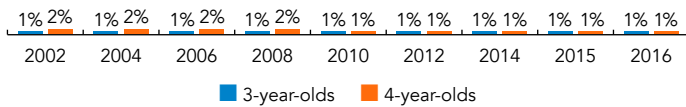


Minnesota

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2016 DOLLARS)



As part of Minnesota’s efforts to increase access to early childhood education for children birth to five, the state financially supplements Early Head Start and Head Start. All state-supported Head Start programs are required to follow the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress (ECIPs), Minnesota’s early learning standards birth to kindergarten entrance. ECIPs guide required training, support, and technical assistance for all program staff. The ECIPs, which are currently being revised, are aligned with the English Language Arts Common Core standards for the early grade, the state’s college and career ready standards. The ECIPs will soon be aligned with the Head Start standards as well.

Minnesota spent \$25 million to supplement federally funded Head Start in the state during the 2015-2016 school year. The state served an additional 1,617 three- and four-year-olds in Head Start and additional children under age three in Early Head Start. Local grantees can decide how to allocate funds between Head Start and Early Head Start. The state supplement for Head Start and Early Head Start increased by \$5 million for the 2015-2016 school year.

Organizations receiving federal Head Start funding can also receive supplemental funding from the state. Head Start programs are eligible to receive funding directly but they are permitted to subcontract with private child care, family child care, and public schools to provide the program. All programs are required to follow the federal Head Start Performance Standards. Head Start programs are only required to participate in Parent Aware, the state’s QRIS, if the conditions outlined in the [performance standards](#) are met. American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) programs do not have to participate. Currently in Minnesota all but two AI/AN programs participate in Parent Aware.

Minnesota has other state-supported early childhood initiatives that are not included in the State of Preschool Yearbook. The Early Learning Scholarships Programs provides scholarships to eligible families in order to increase access to high-quality early childhood programs. Families with children between the ages of three and four as of September 1 are eligible for scholarships and can choose any early childhood program that receives a Three- or Four-Star Parent Aware Rating. During 2015-2016 school year, approximately 11,219 scholarships of up to \$7,500 were awarded using an appropriation of \$44.13 million.

The School Readiness Program aims to improve children’s kindergarten readiness through preschool education programs and home visits. Individual districts can exercise local control over the services provided, but all programs must meet the following requirements: provision of appropriate screenings and referrals for children as needed, support for parent involvement, use of research-based program content, and collaboration with other local programs. Early childhood services are provided through subcontracts with school districts, community-based organizations, and charter schools.

The Voluntary Pre-kindergarten program began during the 2016-2017 school year, serving approximately 3,330 children in 74 school districts and charter schools. The program was established by Governor Dayton and the 2016 Legislature, and there are plans to expand the program pending legislative approval. The goal of the program is to prepare children for success in school through high-quality early learning programs.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
44	24

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
5	10

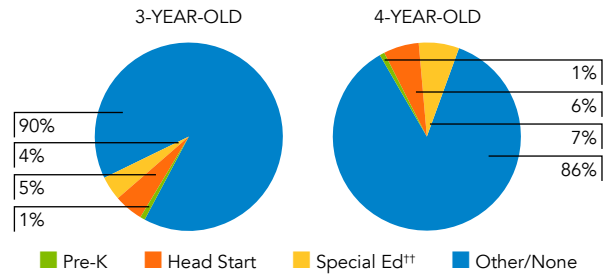
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET	
CURRENT STANDARDS	NEW STANDARDS
9	7

MINNESOTA HEAD START

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	1,617
School districts that offer state program	100% (counties/parishes)
Income requirement	Per Federal HdSt requirements - 100% FPL
Minimum hours of operation.....	Determined locally
Operating schedule.....	Determined locally
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	9,056
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	9,643
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	1,617

STATE PRE-K AND HEAD START ENROLLMENT AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION



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

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MN PRE-K REQUIREMENT	CURRENT BENCHMARK	MEETS CURRENT BENCHMARK?	NEW BENCHMARK	MEETS NEW BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	New in 2015-2016	—	Approval process & supports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	AA	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE, CD, ECE SpEd	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	15 hours/year; PD plans	For teachers: At least 15 hours/year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	15 (3-year-olds); 20 (4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	2:15 (3-year-olds); 1:10 (4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, health & more; Support services	Vision, hearing, health & at least one support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	At least one meal/day ⁶	At least one meal/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discontinued	—
Monitoring/Continuous quality improvement system	Improvement plan; Site visits	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Structured classroom observation; program improvement plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
			9		
					7

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$12,813,108
Local match required?	Yes
State Head Start spending	\$12,813,108
State spending per child enrolled	\$7,924
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$7,924

* 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.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

