

TABLE 2: STATE PRESCHOOL ACCESS BY STATE

ACCESS FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS RANK	STATE	PERCENT OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN STATE PREKINDERGARTEN (2024-2025)			NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN STATE PREKINDERGARTEN (2024-2025)		
		4-year-olds	3-year-olds	Total (3s and 4s)	4-year-olds	3-year-olds	Total (3s and 4s)
1	District of Columbia	94%	76%	85%	7,056	5,963	13,019
2	Vermont	72%	56%	65%	4,131	2,998	7,129
3	Colorado	70%	24%	47%	43,398	14,709	58,107
4	West Virginia	66%	7%	37%	11,904	1,279	13,183
5	Oklahoma	65%	3%	35%	32,794	1,370	34,164
6	Iowa	65%	6%	36%	25,065	2,337	27,402
7	Florida	63%	0%	32%	149,100	0	149,100
8	Wisconsin	59%	0.04%	30%	38,397	23	38,420
9	New York	56%	17%	37%	118,427	34,577	153,004
10	Georgia	53%	0%	27%	69,314	0	69,314
11	New Mexico	53%	22%	38%	11,633	4,796	16,429
12	Texas	52%	11%	32%	204,754	43,729	248,483
13	Maine	47%	1%	25%	6,116	80	6,196
14	California	46%	11%	29%	198,998	46,352	245,350
15	South Carolina	45%	6%	26%	26,940	3,549	30,489
16	Kansas	45%	22%	34%	16,116	7,745	23,861
17	Michigan	43%	0%	22%	47,981	0	47,981
18	Alabama	40%	0%	20%	24,238	0	24,238
19	Maryland	38%	8%	24%	27,947	5,799	33,746
20	Illinois	35%	26%	31%	49,026	34,562	83,588
21	New Jersey	35%	27%	31%	37,692	27,673	65,365
22	Louisiana	35%	1%	18%	19,403	481	19,884
23	Nebraska	34%	16%	25%	8,560	4,034	12,594
24	Arkansas	33%	19%	26%	12,197	6,723	18,920
25	Massachusetts	30%	16%	23%	21,038	11,182	32,220
26	Rhode Island	26%	0%	13%	2,864	0	2,864
27	Pennsylvania	26%	14%	20%	36,377	18,348	54,726
28	Kentucky	26%	8%	17%	14,030	4,072	18,102
29	Mississippi	23%	0%	11%	8,076	0	8,076
30	Missouri	22%	3%	13%	16,367	1,814	18,181
31	Virginia	22%	3%	12%	21,596	2,829	24,425
32	North Carolina	21%	0%	11%	26,707	0	26,707
33	Tennessee	20%	1%	11%	16,627	874	17,501
34	Washington	19%	9%	14%	16,282	7,256	23,538
35	Minnesota	18%	0.5%	9%	12,304	311	12,615
36	Oregon	17%	13%	15%	7,200	5,137	12,337
37	Connecticut	16%	14%	15%	5,862	5,312	11,174
38	Ohio	13%	5%	9%	17,432	6,162	23,594
39	Alaska	11%	0.2%	6%	1,053	22	1,075
40	North Dakota	11%	0%	5%	1,076	0	1,076
41	Nevada	10%	2%	6%	3,670	618	4,288
42	Delaware	9%	4%	6%	999	419	1,418
43	Hawaii	7%	4%	5%	1,060	577	1,637
44	Utah	2%	1%	2%	1,189	464	1,653
45	Arizona	2%	1%	2%	1,674	1,117	2,791
	50 states + DC*	37%	9%	23%	1,424,670	315,293	1,739,963
Work requirement [†]	Indiana	7%	0%	4%	6,018	0	6,018
Work requirement [†]	Virginia MD & CCSP	7%	8%	7%	6,788	7,344	14,132
	Guam	2%	0%	1%	52	0	52
No program	Idaho	0%	0%	0%	0	0	0
No program	Montana	0%	0%	0%	0	0	0
No program	New Hampshire	0%	0%	0%	0	0	0
No program	South Dakota	0%	0%	0%	0	0	0
No program	Wyoming	0%	0%	0%	0	0	0

* Nationwide, an additional 55,184 children of other ages were enrolled in state prekindergarten, for a total of 1,795,147 children.

[†] 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 reported here but not in national totals or rankings.

For details about how these figures were calculated, see the Methodology section and Roadmap to the State Profile Pages.