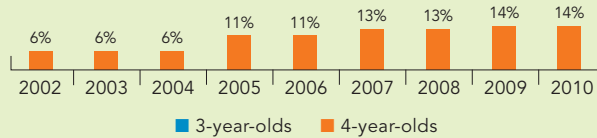
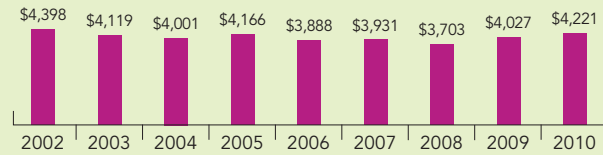


# Virginia

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED  
(2010 DOLLARS)



The Virginia Preschool Initiative began serving at-risk 4-year-olds who were not enrolled in an existing preschool program starting in 1995. Program eligibility is based on locally determined risk factors which include, but are not limited to, homelessness, limited English proficiency, family unemployment, parents with limited education, poverty, and parent incarceration.

Public school districts and local departments of social services receive funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative, though these agencies may subcontract with private child care centers or Head Start programs to offer preschool education services. Programs that operate on a half-day schedule receive 50 percent of the full-day funding allocation. A local composite index of district resources is used to determine the matching funds contribution required by communities that receive funding for the initiative. As of the 2009-2010 program year, the local match is capped at one-half the per pupil amount regardless of local composite index.

Funding allocations were increased in the 2004-2005 school year to serve 90 percent of at-risk children who were not already enrolled in other preschool programs. Funding was again increased in the 2006-2007 program year in order to offer access to all at-risk 4-year-olds. In the 2008-2009 school year, an additional \$22 million was allocated over the biennium, allowing for the per-pupil rate to increase even further. Spending in 2009-2010 rose by just \$2.3 million over the previous year.

This program was evaluated for both process quality and program impact/child outcomes in 2008.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
27	None Served

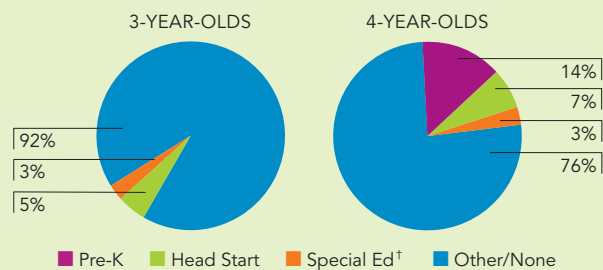
RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
19	15

## VIRGINIA PRESCHOOL INITIATIVE

### ACCESS

Total state program enrollment	14,944
School districts that offer state program	82%
Income requirement	None
Hours of operation	2.5 hours/day (half-day), 5.5 hours/day (full-day); 5 days/week <sup>1</sup>
Operating schedule	Academic year
Special education enrollment	9,695
Federally funded Head Start enrollment	12,352
State-funded Head Start enrollment	0

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



<sup>†</sup> 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); HSD (nonpublic) <sup>2</sup>	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	Certification in Pre-K-3, or Pre-K-6 (public and nonpublic) <sup>2</sup>	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	HSD (public); None (nonpublic)	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service	15 clock hours	At least 15 hours/year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size		20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	NA		
4-year-olds	18		
Staff-child ratio		1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	NA		
4-year-olds	1:9		
Screening/referral and support services	Vision, hearing, health; and support services <sup>3</sup>	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	None <sup>4</sup>	At least 1/day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring	Site visits and other monitoring	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET**  
**7**

### RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$63,078,873
Local match required?	Yes, based on composite index of local ability to pay
State spending per child enrolled	\$4,221
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$6,288

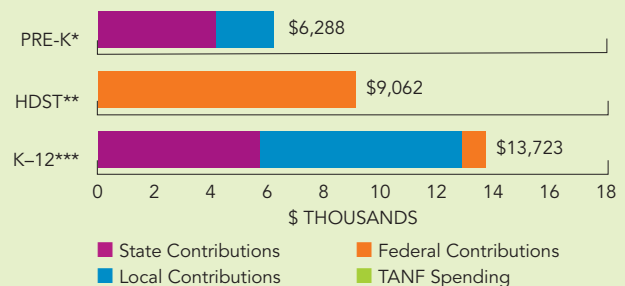
\* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.

\*\* 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



<sup>1</sup> Localities may choose to offer half-day programs for 3 hours per day or full-day programs for 6 hours per day. Most programs operate on a full-day schedule. All programs operate 5 days per week.

<sup>2</sup> For program sites where public funds are paying for nonpublic personnel, localities report the highest degree and/or credential for only the teacher who is the instructional lead. The instructional lead, who must hold a BA and appropriate specialized training, supervises the classroom teachers and is responsible for management and oversight of the program's curriculum and instructional practices. Based on further clarification, this policy does not meet NIEER's benchmark requirement.

<sup>3</sup> Support services include parent involvement activities, health services for children, and referral to social services. Other comprehensive services, including developmental and dental screenings and referrals and the annual number of required parent conferences or home visits are determined locally.

<sup>4</sup> Currently, the state offers the opportunity for all programs to provide meals, but programs are not required to do so. In 2009-2010, all but six programs provided some form of meals.