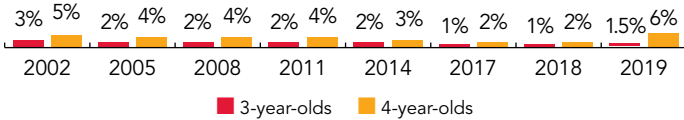
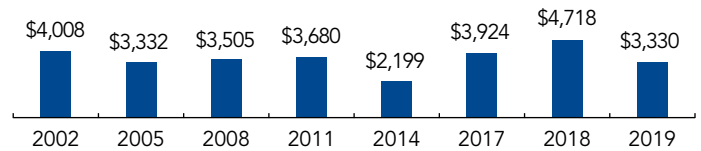


# Missouri

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2019 DOLLARS)



## OVERVIEW

Missouri’s two preschool programs together enrolled 5,788 children in 2018-2019, an increase of 3,410 children from the prior year. State funding for the two programs totaled \$19,274,567, up \$8,054,483 (72%), adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child averaged \$3,330 in 2018-2019, down \$1,388 from 2017-2018, adjusted for inflation. The Missouri Preschool Program met 9 of 10 quality standards benchmarks and the Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula met 5 of 10.

## WHAT’S NEW

Funding for the Missouri Preschool Program (MPP) was reduced in FY 2019, resulting in a reduction in programs’ operating schedules as well as no new contracts were offered to operate new MPP classrooms. Missouri began operating a new state-funded pre-K program, Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) was awarded a Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five award in 2019 for \$6,500,000. This funding will be used to fund the Stronger Together Missouri project, which aims to implement a comprehensive, statewide, birth-to-kindergarten-entry needs assessment and to update the state’s Early Childhood Strategic Plan to enhance long-term sustainability in early childhood services.

## BACKGROUND

MPP, launched in 1998, serves 3- and 4-year-olds in public schools, private child-care centers, and nonprofit agencies. Roughly 90% of children are served in programs operated by public schools. Programs are required to work with the local Parents as Teachers program to provide parent education, family visits, group connections, health and development screenings, and services referrals.

MPP is funded through the state’s Tobacco Settlement Fund. In the 2018-2019 school year, MPP was offered in nine percent of school districts statewide. A competitive grant process determines which programs receive MPP funds, with priority given to those serving children with special needs or from low-income families. MPP contracts are for a maximum of five years. Programs require payment on a sliding scale based on criteria including eligibility for free or reduced-priced school lunch.

Program quality is monitored through site visits and classroom assessments using ECERS-3 to support goal setting and professional development. On-site consultation hours are also provided, ranging from 14 to 20 annually, based on program needs. Children enrolled in MPP are assessed using the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP).

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, Missouri’s Local Education Agencies (LEAs) were encouraged to use the Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula fund for preschool. Most policy decisions are made by the LEAs but must meet requirements around teacher to child ratio, teaching degrees and certification, and fiscal spending and reporting. DESE offers professional development opportunities for classroom teachers, including coaching.

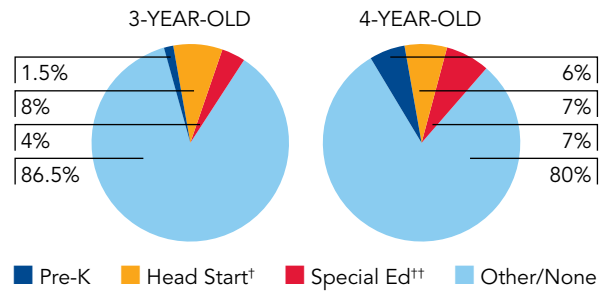
Missouri’s overall support for state-funded preschool, including enrollment and funding for both MPP and the Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula program, is depicted in the first two pages of this state profile. The third page focuses solely on MPP and the fourth page provides information on the Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula program.

