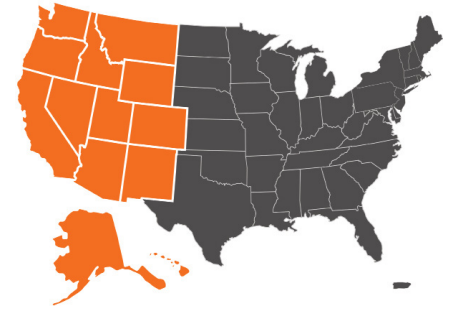


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PRE-K ACCESS AND FUNDING

National Analysis »

About 1.3 million children attended state-funded preschool programs during the 2011-12 school year, but participation rates and funding varied across states.¹

- ▶ 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 preschool 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, and state funding per child averaged \$3,841.
- ▶ New Jersey spent the most per child on pre-K by far—\$11,659—followed by Oregon at \$8,509 per child and Connecticut at \$8,388 per child.

Regional Analysis »

Eight of the 13 states in CSG's Western region had state-funded pre-K programs in the 2011-12 school year.²

- ▶ The average state enrollment rate for 3-year-olds in the Western region was 2.8 percent, the second-highest regional average, while the average regional enrollment rate for 4-year-olds was 10 percent, the lowest average of all the regions.
- ▶ Colorado had the highest enrollment rate in the region for 4-year-olds at 21 percent, followed by California at 18.1 percent and New Mexico at 15.5 percent.
- ▶ Two of eight states in the region—Alaska and New Mexico—had no 3-year-olds enrolled in state funded pre-K, while three states—California, Colorado and Oregon—had an enrollment rate higher than the national average of 4.2 percent.
- ▶ States in the Western region spent an average of \$4,743 per child on pre-K during the 2011-12 school year.
- ▶ Oregon spent the most per child at \$8,509, followed by Alaska at \$8,057 and Washington at \$6,665.
- ▶ In inflation-adjusted dollars, year-over-year spending per child dropped in the 2011-12 school year in five of eight states in the region. Arizona, Alaska and Nevada each increased spending per child during the same time period.

Average State Spending Per Child Enrolled (2012 Dollars)



Source: Barnett, W.S., Carolan, M.E., Fitzgerald, J., & Squires, J.H. "The State of Preschool 2012: State Preschool Yearbook," National Institute for Early Education Research, 2013. <http://nieer.org/publications/state-preschool-2012>

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²Ibid.

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