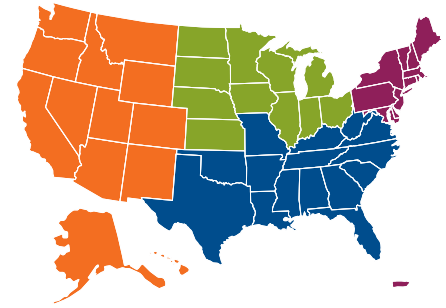


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PRE-K ACCESS AND FUNDING

The 2011-12 school year was a difficult one for pre-K advocates.¹

- ▶ State funding for pre-K decreased by more than half a billion dollars from 2010-11 to 2011-12, the largest one-year drop ever.
- ▶ After a decade of growth, pre-K enrollment stalled, marking the first school year with no increase in the percentage of children served in state pre-K programs.
- ▶ State funding fell to an average of \$3,841 per child, a more than \$400 drop compared to the previous year. This marked the first year that average real funding per child slipped below \$4,000 since the National Institute for Early Education Research began releasing its annual yearbook in 2003.
- ▶ State spending per child has dropped by more than \$1,100 since 2001-02.

About 1.3 million children attended state-funded preschool programs, but participation rates and funding varied across states.²

- ▶ Forty states offered state-funded preschool programs, while 10 states—Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming—did not

have state-funded programs during the 2011-12 school year.

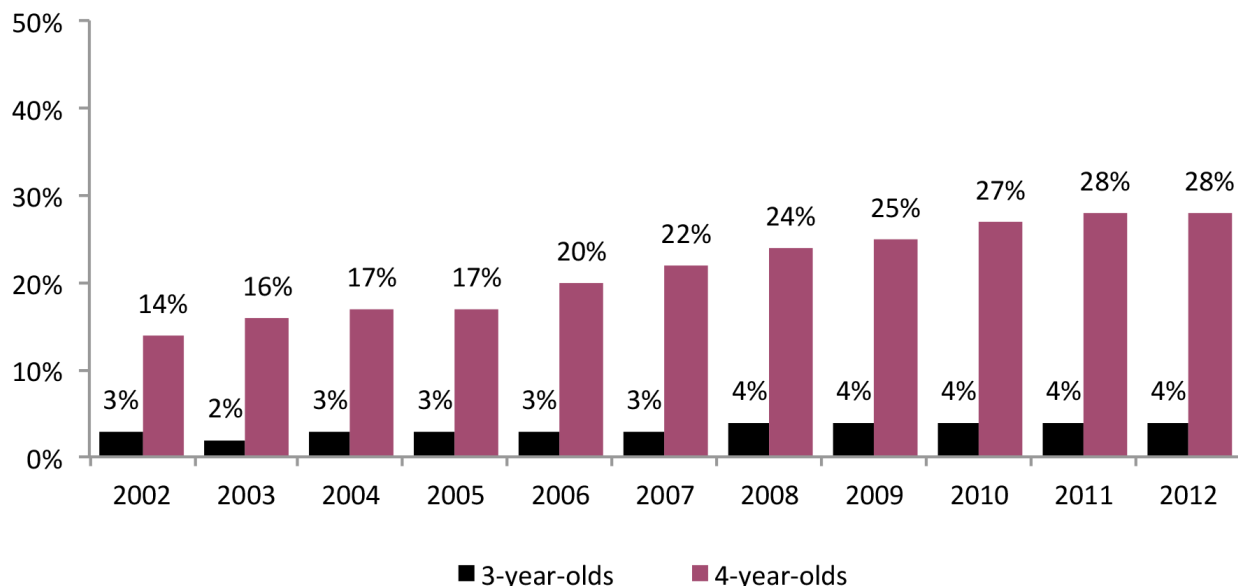
- ▶ Nationally, 4.2 percent of 3-year-olds and 28 percent of 4-year-olds were enrolled in state-funded pre-K, while 16.1 percent of all 3- and 4-year olds are enrolled.
- ▶ For the second year in a row, Florida ranked first and Oklahoma second in the highest percentage of 4-year-olds served by state pre-school programs.
- ▶ Illinois led the nation in access for 3-year-olds, with a 20 percent enrollment rate, followed by New Jersey, where 18.6 percent of 3-year-olds were enrolled.
- ▶ In the 2011-12 school year, 40 states spent \$5.1 billion on pre-K.
- ▶ New Jersey spent the most per child on pre-K—\$11,659—followed by Oregon at \$8,509 per child and Connecticut at \$8,388 per child.

