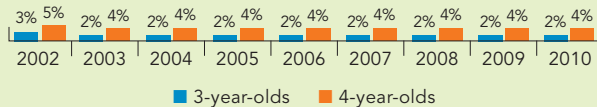
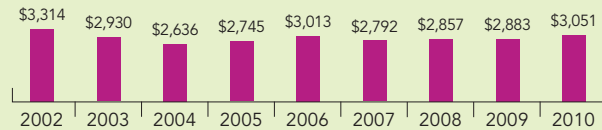


Missouri

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED
(2010 DOLLARS)



The Missouri Preschool Project (MPP) has served 3- and 4-year-olds in the state since 1998, with programs situated in public schools, nonprofits agencies, and private child care centers. MPP is supported by state gaming revenues and funding is distributed through the Early Childhood Development Education and Care Fund. While priority is given to programs serving children from low-income families and those with special needs, all MPP funds are awarded through a competitive grant process. Programs use sliding payment scales, which use criteria including free or reduced-priced lunch eligibility. However, the goal is to eventually provide access to all families regardless of income.

Teachers hired after July 1, 2005, are required to have a bachelor's degree as well as a specialization in early childhood. New grantees also must meet this teacher education requirement in order to receive state funding. As of the 2008-2009 school year, assistant teachers in both public and nonpublic settings are required to have a Child Development Associate credential, as well as experience working in a program with young children and their families. Before this, assistant teachers were required to have a high school vocational certificate in early childhood care and education, as well as a high school diploma or GED.

The 2009-2010 school year was the first year in which MPP programs were required to collaborate with Parents as Teachers programs, which provide parent education and periodic developmental screening and are available in all school districts in the state. Other new requirements for the 2009-2010 school year include providing annual nutrition, health, and developmental screenings to all MPP enrollees. In addition, a minimum of two parent-teacher conferences per year are now required.

This program was evaluated for both process quality and program impact/child outcomes in 2000 and 2001.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
35	17

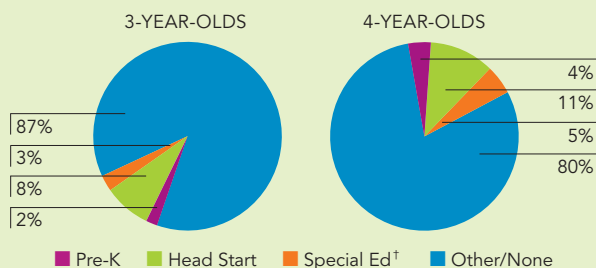
RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
32	35

MISSOURI PRESCHOOL PROJECT

ACCESS

Total state program enrollment	4,331
School districts that offer state program	31%
Income requirement	None ¹
Hours of operation	3 hours/day (half-day), 6.5 hours/day (full-day); 5 days/week ²
Operating schedule	Academic year ²
Special education enrollment	8,886
Federally funded Head Start enrollment	15,046
State-funded Head Start enrollment	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	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized	EC or ECSE Birth–3 certification, or 4-year CD degree	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service	22 clock hours	At least 15 hours/year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size		20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	20		
4-year-olds	20		
Staff-child ratio		1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	1:10		
4-year-olds	1:10		
Screening/referral	Vision, hearing, health, dental, and support services developmental; and support services ³	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	Depend on length of program day ⁴	At least 1/day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring	Site visits and other monitoring	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET

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RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$13,215,441
Local match required?	No
State spending per child enrolled	\$3,051
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$3,051

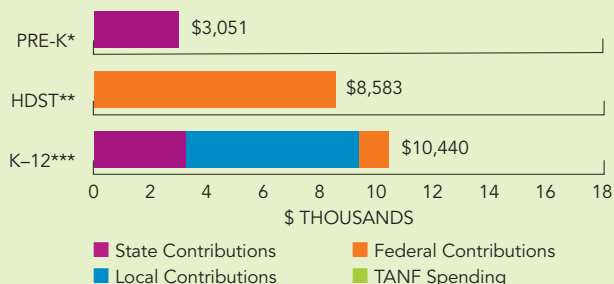
* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.

** Head Start per-child spending for the 2009-2010 year includes funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

*** K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

Data are for the '09-'10 school year, unless otherwise noted.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



¹ Eligibility is determined by age, with all other eligibility requirements determined locally. Programs are funded through a competitive process and receive extra points for serving children with special needs or from low-income families.

² Programs are required to operate full-day for 12 months per year, with the exception of government entities and public school districts, who can choose to provide a half-day program and operate for fewer than 12 months but no less than an academic year.

³ These screenings were required for the first time in the 2009-2010 academic year. Support services include two parent conferences or home-visits as well as parent involvement and transition to kindergarten activities.

⁴ Programs operating for 3 hours are required to provide a snack. School- or full-day programs are required to provide one meal and two snacks or two meals and one snack.