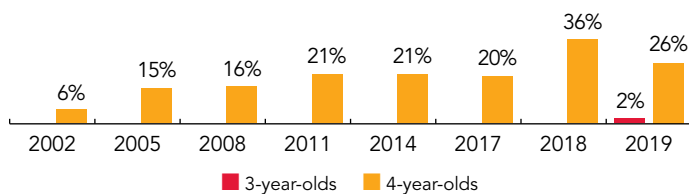
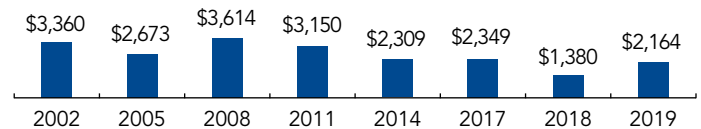


Kansas

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2019 DOLLARS)



OVERVIEW

Kansas preschool programs enrolled 11,060 children in 2018-2019, a decrease of 2,962 children from the prior year. State funding totaled \$20,871,863 and \$3,058,147 in TANF funds were also used to support the program, up \$4,579,775 (24%), adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child (including TANF funds) equaled \$2,164 in 2018-2019, up \$784 from 2017-2018, adjusted for inflation. Kansas met an average of 4 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

WHAT'S NEW

In June 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court deemed constitutional a new school finance formula recently passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. The new formula provides for an increase in both the number of available preschool slots and the base per pupil aid provided for enrolled preschool children.

In late 2018, Kansas received a Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five. This coincided with the election of Governor Laura Kelly, who has identified early childhood as a key priority of her administration, and the appointment of new leadership at the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund.

BACKGROUND

Kansas supports two state-funded prekindergarten programs. The first, established in 1998, is the State Pre-K 4 Year Old At-Risk Program (recently renamed the Kansas Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program). The second is the Kansas Preschool Pilot, first offered in the 2006-2007 school year.

The Kansas Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program, operated by the Kansas Department of Education (KSDE), was available in 215 out of 286 school districts during the 2018-2019 school year. Each preschool-aged at-risk student who is enrolled in a school district that is operating an approved program is counted as a ½ student (0.5 FTE) in calculating a district's enrollment and accompanying weightings in the state school finance formula. Starting in 2018-19, the governing statute was modified to allow enrollment of 3-year-olds who meet at least one of eight risk factors. However, sufficient funds were not available to fund slots for 3-year-olds in 2018-2019. Looking ahead, the state intends to invest an additional \$2 million per year through the 2021-2022 school year, and anticipates that this funding will be sufficient to support all eligible 4-year-olds who meet at-risk criteria in the 2020-2021 school year.

The Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP), also operated by the KSDE, was available in 70 out of 286 school districts during the 2018-19 school year. The 2018 Legislature added an additional \$4.2 million in Children's Initiatives Fund funding to the Kansas Preschool Pilot, more than doubling annual funding for that program in 2018-19. This granted districts additional flexibility to serve 3-year-old children and children who do not meet at-risk criteria.

Both programs use the Kansas Early Learning Standards, aligned with Kansas Curricular Standards, and Pre-K providers may participate in both programs.

In 2015, the Kansas State Board of Education announced a new vision for education in the state: Kansas leads the world in the success of each student. Kindergarten Readiness is one identified metric to track progress toward this goal. In 2018, the KSDE internally restructured to increase emphasis and capacity around early childhood. Beginning in 2020, the Kansas Can Star Recognition Program will give districts the opportunity to apply for recognition in the qualitative Board Outcome areas, including Kindergarten Readiness. This will provide an opportunity to measure and drive quality improvements at the community level.

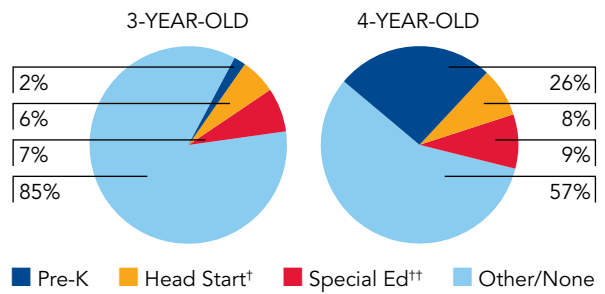
Kansas' overall support for state-funded preschool, including enrollment and funding for both the Kansas Preschool Pilot and the Kansas Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program, is depicted in the first two pages of this state profile. The third page focuses solely on the Kansas Preschool Pilot and the fourth page provides information on the Kansas Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program.

