

Access to Preschool Uneven Across States

Table 1. Enrollment in Publicly Funded Preschool* by State (4-year-olds) 2012–2013⁹

State	Total number of 4-year-olds in the state	Percentage of 4-year olds enrolled in state preschool	Percentage of 4-year olds enrolled in federal Head Start programs	Percentage of 4-year-olds enrolled in special education preschool	Total 4-year-olds <i>not enrolled</i> in a publicly funded program	Total percentage of 4-year-olds <i>not enrolled</i> in a publicly funded program
50 states plus D.C.	4,112,347	28%	10%	3%	2,462,740	59%
Alabama	62,483	6%	15%	2%	48,145	77%
Alaska	10,760	3%	13%	6%	8,420	78%
Arizona	92,778	3%	11%	5%	75,118	81%
Arkansas	40,173	33%	13%	5%	19,862	49%
California	516,595	15%	11%	3%	368,341	71%
Colorado	69,956	21%	7%	6%	46,103	66%
Connecticut	40,958	13%	7%	5%	30,343	74%
Delaware	11,372	7%	6%	6%	9,223	81%
District of Columbia	6,945	94%	6%	0%	0	0%
Florida	221,842	78%	9%	1%	25,266	11%
Georgia	140,894	58%	7%	1%	47,981	34%
Hawaii	17,536	0%	9%	4%	15,176	87%
Idaho	24,427	0%	8%	4%	21,298	87%
Illinois	167,665	27%	11%	3%	98,124	59%
Indiana	87,734	0%	9%	6%	75,006	85%
Iowa	41,034	60%	8%	2%	12,159	30%
Kansas	41,428	21%	8%	8%	26,440	64%
Kentucky	57,379	29%	15%	0%	31,945	56%
Louisiana	64,356	31%	12%	2%	35,050	54%
Maine	14,059	34%	10%	7%	6,775	48%
Maryland	74,758	35%	6%	5%	38,679	52%
Massachusetts	74,901	14%	7%	4%	55,932	75%
Michigan	119,525	21%	15%	0%	77,066	64%
Minnesota	72,464	1%	8%	6%	61,430	85%
Mississippi	43,363	0%	33%	4%	27,339	63%
Missouri	78,544	3%	10%	6%	63,586	81%
Montana	12,568	0%	19%	3%	9,833	78%
Nebraska	26,783	26%	9%	0%	17,527	65%
Nevada	38,407	3%	4%	7%	33,065	86%
New Hampshire	13,853	0%	5%	7%	12,144	88%
New Jersey	109,605	28%	6%	5%	65,952	60%
New Mexico	29,614	18%	14%	7%	18,036	61%
New York	231,040	45%	10%	6%	91,147	39%
North Carolina	128,958	23%	9%	3%	84,809	66%
North Dakota	9,256	0%	17%	5%	7,183	78%
Ohio	144,309	2%	12%	5%	116,712	81%
Oklahoma	54,100	74%	13%	0%	6,955	13%
Oregon	48,463	10%	8%	5%	37,307	77%
Pennsylvania	147,710	12%	10%	6%	105,705	72%
Rhode Island	11,607	1%	10%	7%	9,455	81%
South Carolina	61,682	40%	9%	2%	30,261	49%
South Dakota	12,237	0%	18%	6%	9,295	76%
Tennessee	84,178	21%	11%	2%	55,086	65%
Texas	397,272	52%	9%	1%	152,559	38%
Utah	53,014	0%	7%	6%	46,130	87%
Vermont	6,462	71%	8%	0%	1,320	20%
Virginia	104,722	17%	7%	3%	76,900	73%
Washington	90,419	8%	8%	4%	72,255	80%
West Virginia	21,469	62%	23%	0%	3,165	15%
Wisconsin	72,488	64%	7%	1%	19,968	28%
Wyoming	8,202	0%	11%	13%	6,216	76%

Source: National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER). (2013). 2013 State Preschool Yearbook <http://nieer.org/sites/nieer/files/yearbook2013.pdf>

* Publicly-funded preschool includes state preschool, Head Start, and special education preschool services and does not include privately funded or locally funded preschool programs.