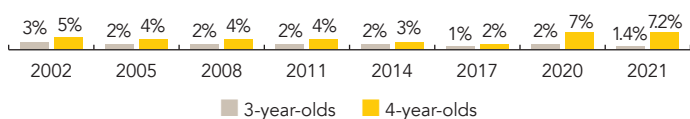
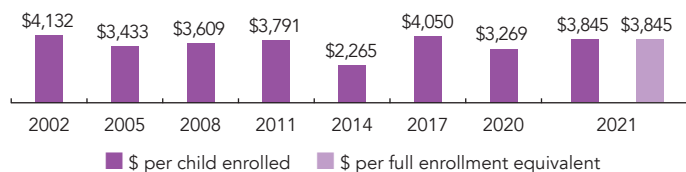


# Missouri

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, Missouri’s two preschool programs together enrolled 6,455 children, a decrease of 419 children from the prior year. State funding for the two programs totaled \$24,822,472, up \$2,354,062 (10%), adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child averaged \$3,845 in 2020-2021, up \$577 from 2019-2020, adjusted for inflation. The Missouri Preschool Program (MPP) met 9 of 10 quality standards benchmarks and the Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula met 4 of 10.

## WHAT’S NEW

In Fall 2020, all classrooms were physically opened. Hybrid or remote learning was not allowed in MPP, but was locally determined in Pre-K Foundation Formula programs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS) observations and coaching for MPP were conducted virtually.

The Missouri Early Learning Standards were completed in 2021 but do not align with the state’s K–3 standards or the state developed/ adopted college and career ready standards for the early grades (or equivalent), therefore, not meeting NIEER’s Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS) benchmark. The 2020-2021 school year was the last year of funding for MPP. Missouri will continue to operate its newer program, the Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula.

## BACKGROUND

MPP, launched in 1998, serves 3- and 4-year-olds in public schools, private child-care centers, and nonprofit agencies. Roughly 90% of children were served in programs operated by public schools. Programs were required to work with the local Parents as Teachers program to provide parent education, family visits, group connections, health and development screenings, and services referrals.

MPP was funded through the state’s Tobacco Settlement Fund. In the 2019-2020 school year, MPP was offered in less than two percent of school districts statewide. A competitive grant process determined which programs received MPP funds, with priority given to those serving children with special needs or from low-income families. MPP contracts were for a maximum of five years. Programs required payment on a sliding scale based on criteria including eligibility for free or reduced-priced school lunch.

Program quality was monitored through site visits and classroom assessments using ECERS-3 to support goal setting and professional development. On-site consultation hours were also provided, ranging from 14 to 20 annually, based on program needs. Children enrolled in MPP were assessed using the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP).

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, Missouri’s Local Education Agencies (LEAs) were encouraged to use the Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula fund for preschool. Most policy decisions are made by the LEAs but programs must meet requirements around teacher to child ratios, teacher degrees and certification, and fiscal spending and reporting. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) offers professional development opportunities for MPP classroom teachers, including coaching.

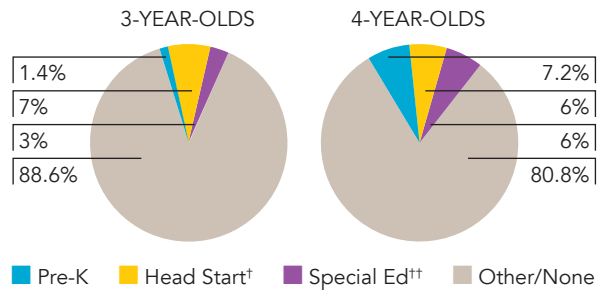
Missouri’s overall support for state-funded preschool, including enrollment and funding for both MPP and the Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula program, is depicted in the first two pages of this state profile. The third page focuses solely on MPP and the fourth page provides information on the Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula program.

