OVERVIEW
During the 2020-2021 school year as the COVID-19 pandemic continued, Michigan enrolled 26,775 children in the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), a decrease of 10,593 children from the prior year. State funding for GSRP totaled $249,600,000, down $4,687,405 (2%), when adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child on GSRP equaled $9,322 in 2020-2021, up $2,517 from 2019-2020, when adjusted for inflation. Michigan also served 9,018 children in a Developmental Kindergarten (DK) program. State spending for DK was $73,144,988 and state spending per child was $8,111. Michigan GSRP met 10 of 10 quality standards benchmarks and DK met 1 of 10 benchmarks.

WHAT’S NEW
In Fall 2020, GSRP programs decided if they would open physically or provide remote instruction. Much of the instruction during 2020-2021 took place virtually but by Spring 2021, most programs were physically open. Fall 2021 began will all programs open for in-person instruction. GSRP received an allocation for 2020-2021 equal to 2019-2020 which leaves the program fairly stable during the pandemic. The state legislature appropriated $121 million in federal recovery funding to expand GSRP to serve an additional 17,000 to 22,000 eligible children over the next few years. The state legislature also approved an increase in per child funding for GSRP from $7,250 to $8,700 for a full-day slot.

For the first time, Michigan’s Developmental Kindergarten (DK) program is included in this report.

BACKGROUND
Established in 1985, the GSRP, formerly known as Michigan School Readiness Program, provides preschool education for at-risk 4-year-olds, and is associated with the state’s early childhood initiative. Starting in 2013-2014, 90% of families had to be at or below 250% FPL with some exceptions for up to 300% FPL. In 2020-2021 only, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the income eligibility was raised to 400% FPL. Any family over-income for the remaining 10% must pay a fee on a locally determined sliding scale unless they are homeless, in foster care, or have an IEP recommending placement in an inclusive preschool setting. GSRP serves the majority of children in school-day programs to increase program dosage for children and better suit the needs of families.

Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) serve as program grantees, but they may distribute funds to local school districts and to providers in community-based settings to offer GSRP. GSRP providers must attain a three-star or higher rating in Michigan’s Great Start to Quality tiered rating and improvement system.

Overall ISD funding is determined by the level of poverty in each ISD and a funding formula, with final grantee awards based on both a community needs assessment and a formula component. State funding includes a transportation fund, as well as funding specifically earmarked for recruiting families and increasing public awareness of GSRP, and $350,000 is appropriated for ongoing statewide evaluation activities.

Michigan’ Developmental Kindergarten (DK) program is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program for children who turn 5 between September 1 and December 1 or whose parents and/or schools feel they are “not ready”, usually those with birthdays between July and Sept. 1. The program began after the School Aid Act of 2008 allowed children who turned 5 by December 1 to be counted in a school district’s pupil membership. It is funded in the same way as kindergarten using the school funding formula and follows kindergarten requirements for class sizes, teacher qualifications, and other standards. Teachers are currently required to have a K–8 license but this will change to B–K or Prek to 3rd grade. Teachers have salary parity with K-12. All programs are full-day, and follow the school-year calendar.

Michigan’s overall support for state-funded preschool, including enrollment and funding for GSRP and DK, is depicted in the first two pages of this state profile. The third page focuses on GSRP and the fourth page provides information on DK.
ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment ................................. 35,793
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ...................... 11,219
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ...... 23,008
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .............. 0

RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending ............................. $322,744,998
State Head Start spending .............................................. $0
State spending per child enrolled ................................ $9,017
All reported spending per child enrolled* ......................... $9,017

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE
3-YEAR-OLDS
- Pre-K: 9%
- Head Start*: 3%
- Special Ed**: 88%
4-YEAR-OLDS
- Pre-K: 31%
- Head Start*: 7%
- Special Ed**: 62%

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED
- PRE-K*: $9,017
- HDST**: $11,742
- K-12***: $13,074

ACCESS RANKINGS
- 4-YEAR-OLDS: 19
- 3-YEAR-OLDS: None Served

RESOURCE RANKINGS
- STATE SPENDING: 17
- ALL REPORTED SPENDING: 24

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
- OSRP: 10
- DK: 1

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** 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.

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ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment .............................................. 26,775
School districts that offer state program ......................... 99% (counties)
Income requirement .................................................. 400% of FPL (due to COVID-19)
Minimum hours of operation ................................. 3 hours/day; 4 days/week
Operating schedule .................................................. Determined locally

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY | MI GSRP REQUIREMENT | BENCHMARK | REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
--- | --- | --- | ---
Early learning & development standards | Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive | Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive | Yes
Curriculum supports | Approval process & supports | Approval process & supports | Yes
Teacher degree | BA | BA | Yes
Teacher specialized training | ECE, CD, ECE SpEd | Specializing in pre-K | Yes
Assistant teacher degree | CDA or AA in ECE/CD | CDA or equivalent | Yes
Staff professional development | 16 hours/year; PD plans; Coaching | For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching | Yes
Maximum class size | 18 (4-year-olds) | 20 or lower | Yes
Staff-child ratio | 1.8 (4-year-olds) | 1:10 or better | Yes
Screening & referral | Vision, hearing, health & more | Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral | Yes
Continuous quality improvement system | Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement | Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement | Yes

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

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .............................................. $249,600,000
Local match required? .................................................. No
State spending per child enrolled .................................. $9,322 ¹
All reported spending per child enrolled* ....................... $9,322 ¹

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¹ Estimates children in Head Start not also enrolled in state pre-K.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

- MI GSRP
- HDST
- K-12

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MICHIGAN DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment .................................................. 9,018
School districts that offer state program .......................... 47% (LEAs/public school academies)
Income requirement ............................................................... No income requirement
Minimum hours of operation ............................................... Determined locally
Operating schedule ............................................................. School or academic year

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- Head Start†
- Special Ed††
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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

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