

## APPENDIX D: PRE-K SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGES OF 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLDS IN SCHOOL- OR CENTER-BASED PROGRAMS, BY STATE, 2024-2025

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	1,356	2%	3,033	5%	4,389	4%
Alaska	391	4%	644	7%	1,035	6%
Arizona	3,422	4%	5,987	7%	9,409	6%
Arkansas	2,577	7%	7,085	19%	9,662	13%
California	17,296	4%	29,597	7%	46,893	6%
Colorado	3,428	6%	6,160	10%	9,588	8%
Connecticut	3,081	8%	4,342	12%	7,423	10%
Delaware	1,039	10%	1,770	16%	2,809	13%
District of Columbia	614	8%	1,183	16%	1,797	12%
Florida	7,379	3%	15,680	7%	23,059	5%
Georgia	3,526	3%	7,590	6%	11,116	4%
Hawaii	670	4%	1,287	8%	1,957	6%
Idaho	740	3%	1,512	6%	2,252	5%
Illinois	9,177	7%	17,569	13%	26,746	10%
Indiana	4,261	5%	8,786	10%	13,047	8%
Iowa	1,403	4%	2,632	7%	4,035	5%
Kansas	2,764	8%	5,410	15%	8,174	12%
Kentucky	3,531	7%	8,580	16%	12,111	11%
Louisiana	1,648	3%	7,155	13%	8,803	8%
Maine	736	6%	1,612	13%	2,348	9%
Maryland	4,164	6%	7,365	10%	11,529	8%
Massachusetts	4,069	6%	7,656	11%	11,725	8%
Michigan	4,134	4%	6,257	6%	10,391	5%
Minnesota	3,878	6%	9,643	14%	13,521	10%
Mississippi	899	3%	2,803	8%	3,702	5%
Missouri	3,576	5%	8,347	11%	11,923	8%
Montana	208	2%	578	5%	786	3%
Nebraska	1,279	5%	2,837	11%	4,116	8%
Nevada	1,685	5%	3,344	9%	5,029	7%
New Hampshire	1,032	8%	1,361	11%	2,393	9%
New Jersey	6,623	6%	10,059	9%	16,682	8%
New Mexico	1,481	7%	2,273	10%	3,754	8%
New York	19,410	10%	30,322	14%	49,732	12%
North Carolina	3,494	3%	8,647	7%	12,141	5%
North Dakota	443	5%	1,145	11%	1,588	8%
Ohio	6,838	5%	16,169	12%	23,007	9%
Oklahoma	1,290	3%	3,402	7%	4,692	5%
Oregon	2,252	6%	5,011	12%	7,263	9%
Pennsylvania	8,457	6%	20,712	15%	29,169	11%
Rhode Island	728	7%	1,471	13%	2,199	10%
South Carolina	2,150	4%	4,148	7%	6,298	5%
South Dakota	550	5%	1,214	10%	1,764	8%
Tennessee	2,463	3%	6,161	7%	8,624	5%
Texas	9,845	3%	25,311	6%	35,156	4%
Utah	2,293	5%	4,584	10%	6,877	7%
Vermont	387	7%	813	14%	1,200	11%
Virginia	3,550	4%	7,954	8%	11,504	6%
Washington	3,889	5%	7,304	8%	11,193	6%
West Virginia	945	5%	2,590	14%	3,535	10%
Wisconsin	2,657	4%	6,320	10%	8,977	7%
Wyoming	589	10%	1,295	20%	1,884	15%
<b>50 States + DC</b>	<b>174,297</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>354,710</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>529,007</b>	<b>7%</b>
Guam	42	1%	90	3%	132	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 2024. Table generated from 2024 Part B Child Count and Educational Environments data in the EDFacts reporting system. Retrieved 1/7/2026 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 on ECE programs not yet in kindergarten as they likely meet NIEER's definition of a "4-year-old" for this report.

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## TOTAL NUMBER AND PERCENTAGES OF 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLDS, BY STATE, 2024-2025

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	1,741	3%	3,348	6%	5,089	4%
Alaska	419	5%	702	8%	1,121	6%
Arizona	3,531	5%	6,177	8%	9,708	6%
Arkansas	2,743	8%	7,426	20%	10,169	14%
California	21,909	5%	34,501	8%	56,410	7%
Colorado	3,431	6%	6,163	10%	9,594	8%
Connecticut	3,256	9%	4,504	12%	7,760	10%
Delaware	1,078	10%	1,824	16%	2,902	13%
District of Columbia	616	8%	1,193	16%	1,809	12%
Florida	7,578	3%	16,122	7%	23,700	5%
Georgia	3,868	3%	8,004	6%	11,872	5%
Hawaii	693	5%	1,325	8%	2,018	6%
Idaho	807	4%	1,683	7%	2,490	5%
Illinois	9,858	7%	18,531	13%	28,389	10%
Indiana	5,249	7%	10,166	12%	15,415	9%
Iowa	1,601	4%	2,832	7%	4,433	6%
Kansas	2,846	8%	5,458	15%	8,304	12%
Kentucky	3,581	7%	8,691	16%	12,272	11%
Louisiana	2,146	4%	7,655	14%	9,801	9%
Maine	948	8%	1,833	14%	2,781	11%
Maryland	4,596	7%	8,243	11%	12,839	9%
Massachusetts	4,744	7%	8,888	13%	13,632	10%
Michigan	5,878	6%	7,825	7%	13,703	6%
Minnesota	4,416	7%	10,111	15%	14,527	11%
Mississippi	1,158	3%	3,163	9%	4,321	6%
Missouri	3,801	5%	8,959	12%	12,760	9%
Montana	249	2%	676	6%	925	4%
Nebraska	1,733	7%	3,300	13%	5,033	10%
Nevada	1,739	5%	3,509	10%	5,248	7%
New Hampshire	1,037	8%	1,366	11%	2,403	10%
New Jersey	6,650	6%	10,086	9%	16,736	8%
New Mexico	1,565	7%	2,449	11%	4,014	9%
New York	22,376	11%	32,306	15%	54,682	13%
North Carolina	4,694	4%	9,899	8%	14,593	6%
North Dakota	510	5%	1,220	12%	1,730	9%
Ohio	7,565	6%	16,947	12%	24,512	9%
Oklahoma	1,531	3%	3,676	7%	5,207	5%
Oregon	3,056	8%	5,545	13%	8,601	10%
Pennsylvania	12,388	9%	23,933	17%	36,321	13%
Rhode Island	951	9%	1,788	16%	2,739	13%
South Carolina	2,599	4%	4,610	8%	7,209	6%
South Dakota	610	5%	1,315	11%	1,925	8%
Tennessee	2,818	3%	6,795	8%	9,613	6%
Texas	11,985	3%	28,490	7%	40,475	5%
Utah	2,544	6%	5,080	11%	7,624	8%
Vermont	501	9%	959	17%	1,460	13%
Virginia	4,378	5%	9,025	9%	13,403	7%
Washington	4,448	5%	8,028	9%	12,476	7%
West Virginia	1,148	7%	2,785	15%	3,933	11%
Wisconsin	3,441	6%	6,555	10%	9,996	8%
Wyoming	592	10%	1,301	20%	1,893	15%
<b>50 States + DC</b>	<b>203,600</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>386,970</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>590,570</b>	<b>8%</b>
Guam	72	2%	117	4%	189	3%

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