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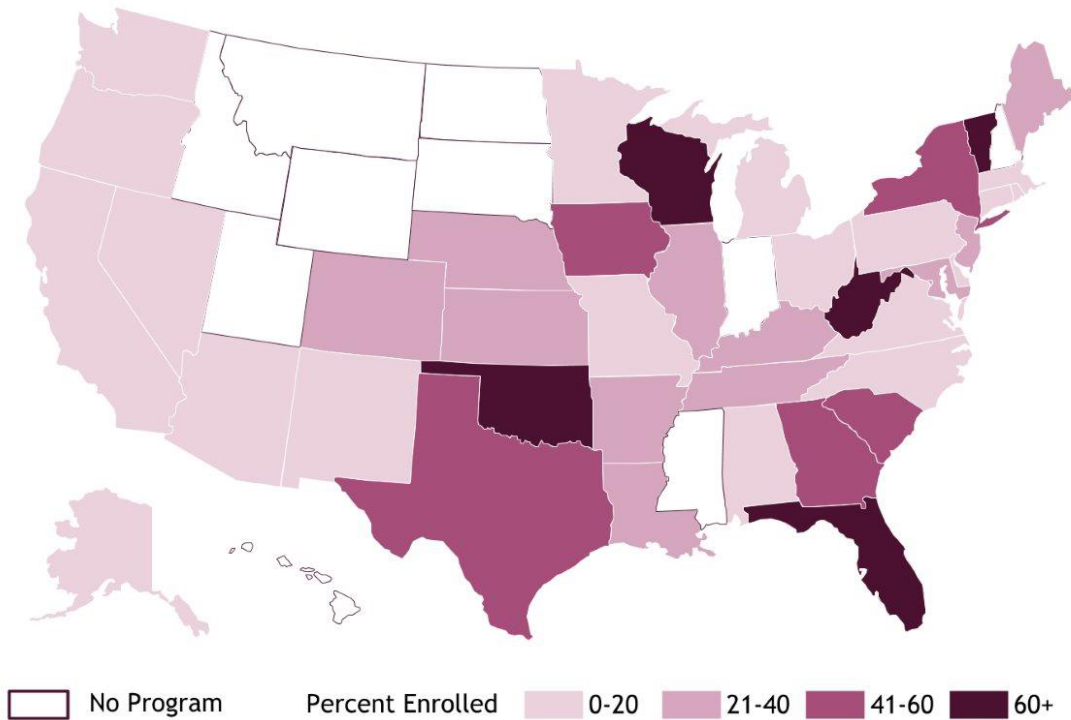
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Percent of Pre-K Age Population Enrolled in State-Funded Pre-K



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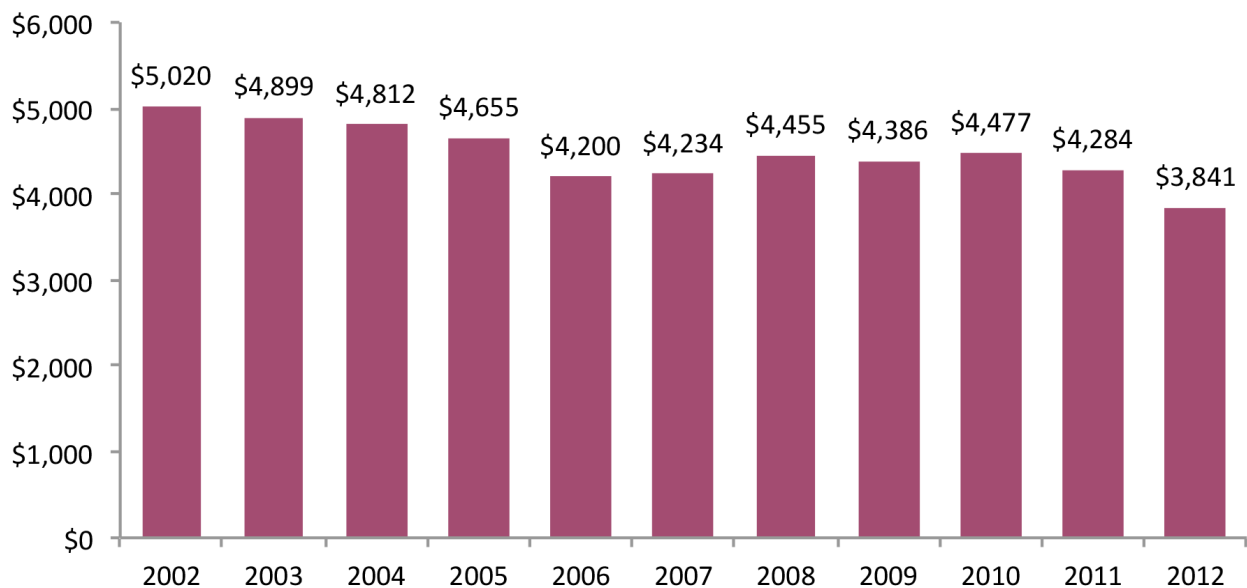
Percent of 4-Year-Olds Enrolled in State Funded Pre-K (2011/2012)



