Montana does not currently operate a public preschool program that meets the definitions used in this report. The 2018-2019 program year marked the final year for implementation of the $6 million STARS Preschool Pilot, which was Montana’s first state-funded preschool effort.

In the past, Montana has taken advantage of recent federal grant opportunities to support preschool programs. In 2018-2019, over 1,300 children were provided with new or enhanced preschool slots under the state’s federal Preschool Development Grant (PDG). Also, in 2017, Montana received another competitive federal grant through the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Program to support literacy skills among disadvantaged children and earmarked 15% of grant funding for preschool programs.
MONTANA

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment ................................................................. 0
School districts that offer state program ........................................... NA
Income requirement ........................................................................ NA
Minimum hours of operation ............................................................. NA
Operating schedule ......................................................................... NA
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ............................... 768
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ........... 3,454
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ...................... 0

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

NO PROGRAM

RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending .......................................................... $0
Local match required? ................................................................. NA
State Head Start spending ........................................................... $0
State spending per child enrolled ................................................ $0
All reported spending per child enrolled* .................................. $0

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

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

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†† Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

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Data are for the 2020-2021 school year, unless otherwise noted.