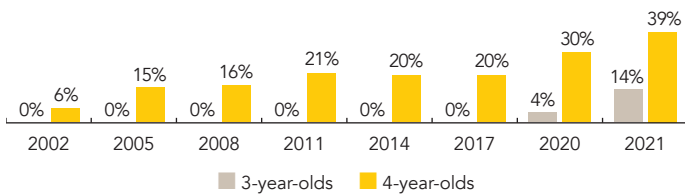
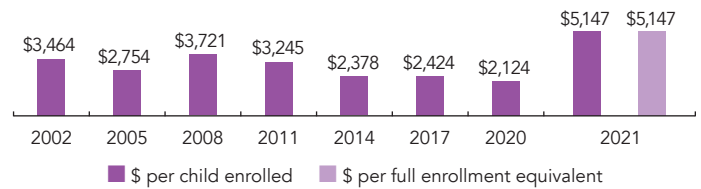


# Kansas

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2021 DOLLARS)



## OVERVIEW

During the 2020-2021 school year, as the COVID-19 pandemic continued, public preschool in Kansas enrolled 20,148 children. This is a significant increase over last year's enrollment due to the inclusion for the first time of children served with state special education funding and a combination of state and local funding, in addition to those served with state funding. Enrollment and spending from the first two sources are reported in the Yearbook for the first time in 2020-2021. State funding totaled \$99,567,214 and \$4,132,317 in TANF funds were also used to support enrollment. The additional funding sources reported this year reflect a funding increase of \$76,582,095 (282%) adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child (including TANF funds) equaled \$5,147 in 2020-2021. Kansas met 5 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

## WHAT'S NEW

During the 2020-2021 school year, the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE) provided flexibility for schools in delivering required hours of instruction, allowing districts to count a limited number of professional learning hours toward instructional time. KSBE declared a time of emergency and anyone with a five-year substitute or an emergency substitute teaching license, or certificate with a baccalaureate degree may teach. These emergency regulations are in effect through June 30, 2022. As of April 6, 2021, legislation required programs to offer an in-person learning option to every child. At the start of the 2021-2022 school year, programs were physically open and remote learning was permitted only on a limited basis. Schools have access to COVID-19 relief funding that may be used to support preschool, and are able submit a local plan on how they use those funds.

The increase in preschool program enrollment and funding reported in 2020-2021 reflects a more accurate depiction of how total preschool funding is calculated in Kansas, including base per child aid for at-risk preschoolers and preschoolers with disabilities, weightings for at-risk children, and categorical aid to reimburse the cost of special education staff.

Starting in the 2020-2021 school year, Kansas lowered the maximum class size for preschool programs from 25 to 20 children.

## BACKGROUND

Kansas supports two state-funded prekindergarten programs. The first, established in 1998, is the State Pre-K 4 Year Old At-Risk Program (more recently renamed the Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program). The second is the Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP), first offered in the 2006-2007 school year. Both programs are operated by the Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) and are reported together for the first time in the 2021 Yearbook due to their similar standards and overlapping enrollment.

The Kansas Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program was available in 244 out of 286 school districts during the 2020-2021 school year, and KPP was available in 127 out of 286 school districts. Both programs were permitted to serve certain 3-year-olds as of the 2018-2019 school year, but they continue to serve primarily 4-year-olds. The 2020-2021 school year marks the first in which the State Board of Education approved funding for all 4-year-old children enrolled in approved Preschool-Aged At-Risk programs for the school year, instead of awarding funding based on slots.

In 2015, the Kansas State Board of Education announced a new vision for education in the state: Kansas leads the world in the success of each student. Kindergarten Readiness is one identified metric to track progress toward this goal. In 2018, the KSDE internally restructured to increase emphasis and capacity around early childhood. Beginning in 2020, the Kansans Can Star Recognition Program gives districts the opportunity to apply for recognition in the qualitative Board Outcome areas, including Kindergarten Readiness. This will provide an opportunity to measure and drive quality improvements at the community level.

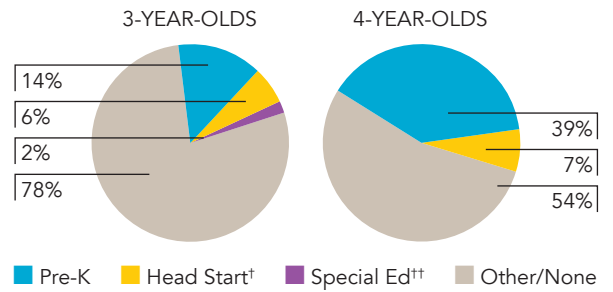
ACCESS RANKINGS		RESOURCE RANKINGS		TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS	STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING	
11	8	22	33	5

## PRESCHOOL OFFERED BY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

### ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment .....	20,148
School districts that offer state program .....	99%
Income requirement .....	KPP: 185% FPL; PAAR: 130% FPL
Minimum hours of operation .....	465 hours/year
Operating schedule .....	School or academic year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	6,412
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	4,817
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	0

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

### QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	KS PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<b>Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	<b>Approval process &amp; supports</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA	<b>BA</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE, CD, Elem. Ed.	<b>Specializing in pre-K</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	Other	<b>CDA or equivalent</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	15 hours/year; PD plans (teachers only); Coaching (some teachers)	<b>For teachers &amp; assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	20 (3- & 4-year-olds)	<b>20 or lower</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:10 (3- & 4-year-olds)	<b>1:10 or better</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, developmental; Referrals not required	<b>Vision, hearing &amp; health screenings; &amp; referral</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	None	<b>Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For more information about the benchmarks, see the Executive Summary and Roadmap to State Profile Pages.

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### RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$103,699,531
Local match required? .....	No
State Head Start spending .....	\$0
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$5,147
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$5,147

\* 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