National Institute for Early Education Research, The State of Preschool 2012: State Preschool Yearbook

The Council of State Governments, 2014

Average State Spending Per Child Enrolled (2012 Dollars)



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PRE-K ENROLLMENT AND FUNDING »

	Percent of Children Enrolled in State Pre-K (2011/2012)			Percent Change in Enrollment (2010/2011-2011/2012)		State \$ per child enrolled in pre-K	
	3-year-olds	4-year-olds	Total (3s and 4s)	3-year-olds	4-year-olds	2011/2012 (\$)	Change from 2010/2011-2011/2012 (\$)**
United States	4.2	28.0	16.1	1.0	14.0	3841	-442
EAST REGION							
Connecticut	7.5	12.9	10.2	4.0	3.0	8388	-1268
Delaware	0.0	7.4	3.7	NA	-1.0	6795	-217
Maine	0.0	31.6	15.9	NA	22.0	2213	164
Maryland	3.9	34.5	19.2	2.0	9.0	3609	-946
Massachusetts*	3.3	14.3	8.8	-9.0	3.0	4058	250
New Hampshire				No Program			
New Jersey	18.6	28.2	23.4	7.0	8.0	11659	-383
New York	0.1	44.2	22.1	-2.0	20.0	3707	-96
Pennsylvania*	5.3	14.0	9.6	5.0	12.0	5474	115
Rhode Island	0.0	0.9	0.5	NA	1.0	3315	-2419
Vermont*	16.1	65.2	41.0	11.0	57.0	3744	368
MIDWEST REGION							
Illinois	20.0	27.7	23.9	12.0	6.0	3210	-349
Indiana				No Program			
Iowa	2.6	52.5	27.7	NA	48.0	3423	36
Kansas	0.0	20.9	10.4	NA	15.0	2123	-601
Michigan	0.0	19.4	9.8	NA	0.0	4422	-174
Minnesota*	1.0	1.4	1.2	0.0	0.0	7592	-122
Nebraska	13.4	22.2	17.8	13.0	21.0	944	-715
North Dakota				No Program			
Ohio	1.1	2.4	1.8	-5.0	-6.0	3980	-87
South Dakota				No Program			
Wisconsin*	1.0	61.0	31.2	0.0	42.0	3205	-373
SOUTH REGION							
Alabama	0.0	6.3	3.1	NA	5.0	4887	197
Arkansas	11.2	37.4	24.4	9.0	31.0	5409	227
Florida	0.0	79.4	39.8	NA	79.0	2281	-219
Georgia	0.0	58.7	29.4	NA	5.0	3490	-945
Kentucky	6.4	30.4	18.4	-3.0	7.0	3533	26
Louisiana	0.0	31.6	15.8	NA	20.0	4459	-359
Mississippi				No Program			
Missouri	1.3	3.9	2.6	-2.0	-1.0	2682	-501
North Carolina	0.0	19.2	9.6	NA	18.0	5160	-171
Oklahoma	0.0	74.1	37.2	NA	18.0	3652	81
South Carolina	4.1	42.6	23.5	3.0	13.0	1226	-159
Tennessee	0.7	21.6	11.1	0.0	19.0	4528	-240
Texas	5.5	51.4	28.5	-1.0	12.0	3232	-650
Virginia	0.0	16.0	8.0	NA	10.0	3778	-152
West Virginia	8.9	60.9	34.7	0.0	37.0	6002	218
WEST REGION							
Alaska	0.0	2.0	1.0	NA	2.0	8057	983
Arizona	0.3	3.1	1.7	NA	-3.0	2913	2,913**
California	9.3	18.1	13.7	7.0	10.0	4136	-1009
Colorado	6.2	21.0	13.7	5.0	7.0	1912	-196
Hawaii				No Program			
Idaho				No Program			
Montana				No Program			
Nevada	0.6	2.7	1.7	0.0	2.0	2592	46
New Mexico	0.0	15.5	7.7	-2.0	14.0	3161	-513
Oregon	5.0	9.7	7.4	3.0	4.0	8509	-216
Utah				No Program			
Washington	1.1	8.2	4.7	0.0	2.0	6665	-332
Wyoming				No Program			

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* At least one program in these states did not break down total enrollment figures into specific numbers of 3- and 4-year-olds served. As a result, the figures in this table are estimates.
 ** Although Arizona's First Things First Program has been newly added as a state funded pre-K program, the program and its funding are not new.
 *** Inflation Adjusted