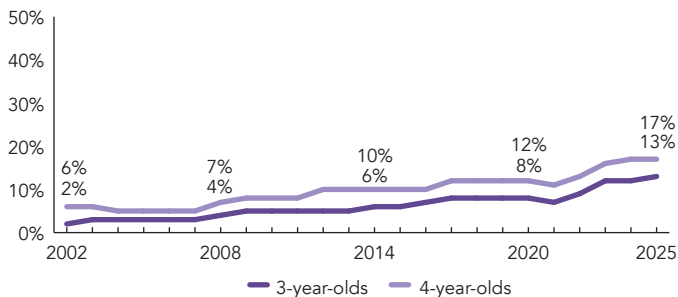
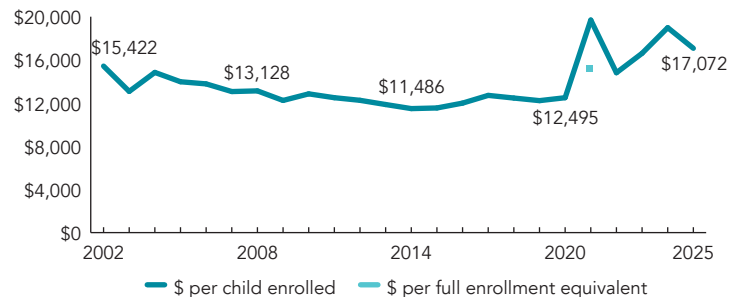


Oregon

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED
(2025 DOLLARS)



OVERVIEW

During the 2024-2025 school year, Oregon preschool enrolled 12,687 children, an increase of 90 from the prior year. State spending totaled \$216,587,540, down \$22,543,317 (9%), adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child equaled \$17,072 in 2024-2025, down \$1,912 from 2023-2024, adjusted for inflation. Oregon met an average of 7.7 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

WHAT'S NEW

During the 2025 legislative session, the legislature passed the Department of Early Learning and Care's (DELIC) budget for the 2025-2027 biennium. Due to a lower-than-expected revenue forecast that included a projected decline in corporate tax revenue for Early Learning Account (ELA) programs, DELIC was directed to implement \$35 million in reductions to programs funded by the ELA.

DELIC had discretion and authority when applying ELA reductions and prioritized preserving the current level of funds in communities. For Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten, the total budget for the 2025-2027 biennium is \$371,217,478. This will also result in a \$810.60 increase per slot or an approximately 4.24% increase for program budgets. For Preschool Promise, the total budget for the 2025-2027 biennium is \$179,017,019. This will also result in an increased cost per slot: \$16,000 for base service, \$1,150 for transportation, and an additional \$2,040 for new slots during the first year. These budgets will allow DELIC to maintain commitments to the slots requested by programs and approved.

In December 2025, Oregon was awarded a federal PDG B-5 Systems Building Grant totaling \$7,355,305 to support system building and strengthen ECE programs in a mixed-delivery system, improve system efficiency and collaboration, and raise the overall quality of programs.

BACKGROUND

Oregon has two state-funded preschool programs: the Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten (OPK) program (formerly the Oregon Pre-Kindergarten program), established in 1987, and Preschool Promise, launched in 2016.

OPK provides comprehensive child and family development services for 3- and 4-year-old children from low-income families and is funded using the state general fund and Early Learning Account to serve additional Head Start-eligible children. Funding is awarded through a competitive process to all grantees. OPK includes Region X, Region XI, and Region XII Head Start grantees, and even though most of the funding goes to Head Start grantees, there are six non-affiliated organizations that receive OPK funding. OPK programs must follow federal Head Start Performance Standards and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework. Eligibility for OPK also follows federal Head Start requirements.

Preschool Promise (PSP) is a mixed-delivery program for children from families with incomes up to 200% FPL. The mixed-delivery model includes public schools, child care centers, family child care homes, Head Start/OPK, Relief Nurseries, Education Service Districts, and other community-based organizations. While funding for Preschool Promise was initially administered through Early Learning Hubs, grantees received grants directly from DELIC. Preschool Promise programs are required to participate in Spark, Oregon's quality recognition and improvement system.

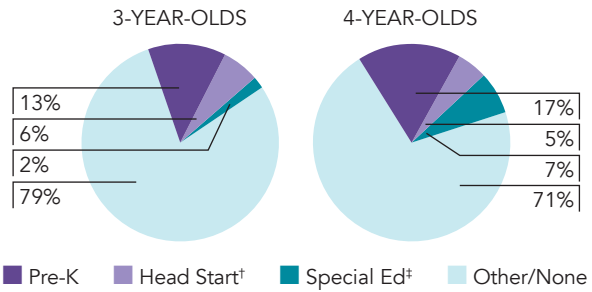
Oregon's overall support for state-funded preschool, including enrollment and funding for both OPK and PSP, is depicted in the first two pages of this state profile. The third page focuses solely on the OPK program, and the fourth page provides information on PSP.