## MISSOURI STATE OVERVIEW

### ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment .....	6,455
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	8,008
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	10,027
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	0

### PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

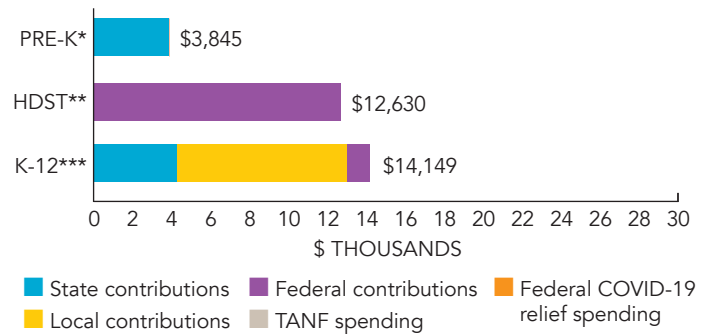


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 †† Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

### RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$24,822,472
State Head Start spending .....	\$0
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$3,845
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$3,845

### SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



\* 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.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
39	26

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
35	41

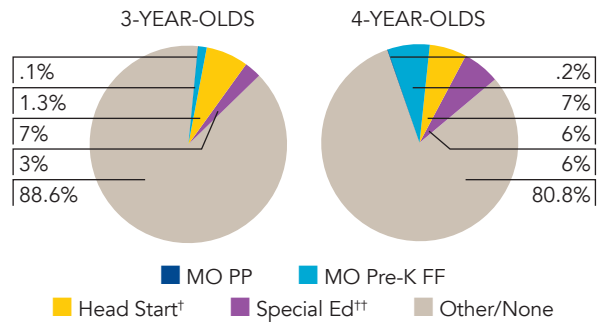
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
4.1

# MISSOURI PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

## ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	181
School districts that offer state program.....	2%
Income requirement.....	No income requirement
Minimum hours of operation.....	3 hours/day
Operating schedule.....	School/academic year or calendar year

## PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MO PP REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned with child assessments, supported, culturally sensitive	<b>Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive</b>	<input 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, ECE SpEd	<b>Specializing in pre-K</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA, AA in Child Care/ECE, or 60 college hours (min. of 9 college hours in ECE)	<b>CDA or equivalent</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	22 hours/year; PD plans; Coaching	<b>For teachers &amp; assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching</b>	<input checked="" 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, health & more	<b>Vision, hearing &amp; health screenings; &amp; referral</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement	<b>Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

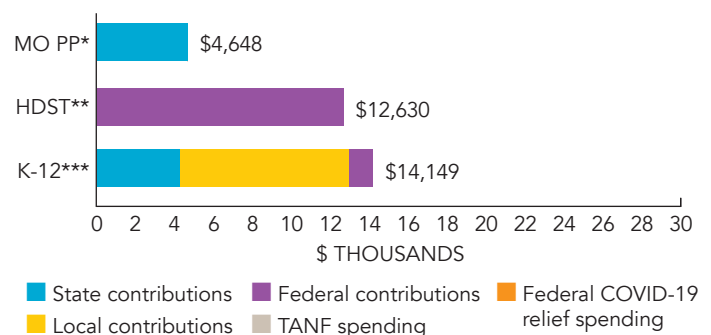
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For more information about the benchmarks, see the Executive Summary and Roadmap to State Profile Pages.

## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$841,200
Local match required?.....	No
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$4,648
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$4,648

## SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



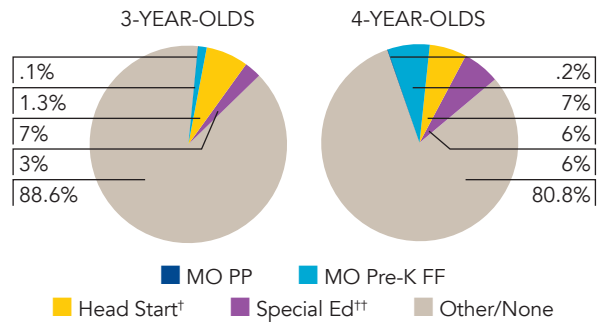
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# MISSOURI PRE-K FOUNDATION FORMULA

## ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	6,274
School districts that offer state program....	32%; 38% charter schools
Income requirement.....	185% FPL
Minimum hours of operation.....	Determined locally
Operating schedule.....	School or academic year

## PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MO PRE-K FF REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned with child assessments, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process	Approval process & supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE, ECE SpEd	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	AA in Child Care/ECE, or 60 college hours (min. of 9 college hours in ECE)	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	30 hours/year (teachers years 1-4); 15 hours/year (teachers year 5 until exempt); PD plans and coaching (some teachers only)	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	No limit (3- & 4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:10 (3- & 4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	None	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	None	Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$23,981,272
Local match required?.....	No
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$3,822
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$3,822

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## SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

