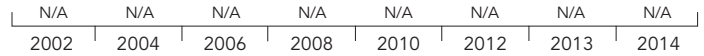
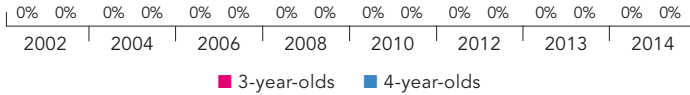


Mississippi

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED*

STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED*
(2014 DOLLARS)



IN PROGRESS

The Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013 became law in April 2013, establishing Mississippi's first state-funded, voluntary Pre-K program. The program served 1,774 children beginning in January 2014. It is reported as "no program" here because it did not enroll children for the duration of the school year. The state used \$3 million to fund the program.

The purpose of the Early Learning Collaborative Act is to provide funding to local communities to establish, expand, support and facilitate the successful implementation of quality early childhood education and development services. Pre-K programs in Head Start centers, licensed childcare facilities, public, parochial, or private schools formed and maintained a stakeholder council called an Early Learning Collaborative, involving a minimum of two of those program auspices. The Early Learning Collaborative designated a Lead Partner, which can be a public school or other nonprofit entity with the instructional expertise and operational capacity to manage a Collaborative's Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) program.

The voluntary Pre-K Program intends to improve quality, increase access to high-quality Pre-K programs for 4-year-olds, and prepare more children to enter Kindergarten ready to succeed in school. The program also will provide supports to local programs to improve quality, and families will have access to information about Pre-K program quality. Pre-K programs will increase their collaboration with other early childhood education programs and related services. Pre-K programs will implement an integrated, effective system of early childhood curriculum, instruction, assessment, and program evaluation, including curricula aligned with the MDE's *Early Learning Standards for Classrooms Serving Four-Year-Old Children*.

The program meets all 10 of NIEER's quality standards benchmarks, and will continue to do so when it is fully profiled here for the 2014-2015 school year.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
No Program	

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
No Program	

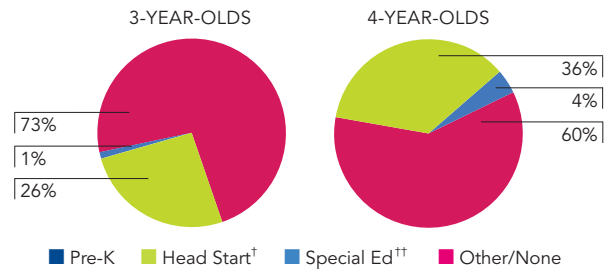
MISSISSIPPI EARLY LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

This profile indicates the enrollment, spending, and program standards of the mid-year program that started in 2014. Though not included in the rankings and national totals, this information is included for reference.

ACCESS

Total state program enrollment	1,774
School districts that offer state program	10%
Income requirement	No income requirement
Hours of operation	7 hours/day
Operating schedule	5 days/week, Academic year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	4,911
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	24,961
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	0

STATE PRE-K AND HEAD START ENROLLMENT AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION



[†] Some Head Start children may also be counted in state pre-K.
^{††} Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?
Early learning standards	Comprehensive	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA/BS	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	12 hours ECE coursework	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	Associates degree	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service	15 clock hours/year	At least 15 hours/year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size		20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	NA		
4-year-olds	20		
Staff-child ratio		1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	NA		
4-year-olds	1:10		
Screening/referral	Vision; hearing; health; and support services	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	Lunch and either breakfast or snack	At least 1/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring	Site visits and other monitoring	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET

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RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$3,000,000
Local match required?	Yes
State spending per child enrolled	\$1,691
All reported spending per child enrolled*	Not reported

* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.
 ** Head Start per-child spending for the 2013-2014 year includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds served. Past years figured have unintentionally included funds for Early Head Start.
 *** K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures. Data are for the '13-'14 school year, unless otherwise noted.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

