# State-Funded Preschool Funding Rates

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## **History and Background**

- The state-funded preschool program offers comprehensive services to three- and four-year-old children with disabilities and low income (at-risk) four-year-old children (160% of federal poverty level).
- For a single parent with two children, 160% of poverty means a household income up to \$39,776.
- Each year the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) reviews proposed preschool per-child funding rates for approval.

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## **Funding Formula**

- A formula is used to provide funding to school districts, and amounts are based on the average number of children served on December 1 and March 1 of the previous academic year.
- There is a standard "per-child" rate for three categories of enrollment (at-risk, speech, developmental delays).
- There's a weighted category for three- and four-year-olds with severe disabilities.

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#### **District Allocation**

| Preschool Enrollment<br>Category | 12/1/21 | 3/1/22 | Average | Per-Child Rate | Total     |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|----------------|-----------|
| At-Risk                          | 68      | 64     | 66      | \$3,937        | \$259,842 |
| ACNISK                           | 00      | 04     | 00      |                |           |
| Speech                           | 18      | 20     | 19      | \$3,937        | \$74,803  |
| Developmental Delay              | 9       | 11     | 10      | \$3,937        | \$39,370  |
| Severe                           | 5       | 5      | 5       | \$7,481        | \$37,405  |
|                                  |         |        |         |                | \$411,420 |

- District funding is based on average enrollment of 100 eligible preschool students.
- There are five preschool classrooms in the district with 20 students enrolled in each classroom.

Funding Scenario (District Allocation)

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## **District Budget**

| Description                    | Budg | et        |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Certified Permanent Salary     | \$   | 233,733   |
| Classified Regular Salary      | \$   | 139,420   |
| Classified Overtime Salary     |      |           |
| Employer FICA Contribution     | \$   | 8,202     |
| Employer Medicare Contribution | \$   | 5,413     |
| KTRS Employer Contribution     | \$   | 7,013     |
| CERS Employer Contribution     | \$   | 14,270    |
| KSBA Unemployment Insurance    | \$   | 539       |
| Workers Compensation           | \$   | 634       |
| General Supplies               | \$   | 766       |
| Print                          | \$   | 716       |
| Travel                         | \$   | 714       |
|                                |      | \$411,420 |

Funding Scenario (District Budget)



#### **Preschool Rates**

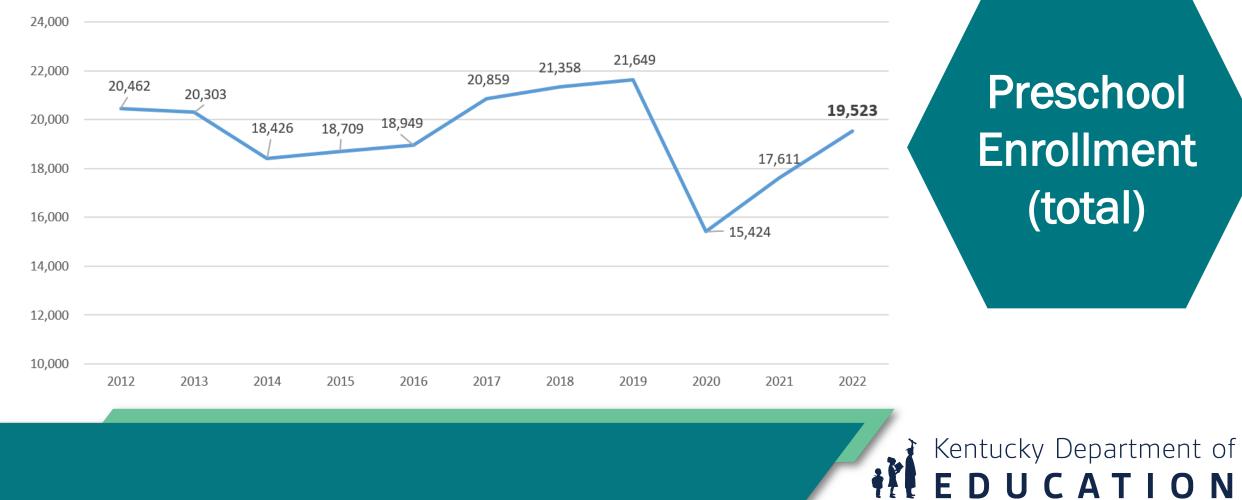
Table 1. Preschool rates for at-risk and disabilities 2017-2018 through 2023-2024

| Categories                      | 2017-<br>2018 | 2018-<br>2019 | 2019-<br>2020 | 2020-<br>2021 | 2021-<br>2022 | 2022-<br>2023 | 2023-2024 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| At-Risk                         | \$4,110       | \$3,491       | \$3,372       | \$3,625       | \$5,064       | \$4,395       | \$3,937   |
| Speech/Language                 | \$4,110       | \$3,491       | \$3,372       | \$3,625       | \$5,064       | \$4,395       | \$3,937   |
| Developmental<br>Delays         | \$4,110       | \$3,491       | \$3,372       | \$3,625       | \$5,064       | \$4,395       | \$3,937   |
| Severe/Multiple<br>Disabilities | \$7,810       | \$6,634       | \$6,406       | \$6,889       | \$9,622       | \$8,349       | \$7,481   |

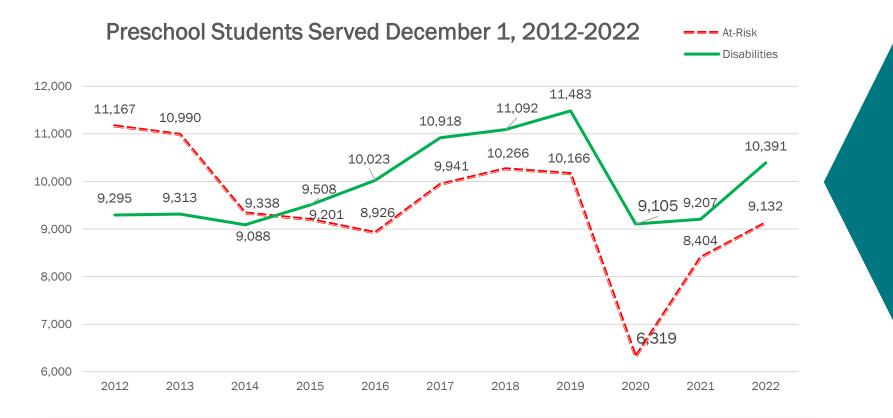


#### **Preschool Enrollment - Total**

State-Funded Preschool Count December 1, 2012 to December 1, 2022



#### **At-Risk and Disabilities**



#### Preschool Enrollment (At-Risk and Disabilities)

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