

TABLE 6: STATE PRE-K RESOURCES 2024-2025

STATE	Resource rank based on state spending	State \$ per child enrolled in preschool	Change in total state per child spending from 2023-2024 to 2024-2025 Adjusted dollars	Total state preschool spending in 2024-2025	Change in total state spending from 2023-2024 to 2024-2025 Adjusted dollars
District of Columbia	1	\$27,354	\$3,127	\$356,697,970	\$36,444,483
New Jersey	2	\$18,848	\$604	\$1,231,974,000	\$103,290,612
Oregon	3	\$17,072	-\$1,912	\$216,587,540	-\$22,543,317
California	4	\$14,907	-\$1,587	\$4,148,114,798	-\$21,873,301
New Mexico	5	\$13,761	\$289	\$226,084,608	\$9,246,573
Michigan	6	\$13,604	\$606	\$652,720,000	\$118,264,216
Washington	7	\$13,484	\$438	\$329,963,994	\$45,399,141
Delaware	8	\$12,052	\$81	\$17,090,424	\$2,269,696
Connecticut	9	\$10,464	\$1,099	\$133,143,028	\$17,646,563
Rhode Island	10	\$9,858	\$193	\$28,232,929	\$5,385,882
Vermont	11	\$9,591	\$799	\$73,025,082	-\$133,489
Nevada	12	\$9,226	-\$657	\$39,560,895	\$3,923,860
West Virginia	13	\$8,810	\$760	\$120,466,591	\$8,862,817
Arizona	14	\$8,723	\$603	\$26,875,278	-\$24,464,419
Pennsylvania	15	\$8,474	-\$17	\$479,719,969	\$11,175,084
Hawaii	16	\$8,109	\$573	\$13,273,747	\$5,542,752
Maryland	17	\$7,933	\$1,662	\$269,734,230	\$62,963,083
Alabama	18	\$7,651	\$146	\$185,448,382	\$528,976
Georgia	19	\$7,630	\$1,111	\$538,431,295	\$72,157,626
Alaska	20	\$7,150	\$86	\$8,158,561	-\$1,145,285
New York	21	\$6,719	\$317	\$1,028,061,297	\$10,409,156
Illinois	22	\$6,641	\$356	\$555,609,751	\$37,242,858
North Dakota	23	\$6,510	\$279	\$7,005,089	\$1,421,869
Maine	24	\$6,363	-\$92	\$41,012,213	-\$49,661
Minnesota	25	\$6,283	-\$712	\$79,260,540	\$24,220,975
Arkansas	26	\$6,278	\$497	\$127,617,130	\$10,203,845
North Carolina	27	\$6,254	-\$995	\$167,027,011	-\$30,896,434
Virginia	28	\$6,120	-\$113	\$149,480,336	-\$6,300,712
Colorado	29	\$5,817	-\$11	\$338,023,799	\$31,380,217
Oklahoma	30	\$5,749	\$521	\$207,632,498	\$6,584,399
Louisiana	31	\$5,584	-\$198	\$111,023,907	-\$1,796,638
Ohio	32	\$5,110	\$781	\$120,573,483	-\$1,257,827
Kentucky	33	\$5,080	-\$634	\$95,692,076	-\$17,082,605
Tennessee	34	\$4,886	-\$107	\$85,505,733	-\$2,535,487
Mississippi	35	\$4,832	\$299	\$39,022,295	\$6,638,190
Kansas	36	\$4,815	\$169	\$119,446,934	\$6,836,219
Texas**	37	\$4,395	-\$373	\$996,609,407	-\$84,504,056
South Carolina	38	\$3,947	-\$387	\$120,727,185	\$2,957,556
Utah	39	\$3,917	\$529	\$6,474,481	-\$338,229
Iowa*	40	\$3,885	\$80	\$97,813,323	-\$585,985
Wisconsin***	41	\$3,882	\$0	\$165,861,752	-\$6,549,371
Missouri	42	\$3,095	-\$1,839	\$56,524,225	\$13,124,189
Massachusetts	43	\$3,046	\$140	\$105,715,076	\$3,562,184
Florida	44	\$2,946	\$56	\$443,714,085	\$1,860,701
Nebraska	45	\$2,008	-\$258	\$26,532,334	-\$3,448,914
50 states + DC		\$8,124	\$45	\$14,387,269,279	\$434,037,994
Indiana†	Work Requirement	\$601	-\$9,608	\$3,616,054	-\$77,527,198
Virginia MD & CCSP†	Work Requirement	\$8,877		\$125,456,530	
Guam		\$9,410	-\$77	\$489,340	\$14,987
Idaho	No Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Montana	No Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Hampshire	No Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
South Dakota	No Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wyoming	No Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

* 2,446 children with instructional IEPs were served in Iowa's SWVPP program but were funded by sources not reported by the state. Similar to prior years, these children were removed from the per-child spending calculations.

** Texas includes 21,742 Non-ADA eligible children in their enrollment total. These children are removed from state funding per child calculations.

*** Wisconsin could not report pre-K spending for 2023-2024 or 2024-2025. Spending is estimated based on 2022-2023 reported spending.

† 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, they 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.