

TABLE 4: 2024-2025 ENROLLMENT OF 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLDS IN STATE PRESCHOOL, PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND FEDERAL AND STATE HEAD START

STATE	PRE-K + PRE-K SPECIAL EDUCATION				PRE-K + PRE-K SPECIAL EDUCATION + HEAD START ^{††}			
	3-year-olds		4-year-olds		3-year-olds		4-year-olds	
	Number enrolled	% of state population	Number enrolled	% of state population	Number enrolled	% of state population	Number enrolled	% of state population
Alabama [†]	902	2%	25,928	43%	5,137	9%	28,525	47%
Alaska*	302	3%	1,408	15%	1,241	14%	2,431	26%
Arizona	3,972	5%	6,794	8%	8,219	10%	12,891	16%
Arkansas	8,468	24%	17,822	48%	10,386	29%	19,375	53%
California	55,222	13%	203,406	47%	81,814	20%	220,823	51%
Colorado [†]	14,709	24%	43,398	70%	16,722	27%	44,192	71%
Connecticut [†]	7,594	21%	9,349	25%	9,445	26%	11,101	30%
Delaware	1,352	13%	2,620	23%	1,565	14%	2,880	26%
District of Columbia [†]	5,963	76%	7,073	94%	5,996	77%	7,105	95%
Florida [†]	5,794	3%	158,878	67%	19,792	9%	165,038	70%
Georgia [†]	2,677	2%	73,382	56%	10,971	9%	76,728	59%
Hawaii	1,094	7%	2,129	13%	1,857	12%	3,111	20%
Idaho	635	3%	1,353	6%	1,533	7%	2,610	11%
Illinois [†]	34,562	26%	56,117	40%	42,301	32%	63,446	45%
Indiana ^{***}	3,690	5%	13,275	16%	7,494	9%	17,376	21%
Iowa [†]	2,402	7%	25,836	67%	4,426	12%	27,952	72%
Kansas	7,745	22%	17,154	48%	9,705	28%	19,531	54%
Kentucky [†]	4,072	8%	15,562	29%	9,044	17%	19,964	37%
Louisiana*	1,146	2%	24,645	44%	8,666	15%	29,364	52%
Maine [†]	538	5%	6,406	50%	1,343	11%	6,397	50%
Maryland ^{*†}	8,354	12%	30,855	42%	11,070	16%	32,401	44%
Massachusetts [†]	11,182	16%	21,243	30%	15,009	22%	24,555	35%
Michigan [†]	2,484	2%	47,981	43%	11,667	11%	50,842	46%
Minnesota*	3,446	5%	19,901	29%	7,049	11%	23,445	34%
Mississippi [†]	348	1%	9,492	27%	5,754	16%	16,097	46%
Missouri*	4,579	7%	22,090	30%	9,533	14%	25,932	35%
Montana	33	0.3%	363	3%	1,226	11%	1,840	16%
Nebraska [†]	4,034	16%	8,678	34%	4,764	19%	9,333	37%
Nevada [†]	2,183	6%	6,915	19%	3,225	9%	7,571	21%
New Hampshire	962	8%	1,275	10%	1,354	11%	1,754	14%
New Jersey [†]	34,002	33%	47,455	44%	37,264	36%	47,484	44%
New Mexico [†]	5,756	27%	12,018	55%	8,107	38%	14,369	65%
New York [†]	44,953	22%	125,577	59%	55,238	27%	133,346	63%
North Carolina [†]	2,736	2%	32,908	26%	8,251	7%	36,925	30%
North Dakota [†]	317	3%	1,967	19%	1,006	10%	2,879	28%
Ohio	10,537	8%	29,195	21%	20,655	16%	40,228	29%
Oklahoma	1,370	3%	33,638	67%	6,660	14%	36,615	73%
Oregon	5,919	15%	10,277	24%	8,164	20%	12,294	29%
Pennsylvania ^{*†}	23,537	18%	52,430	38%	32,334	24%	62,515	45%
Rhode Island [†]	599	6%	3,892	36%	1,329	13%	4,262	39%
South Carolina	3,549	6%	26,940	45%	8,391	14%	29,908	50%
South Dakota	328	3%	946	8%	1,586	14%	3,559	30%
Tennessee [†]	2,593	3%	21,011	25%	7,681	9%	25,212	30%
Texas [†]	47,513	12%	212,998	54%	64,290	16%	220,291	55%
Utah*	2,397	5%	5,232	11%	4,067	9%	7,537	16%
Vermont	2,998	56%	4,131	72%	3,233	61%	4,500	79%
Virginia ^{†***}	12,269	13%	32,279	32%	16,458	17%	37,115	37%
Washington	9,249	11%	20,175	23%	12,708	15%	24,171	28%
West Virginia [†]	1,279	7%	11,904	66%	2,940	17%	12,141	67%
Wisconsin	1,794	3%	39,529	61%	6,941	11%	43,112	66%
Wyoming	436	7%	1,139	18%	952	15%	1,665	26%
United States	407,232	11%	1,600,182	42%	629,219	17%	1,767,954	46%
Guam	29	1%	111	4%	210	7%	464	15%

* These states serve special education children in their state pre-K programs but were not able to provide the number of children for at least one of their programs. Estimates were used based on the average percent of special education students in state pre-K across all programs and enrollment numbers for each program or the percentage of children with an IEP in Head Start as reported in the PIR (MN Head Start only).

** Indiana's state-funded early childhood education program is similar to state-funded preschool in other states. However, because it has a parent work or education requirement for eligibility, the program does not meet NIEER's definition of a state-funded preschool program. Indiana's program information is reported here but not in national totals or rankings.

*** Virginia's enrollment includes VPI, Mixed Delivery, and CCSP to show a more comprehensive picture of children in the state enrolled in publicly funded early childhood education programs.

[†] At least one program in the state was able to report the number of children enrolled in state pre-K & Head Start. This information was used to estimate an unduplicated count of Head Start enrollment.

^{††} Totals can overestimate public enrollment in state pre-K, pre-K special education, and Head Start as some or all of Head Start children may be served in a state's pre-K program and many states could not report this information.

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