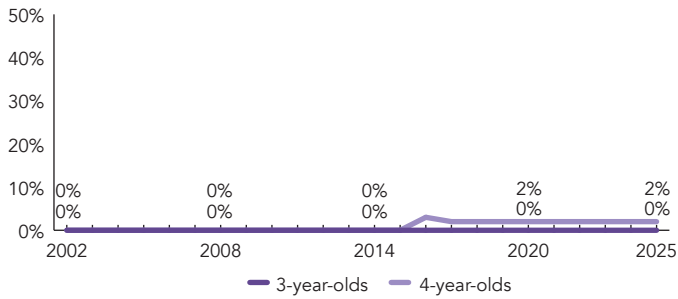
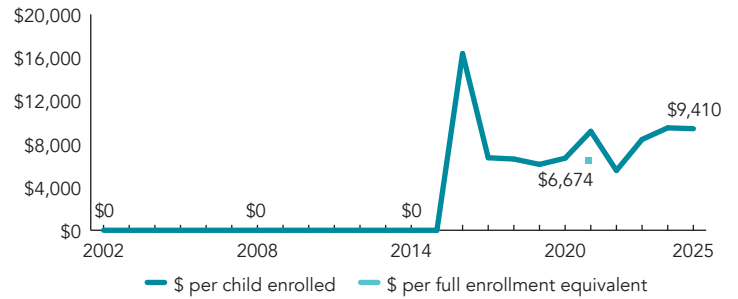


Guam

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2025 DOLLARS)



OVERVIEW

During the 2024-2025 school year, Guam preschool enrolled 52 children, an increase of 2 children from 2023-2024. State spending totaled \$465,712, and federal COVID-19 recovery funding totaled \$23,628, an overall increase of \$14,987 (3%), adjusted for inflation since last year. State spending per child (including federal recovery funds) equaled \$9,410 in 2024-2025, down \$77 from 2023-2024, adjusted for inflation. Guam met 6 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

WHAT'S NEW

Guam saw a small increase in public preschool enrollment in 2024-2025, which led to a small decrease in funding per child. Leading up to 2024-2025, Guam used federal Preschool Development Grant (PDG) funds to support island-wide systemic improvements, parent engagement activities, and school readiness activities.

BACKGROUND

The Guam Department of Education's publicly funded Pilot Prekindergarten Program is available in all four regions of the territory's single school district. Each region has one Prekindergarten Program classroom located within a public school. All age-eligible children may enroll in the program, which has no income limit for eligibility. Guam's Prekindergarten Program operates six hours a day, five days a week, following the school year or academic calendar, and providing 1,080 hours of services per year. Both breakfast and lunch are served to children attending the program.

The program's maximum class size is 18 children, with a teacher-to-student ratio of 1 to 9. Lead teachers are required to have an associate degree with early childhood education specialization and either pre-K or pre-K to 2nd grade certification. Lead teachers also are required to participate in 30 clock hours of in-service professional development annually. Assistant teachers are required to hold a high school diploma but are not required to participate in any professional development.

The Guam Department of Education also oversees the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Prekindergarten Program for 4-year-olds who meet specific qualifications. GATE is a one-year program to enhance the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of gifted children without pressure and unnecessary structure. It is a balance between acceleration and enrichment activities. The intention of the program is to allow children to function at the level they are ready, while providing them with a background of experiences that will help them to be eager and effective learners.

TOTAL
BENCHMARKS MET

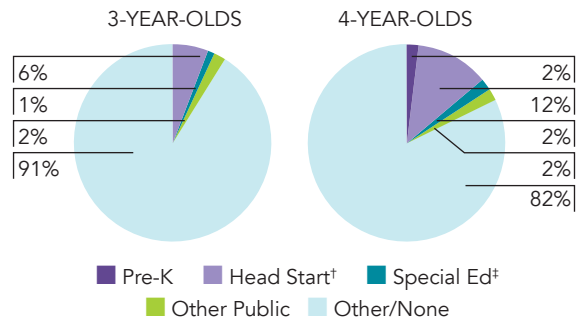
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GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	52
School districts that offer state program	100%
Income requirement	No income requirement
Minimum hours of operation	6 hours/day; 5 days/week
Operating schedule	School or academic year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	132
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	534
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	0

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	GUAM PRE-K 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 & supports	Approval process & supports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	AA	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	HSD	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	30 hours/year (teachers only); PD plans (teachers only); Coaching	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; Coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	18 (4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:9 (4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, health & more	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	Site visits	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	\$489,340
Local match required?	No
State Head Start spending	\$829,376
State spending per child enrolled	\$9,410
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$9,410

* 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.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

