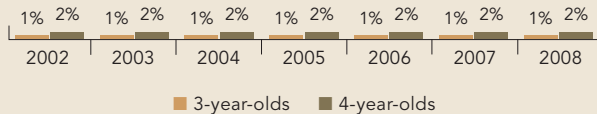
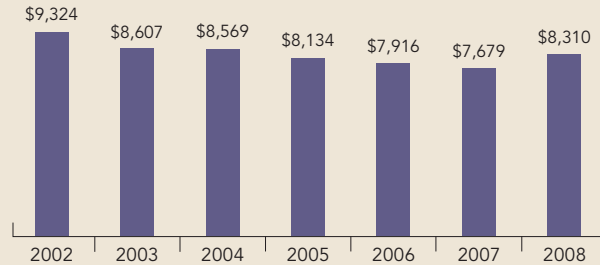


Minnesota

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED
(2008 DOLLARS)



Minnesota allocates funds to provide additional Head Start and Early Head Start enrollment opportunities for children from birth to age 5. Agencies currently receiving federal Head Start grants are eligible for this funding and may choose to partner with other agencies including public schools, private child care centers, and family child care homes. Service providers receiving state funds are required to follow the federal Head Start Performance Standards. Program staff receive training and technical assistance on the use of the state's early learning standards, the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress.

The School Readiness Program is another state pre-K initiative, which is offered through school districts, subcontracted charter schools, and community-based organizations. The initiative's aim is to promote kindergarten readiness through prekindergarten, services for children with disabilities, and home visits. School districts can decide which services to offer. Programs are required to assess children's cognitive skills upon entering and leaving the program, ensure that appropriate screenings and referrals occur, provide research-based program content, encourage parent involvement, and coordinate with other local programs. As program enrollment and funding data for center-based preschool education services are not tracked at the state level, the School Readiness Program is not the focus of data in this profile.

Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, additional services for Minnesota's children and their families are available through new initiatives using a mixture of public and private funding. This funding enables low-income families to have the opportunity to purchase high-quality early care and education services for their 3- and 4-year-olds.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
38	21

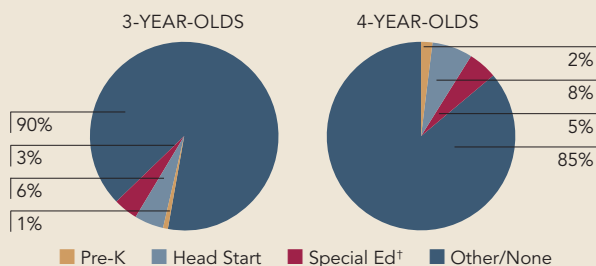
RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
3	5

MINNESOTA HEAD START

ACCESS

Total state program enrollment	2,349 ¹
School districts that offer state program	100% (counties)
Income requirement	90% of children must be at or below 100% FPL or receiving TANF
Hours of operation	At least 3.5 hours/day, 4 days/week ²
Operating schedule	At least 32 weeks/year ²
Special education enrollment	8,236
Federally funded Head Start enrollment	9,475
State-funded Head Start enrollment	1,866 ³

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



† This number represents children in special education who are not enrolled in state-funded 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 (public); CDA (nonpublic) ⁴	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	License or certification in EC (public); Meets CDA requirements (nonpublic)	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	Meet child care regs. ⁵	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service	15 clock hours ⁶	At least 15 hours/year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size .....	.....	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds .....	.....	17	
4-year-olds .....	.....	20	
Staff-child ratio .....	.....	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds .....	.....	2:17	
4-year-olds .....	.....	1:10	
Screening/referral and support services	Vision, hearing, health, dental, developmental; and support services ⁷	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	Lunch and/or breakfast ⁸	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

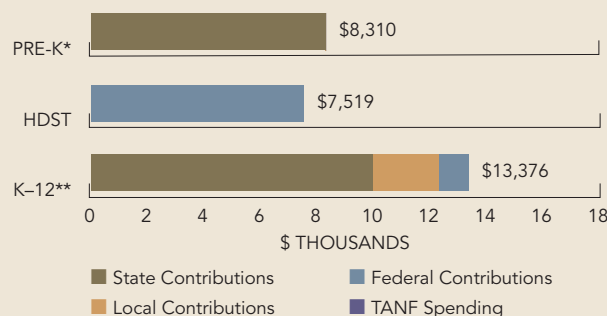
Total state pre-K spending	\$19,520,751 ⁹
Local match required?	No
State Head Start spending	\$19,520,751 ⁹
State spending per child enrolled	\$8,310
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$8,310

* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.

**K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

Data are for the '07-'08 school year, unless otherwise noted.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



¹ This is the number of funded slots and includes an estimated 376 children under age 3 and an estimated 107 5-year-olds.

² Schedules are determined locally but must be in compliance with federal Head Start regulations. Programs must operate at least 3.5 hours per day, 4 days per week, and 32 weeks per year.

³ This is an estimate of the total number of 3- and 4-year-olds served in state-funded Head Start.

⁴ The Head Start reauthorization that went into effect in December 2007 requires that by 2011 all teachers must have at least an AA degree and 50 percent must have at least a BA related to teaching preschool children. Currently, about 80 percent in Minnesota Head Start programs have at least an AA and 60 percent have at least a BA in ECE or a related field. In a public school, teacher union rules require that teachers have at least a bachelor's degree.

⁵ Assistant teachers in settings subject to child care regulations must work under the supervision of a teacher, be at least 18 years old, and meet one of nine

combined credential, educational, and experience requirements, such as a high school diploma, 12 quarter units in early childhood or a related field, and 2,080 hours of experience. Federal Head Start requires that by 2013 all assistant teachers have a CDA or be enrolled in a program to receive a CDA, AA, or BA within two years.

⁶ As of December 2007, the Head Start reauthorization required 15 clock hours of professional development per year.

⁷ Programs are also required to provide screenings and referrals for nutrition, social emotional, and behavioral issues. Support services include two annual parent conferences or home visits, education services or job training for parents, parenting support or training, parent involvement activities, health services for parents and children, information about nutrition, referral to social services, and transition to kindergarten activities.

⁸ Federal Head Start Performance Standards require part-day programs to provide children with at least one-third of their daily nutritional needs (breakfast or lunch), and full-day programs to provide one-half to two-thirds of daily nutritional needs.

⁹ All spending through this initiative is directed toward Head Start programs.