KANSAS STATE OVERVIEW

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	11,060
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	7,351
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	5,139
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	0

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

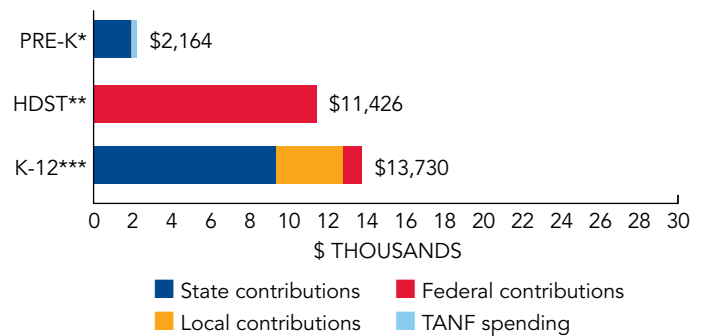


[†] Some Head Start children may also be counted in state pre-K.
^{††} Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$23,930,010
State Head Start spending	\$0
State spending per child enrolled	\$2,164
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$2,164

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



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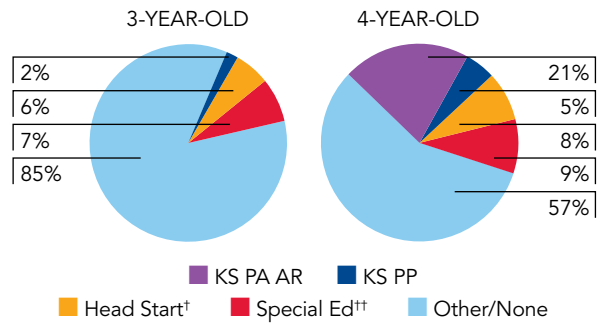
ACCESS RANKINGS		RESOURCE RANKINGS		TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS	STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING	
26	23	43	44	4

KANSAS PRESCHOOL PILOT

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	2,996
School districts that offer state program.....	24%
Income requirement.....	185% FPL
Minimum hours of operation.....	465 hours/year
Operating schedule.....	School or academic year

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	KS PP REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	Approval process & supports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE, CD, Elem. Ed.	Specializing in pre-K	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	Other	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	15 hours/year; PD plans (teachers only); Coaching (some teachers)	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	25 (3- & 4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:10 (3- & 4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, health & more; Referrals not required	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	None	Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>

For more information about the benchmarks, see the Executive Summary and Roadmap to State Profile Pages.

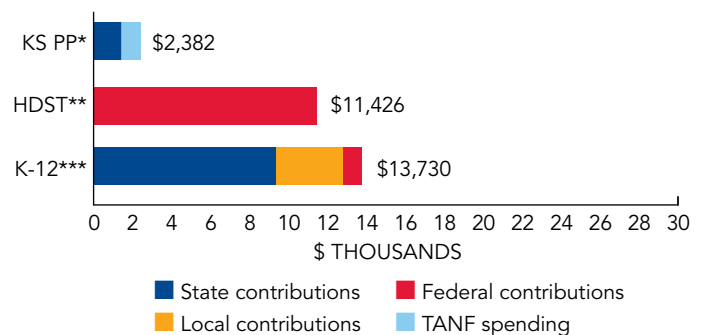
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RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending.....	\$7,136,730
Local match required?.....	No
State spending per child enrolled.....	\$2,382
All reported spending per child enrolled*.....	\$2,382

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

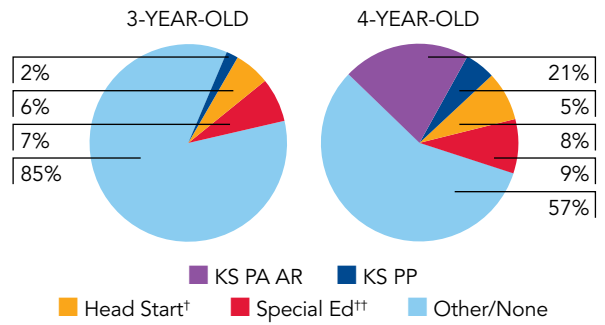


KANSAS PRESCHOOL-AGED AT-RISK

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	8,064
School districts that offer state program	75%
Income requirement	130% FPL
Minimum hours of operation	465 hours/year
Operating schedule	School or academic year

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$16,793,280
Local match required?	No
State spending per child enrolled	\$2,083
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$2,083

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

