakota	504	4%	1,181	10%	1,685	7%
Tennessee	2,558	3%	6,410	8%	8,968	5%
Texas	9,920	3%	24,770	6%	34,690	4%
Utah	2,508	5%	4,496	9%	7,004	7%
Vermont	431	8%	833	14%	1,264	11%
Virginia	3,711	4%	8,002	8%	11,713	6%
Washington	3,855	4%	7,249	8%	11,104	6%
West Virginia	964	5%	2,603	15%	3,567	10%
Wisconsin	2,672	4%	6,056	9%	8,728	7%
Wyoming	719	11%	1,536	24%	2,255	18%
<b>50 States + DC</b>	<b>175,306</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>343,645</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>518,951</b>	<b>7%</b>
Guam	39	1%	68	2%	107	2%

Source: Enrollment information provided by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Number of Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Receiving Special Education and Related Services by Age: Fall 2023. Table generated from 2023 Part B Child Count and Educational Environments data in the EDFacts reporting system. Retrieved 3/13/25 from <https://data.ed.gov/dataset/idea-section-618-state-part-b-child-count-and-educational-environments/resources>.

Note: 4-year-old enrollment includes 5-year-olds in ECE programs not yet in kindergarten as they likely meet NIEER's definition of a "4-year-old" for this report.

## APPENDIX D: PRE-K SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT DATA (continued)

### TOTAL NUMBER AND PERCENTAGES OF 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLDS, BY STATE, 2023-2024

STATE	3-year-olds		4-year-olds		Total 3- and 4-year-olds	
	Number enrolled	Percent of state population	Number enrolled	Percent of state population	Number enrolled	Percent of state population
Alabama	1,698	3%	3,090	5%	4,788	4%
Alaska	425	5%	743	8%	1,168	6%
Arizona	3,401	4%	6,166	8%	9,567	6%
Arkansas	2,814	8%	7,430	20%	10,244	14%
California	21,746	5%	33,076	8%	54,822	6%
Colorado	3,352	5%	6,203	10%	9,555	8%
Connecticut	3,239	9%	4,202	11%	7,441	10%
Delaware	1,059	10%	1,572	14%	2,631	12%
District of Columbia	639	9%	1,072	14%	1,711	11%
Florida	8,083	4%	16,743	7%	24,826	5%
Georgia	3,915	3%	7,632	6%	11,547	4%
Hawaii	656	4%	1,325	8%	1,981	6%
Idaho	899	4%	1,606	7%	2,505	5%
Illinois	10,199	7%	18,278	13%	28,477	10%
Indiana	5,379	6%	9,551	11%	14,930	9%
Iowa	1,645	4%	2,922	8%	4,567	6%
Kansas	2,961	8%	5,539	15%	8,500	12%
Kentucky	3,587	7%	8,788	16%	12,375	12%
Louisiana	2,007	4%	6,994	12%	9,001	8%
Maine	888	7%	1,677	13%	2,565	10%
Maryland	4,894	7%	7,330	10%	12,224	8%
Massachusetts	5,022	7%	8,603	12%	13,625	10%
Michigan	5,744	5%	7,609	7%	13,353	6%
Minnesota	4,440	7%	9,714	14%	14,154	10%
Mississippi	1,157	3%	3,153	9%	4,310	6%
Missouri	3,971	5%	8,614	12%	12,585	9%
Montana	248	2%	521	4%	769	3%
Nebraska	1,666	7%	3,179	12%	4,845	10%
Nevada	1,786	5%	3,394	9%	5,180	7%
New Hampshire	1,008	8%	1,394	11%	2,402	9%
New Jersey	7,016	7%	9,811	9%	16,827	8%
New Mexico	Not reported		Not reported		Not reported	
New York	21,529	10%	30,900	14%	52,429	12%
North Carolina	4,653	4%	9,681	8%	14,334	6%
North Dakota	604	6%	1,251	12%	1,855	9%
Ohio	7,587	6%	16,041	12%	23,628	9%
Oklahoma	1,636	3%	3,632	7%	5,268	5%
Oregon	3,083	7%	5,423	13%	8,506	10%
Pennsylvania	12,221	9%	22,931	17%	35,152	13%
Rhode Island	928	9%	1,821	17%	2,749	13%
South Carolina	2,757	5%	4,631	8%	7,388	6%
South Dakota	605	5%	1,295	11%	1,900	8%
Tennessee	2,910	4%	7,122	8%	10,032	6%
Texas	12,020	3%	28,019	7%	40,039	5%
Utah	2,804	6%	5,055	11%	7,859	8%
Vermont	558	10%	971	17%	1,529	13%
Virginia	4,531	5%	9,052	9%	13,583	7%
Washington	4,428	5%	7,998	9%	12,426	7%
West Virginia	1,161	6%	2,794	16%	3,955	11%
Wisconsin	3,435	5%	6,286	10%	9,721	8%
Wyoming	724	11%	1,538	24%	2,262	18%
<b>50 States + DC</b>	<b>205,083</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>376,115</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>578,090</b>	<b>8%</b>
Guam	80	3%	84	3%	164	3%

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