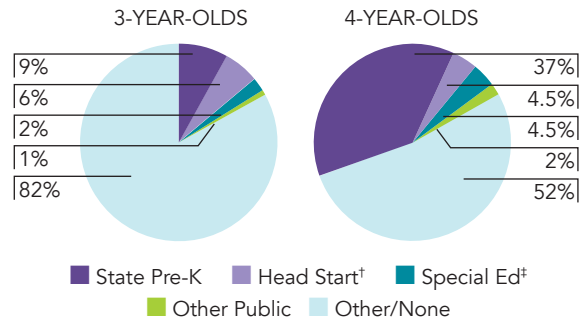


NATIONAL ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment, all ages..... 1,795,147
 State-funded preschool programs.....63 programs
 in 44 states and DC¹
 Income requirement 32 state programs have an
 income requirement
 Minimum hours of operation..... 29 part-day; 16 school-day;
 6 extended-day; 12 determined locally²
 Operating schedule..... 1 full calendar year; 41 school/
 academic year; 21 determined locally
 Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4529,007
 Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 459,043³
 State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4..... 15,666⁴

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN 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.

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST SUMMARY

POLICY	BENCHMARK	OF THE 63 STATE-FUNDED PRE-K INITIATIVES, NUMBER MEETING BENCHMARK
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	62
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	53
Teacher degree	BA	30
Teacher specialized training	Specializing in pre-K	47
Assistant teacher degree	CDA or equivalent	21
Staff professional development	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; Coaching	21
Maximum class size	20 or lower	50
Staff-child ratio	1:10 or better	51
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	43
Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement	40

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

NATIONAL RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending \$14,387,269,279⁵
 Local match required? 12
 State Head Start spending \$373,110,395⁶
 State spending per child enrolled \$8,124⁵
 All reported spending per child enrolled* \$9,988

* 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 Throughout this report, the District of Columbia is included like a state, resulting in a list of 45 states for rankings. Indiana's state-funded early childhood education program and Virginia's Mixed Delivery and CCSP are similar to state-funded preschool in other states. However, because they have a parent work or education requirement for eligibility, the programs do not meet NIEER's definition of a state-funded preschool program. Information on these programs is included in the report but not in national totals or rankings. In 2015-2016, Guam began offering a "state"-funded pre-K program but is not included in totals or rankings in this report.
² NIEER's definitions of hours of operation are as follows: part-day programs serve children for fewer than 4 hours per day; school-day programs serve children at least 4 hours per day but fewer than 6.5 hours per day; and extended-day programs serve children for 6.5 or more hours per day. Some programs offer multiple hours of operation but only the minimum one is listed here.
³ The enrollment figures for federal Head Start include children in the program in all 50 states, D.C., and the U.S. territories, as well as enrollment in the Migrant & Seasonal and American Indian/Native Alaskan programs. These numbers do not include children funded by state match.
⁴ This figure is based on the Head Start enrollment supported by state match as reported in the survey by states. This figure includes 14,853 children who attended programs that were considered to be state-funded preschool programs and are also included in the state-funded preschool enrollment total.
⁵ This figure includes federal TANF funds and federal COVID-19 relief funds directed toward preschool at states' discretion.
⁶ This figure includes \$238,481,629 also included in the total state pre-K spending. This also includes some funding for state supplements to Early Head Start where states could not separate Head Start and Early Head Start funding.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

