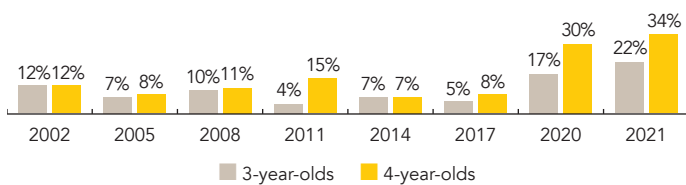
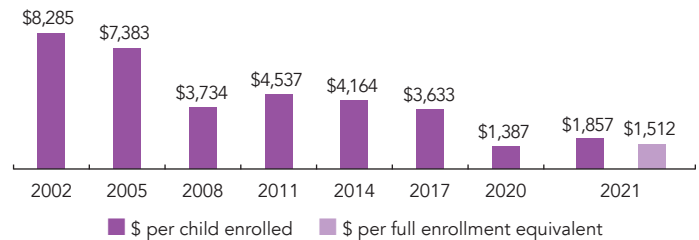


Massachusetts

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2021 DOLLARS)



OVERVIEW

Massachusetts preschool programs enrolled 41,494 children in 2020-2021, an increase of 3,951 children from the prior year. State funding totaled \$77,035,148, up \$24,970,672 (48%), adjusted for inflation, since last year. State spending per child equaled \$1,857 in 2020-2021, up \$470 from 2019-2020, adjusted for inflation. Massachusetts met an average of 5.5 of 10 quality standards benchmarks.

WHAT'S NEW

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, school districts operating a preschool program funded under Chapter 70 were allowed to start the 2020-2021 school year 10 days later than usual to provide time for professional development for educators. Aside from this, districts were required to operate in-person unless granted a waiver for remote instruction.

Under the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) initiative, all programs that received funding were receiving subsidies and were required to provide in-person services at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

BACKGROUND

In 2005, Massachusetts established the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) and launched its UPK initiative, which serves children from age 2 years, 9 months, until they arrive at the locally determined kindergarten eligibility age. During the 2020-2021 program year, the state moved away from an open competitive procurement process and increased program enrollment significantly. Private child care centers, Head Start programs, and faith-based centers are eligible for UPK funding as long as they are licensed and serving children with child care subsidies. State funding in the amount of \$14,336,710 was used to supplement \$113,693,344 in federal funding to support program enrollment.

Massachusetts also supports preschool enrollment through the Chapter 70 funding stream, which is the state's funding formula for K-12 public schools. The Chapter 70 program is included in the State of Preschool report for the fourth time this year. For the 2020-2021 school year, almost \$138 million in state and local funding supported preschool-age children. All children in the state are eligible for the program and are served in public school settings, but local districts can set their own eligibility priorities. Lead teachers are required to have at least a bachelor's degree and a Preschool through Grade 2 license.

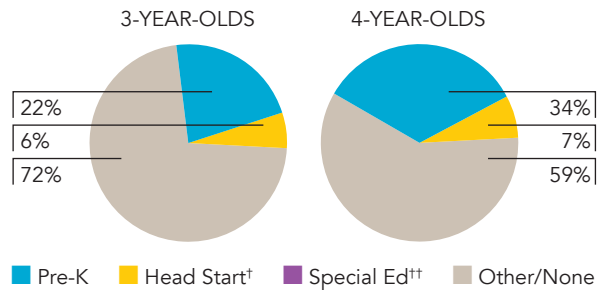
Massachusetts' overall support for state-funded preschool, including enrollment and funding for both UPK and Chapter 70, is depicted in the first two pages of this state profile. The third page focuses solely on UPK and the fourth page provides information on Chapter 70.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE OVERVIEW

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	41,494
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	9,323
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	9,243
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	116