## MISSOURI STATE OVERVIEW

### ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment .....	5,788
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	10,598
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	10,896
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	0

### PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

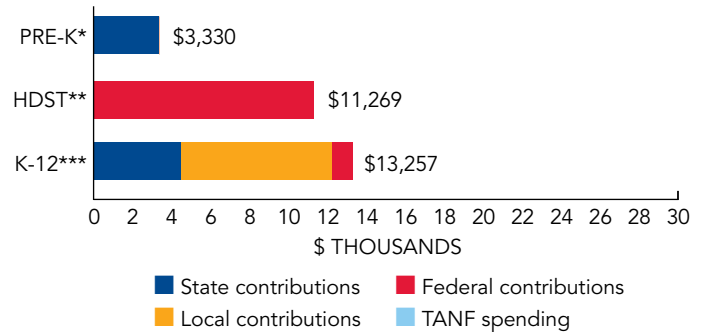


<sup>†</sup> Some Head Start children may also be counted in state pre-K.  
<sup>††</sup> Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

### RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$19,274,567
State Head Start spending .....	\$0
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$3,330
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$3,330

### SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



\* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.  
 \*\* Head Start per-child spending includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds.  
 \*\*\* K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
39	26

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
37	41

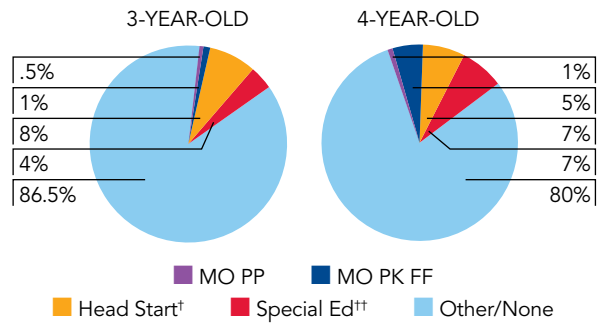
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
5.9

# MISSOURI PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

## ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	1,330
School districts that offer state program.....	9%
Income requirement.....	No income requirement
Minimum hours of operation.....	3 hours/day
Operating schedule.....	School/academic year or calendar year

## PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MO 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, ECE SpEd	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA, AA in Child Care/Education, or 60 college hours (min. of 3 college hours in ECE)	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	22 hours/year; PD plans; Coaching	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	20 (3- & 4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input checked="" 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	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement	Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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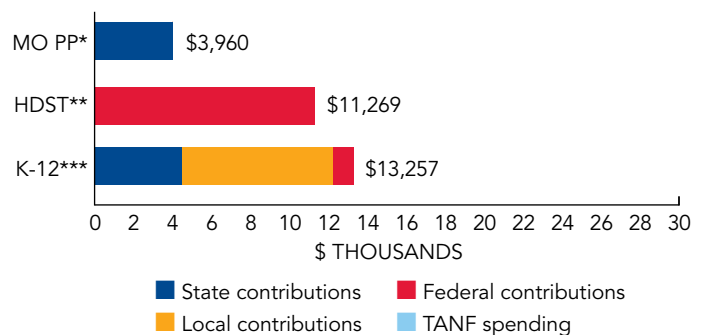
For more information about the benchmarks, see the Executive Summary and Roadmap to State Profile Pages.

## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending.....	\$5,266,964
Local match required?.....	No
State spending per child enrolled.....	\$3,960
All reported spending per child enrolled*.....	\$3,960

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## SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

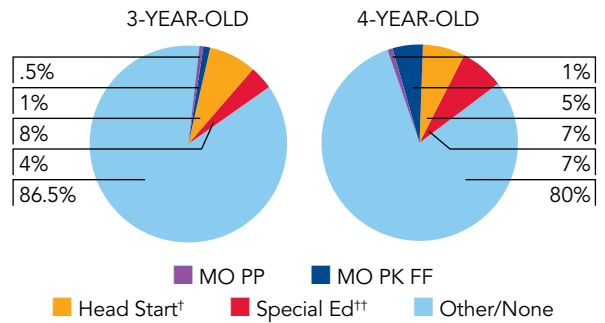


# MISSOURI PRE-K FOUNDATION FORMULA

## ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment ..... 4,458  
 School districts that offer state program .... 13%; 21% charter schools  
 Income requirement ..... 185% FPL  
 Minimum hours of operation ..... Determined locally  
 Operating schedule ..... School or academic year

## PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MO FF 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, ECE SpEd	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA, AA in Child Care/Education, or 60 college hours (min. of 3 college hours in ECE)	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	30 hours/year (years 1-4, teachers only); PD plans and Coaching (some teachers only)	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	No limit (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	None	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.



## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending ..... \$14,007,603  
 Local match required? ..... No  
 State spending per child enrolled ..... \$3,142  
 All reported spending per child enrolled\* ..... \$3,142

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## SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