OREGON STATE OVERVIEW

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	12,687
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	7,263
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	4,261
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	7,150

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

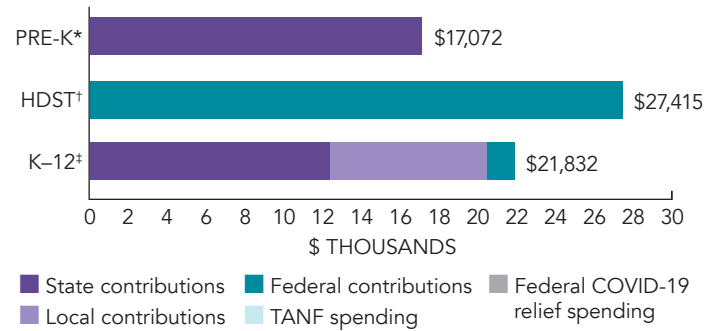


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 ‡ Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$216,587,540
State Head Start spending	\$135,552,539
State spending per child enrolled	\$17,072
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$17,072

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
36	14

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
3	3

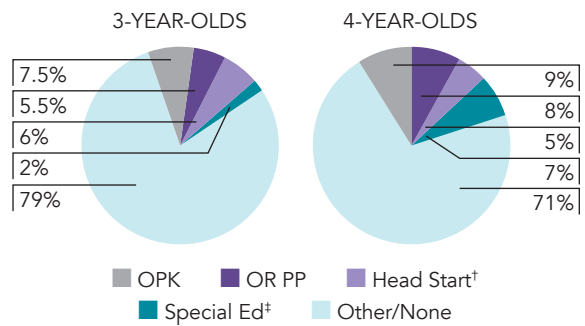
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
7.7

OREGON PRENATAL TO KINDERGARTEN (OPK)

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	7,150
School districts that offer state program.....	100% (counties)
Income requirement.....	100% FPL
Minimum hours of operation.....	3.5 hours/day
Operating schedule.....	Determined locally

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	OPK 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, CD	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	24 hours/year; PD plans; Coaching	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; Coaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	17 (3-year-olds); 20 (4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	2:17 (3-year-olds); 1:10 (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	Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement	Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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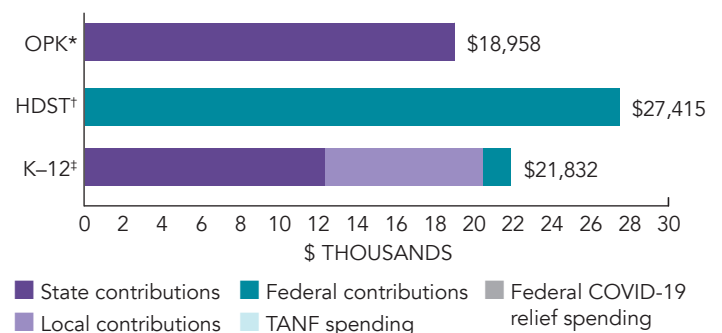
Total state pre-K spending	\$135,552,539
Local match required?.....	No
State spending per child enrolled	\$18,958
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$18,958

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

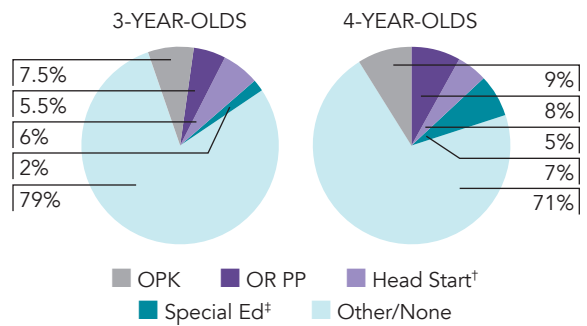


OREGON PRESCHOOL PROMISE

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	5,537
School districts that offer state program... 100% (Early Learning Hub Regions); 97% (counties)	
Income requirement.....	200% FPL
Minimum hours of operation.....	6 hours/day; 4 days/week
Operating schedule.....	School or academic year

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	OR PP 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	CDA	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE or CDA	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	Other	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	20 hours/year; PD plans (teachers & assistants not meeting education requirements); Coaching	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; Coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	18, or 20 with a waiver (3- & 4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:10 with 18, 1:9 with 20 (3- & 4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Immunizations, Developmental; Referrals	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	\$81,035,000
Local match required?.....	No
State spending per child enrolled	\$14,635
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$14,635

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