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

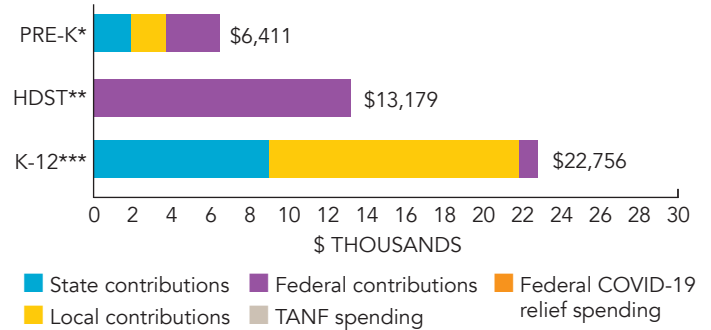


† Some Head Start children may also be counted in state pre-K (Chapter 70).
 †† Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$77,035,148
State Head Start spending	\$15,000,000
State spending per child enrolled	\$1,857
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$6,411

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
14	3

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
43	32

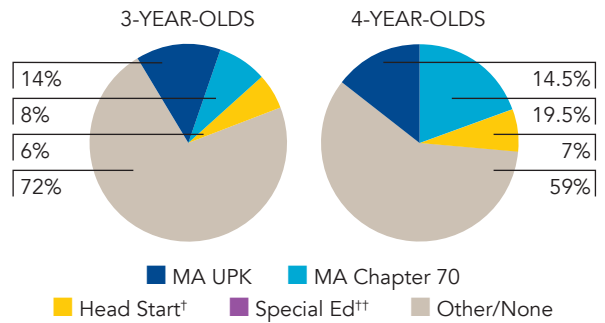
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
5.5

MASSACHUSETTS UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN (UPK)

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	20,324
School districts that offer state program ...	76% (towns/communities)
Income requirement	No income requirement
Minimum hours of operation	Determined locally
Operating schedule	Determined locally

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MA UPK REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	Approval process & supports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	HSD + 12 ECE credits	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	12 ECE credits	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	HSD	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	20 hours/year	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	20 (3- & 4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:10 (3- & 4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Required screenings vary by where children are served	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	None	Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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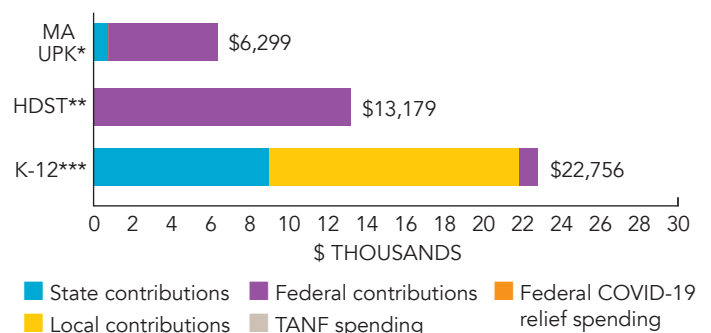
Total state pre-K spending	\$14,336,710
Local match required?	No
State spending per child enrolled	\$705
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$6,299

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

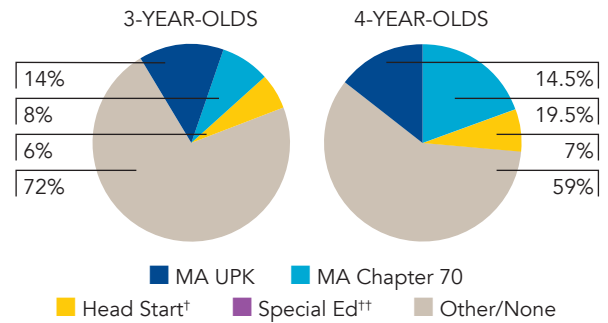


MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER 70

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	21,170
School districts that offer state program	100%
Income requirement	No income requirement
Minimum hours of operation	Determined locally
Operating schedule	Determined locally

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



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QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	MA CHAPTER 70 REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	REQUIREMENT MEETS BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	Approval process & supports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	Pre-K–2	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	Determined locally	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	150 Professional Development Points/ 5 years (teachers only); PD plans (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	No limit (3- & 4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, physical exam	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement	Structured classroom observations; data used for program improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$62,698,438
Local match required?	Yes
State spending per child enrolled	\$2,962
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$6,518

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

