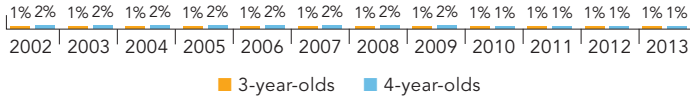
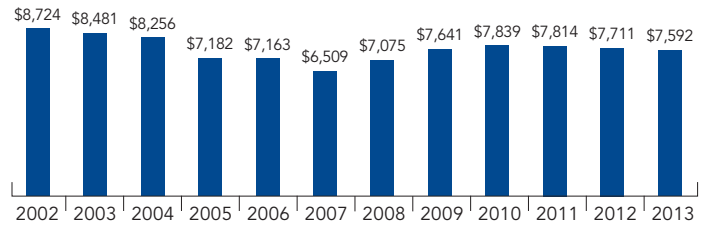


Minnesota

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2013 DOLLARS)



Minnesota offers supplemental financial support to both Head Start and Early Head Start (EHS) programs in an effort to improve access for children from birth to age 5. Any organization that obtains federal Head Start backing is qualified for financial support. The agencies may work in a joint venture with private child care centers, public schools, and family child care homes, while following the federal Head Start Performance Standards. Additionally, the state's early learning standards, the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress, guide support and training for all program staff members and on technical assistance. Minnesota was the recipient of a Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant in the 2009-2010 school year.

The School Readiness Program, a second state initiative, provides services through subcontracted charter schools, community-based organizations, and school districts. The program focuses on improving kindergarten readiness through a number of approaches, including services for children with disabilities, home visits, and preschool education programs. Individual school districts decide which services to offer. Programs must have research-based program content, support parent involvement, collaborate with other local programs, and provide children with appropriate screenings and referrals as needed. Financial support data and program enrollment for center-based preschool education services are not tracked at the state level, hence the exclusion of the School Readiness Program in this profile.

Minnesota was unable to provide updated information on the 2012-2013 school year, so 2011-2012 school year information is used throughout this profile, as there were not substantial changes in program funding and enrollment during that time. Funding was not adjusted for inflation.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
40	23

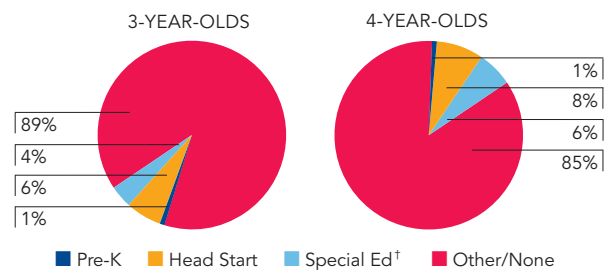
RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
6	8

MINNESOTA HEAD START

ACCESS

Total state program enrollment	1,813
School districts that offer state program	100% (counties)
Income requirement	At least 90% of children must be at or below 100% FPL or receiving TANF ¹
Hours of operation	At least 3.5 hours/day, 4 days/week ²
Operating schedule	At least 32 weeks/year ²
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	8,700
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	9,422
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	0

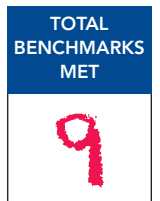
STATE PRE-K AND HEAD START ENROLLMENT AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION



[†] This is an estimate of children in special education who are not enrolled in state-funded pre-K or Head Start.

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?
Early learning standards	Comprehensive	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA (public); AA (nonpublic) ³	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	AA in ECE or equivalent ³	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	Meets child care regulations ⁴	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service	15 clock hours/year	At least 15 hours/year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds17		
4-year-olds20		
Staff-child ratio	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds2:17		
4-year-olds1:10		
Screening/referral	Vision, hearing, health, dental, and support services	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	Lunch and/or breakfast ⁶	At least 1/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring	Site visits and other monitoring	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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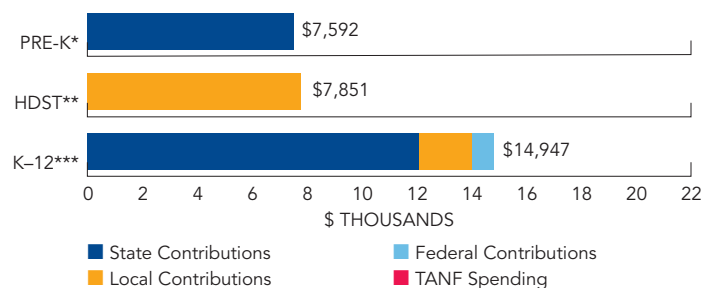
Total state pre-K spending	\$13,764,296 ⁷
Local match required?	No
State Head Start spending	\$13,764,296 ⁷
State spending per child enrolled	\$7,592
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$7,592

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

** Head Start per-child spending for the 2012-2013 year includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds served. Past years figured have unintentionally included funds for Early Head Start.

*** K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures. Data are for the '12-'13 school year, unless otherwise noted.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



¹ State pre-K children must meet the federal Head Start income guidelines. Effective December 2007, 35 percent of enrollment may be children whose family incomes are between 100 and 130 percent FPL after priority is given to children at 100 percent or below FPL.

² Schedules are determined locally, but must be in compliance with federal Head Start regulations. Programs must operate at least 3.5 hours per day, 4 days per week, and 32 weeks per year.

³ Under the Head Start Reauthorization Act of 2007, all lead teachers were required to have at least an AA by October 2011; by September 30, 2013, 50 percent must have at least a BA. By September 30, 2013, all assistant teachers must have at least a CDA or be enrolled in a program to receive a CDA, AA, or BA within two years. In a public school, teacher union rules require that teachers have at least a BA.

⁴ Assistant teachers in settings subject to child care regulations must work under the supervision of a teacher, be at least 18 years old, and meet one of nine combined credential, educational, and experience requirements, such as a high school diploma, 12 quarter units in early childhood or a related field, and 2,080 hours of experience. Federal Head Start requires that by 2013 all assistant teachers have a CDA or be enrolled in a program to receive a CDA, AA, or BA within 2 years.

⁵ Support services include parent conferences or home visits, education services or job training for parents, parenting support or training, parent involvement activities, health services for parents and children, information about nutrition, referral to social services, and transition to kindergarten activities.

⁶ Federal Head Start Performance Standards require half-day programs to provide children with at least one-third of their daily nutritional needs (breakfast or lunch), and full-day programs to provide two meals or two-thirds of their daily nutritional needs.

⁷ All spending through this initiative is directed toward Head Start programs.