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# Pre-K & Early Childhood by State

Where America's youngest learners get a public start — state pre-K access, spending, and quality for every state. One page per state. NIEER, 2023–24.



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WHAT THIS IS

# The head start, state by state.

Every state's page shows three things about its state-funded preschool: **access** (the share of 4- and 3-year-olds enrolled), **resources** (spending per child), and **quality** (how many of NIEER's 10 benchmarks it meets).

**4-year-olds** **3-year-olds** **Quality (of 10)**

### A PATCHWORK NATION

Nationally, **37%** of 4-year-olds and **8%** of 3-year-olds attend state pre-K, at **$8,857** per child. But it ranges from near-universal (D.C., Vermont) to **5 states with no program at all** (a 6th, Indiana, funds one NIEER doesn't count). High enrollment doesn't always mean high quality — some of the largest programs meet the fewest benchmarks.

### ON EACH PAGE

- **Access** — % of 4- and 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-K
- **Spending per child** — all-reported dollars per enrolled child
- **Quality** — NIEER benchmarks met, of 10

**Source.** National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), **The State of Preschool 2024** Yearbook (2023–24). Covers *state-funded* pre-K only, not Head Start, private, or special-education preschool.

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# Washington, D.C.

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

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|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **95%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **82%** |
| Spending per child | **$23,785** |
| Quality benchmarks | **4 of 10** |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **95%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **82%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 4/10

Washington, D.C. offers **near-universal** access (95% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$23,785**/child) and **low quality** (4/10 benchmarks).

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# Vermont

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 76% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 58% |
| Spending per child | $10,115 |
| Quality benchmarks | 7 of 10 |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 76%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 58%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 7/10

Vermont offers **near-universal** access (76% of 4-year-olds, above the U.S. average on spending at **$10,115**/child) and **solid quality** (7/10 benchmarks).

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# Colorado

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 70% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 15% |
| Spending per child | $5,722 |
| Quality benchmarks | 2 of 10 |

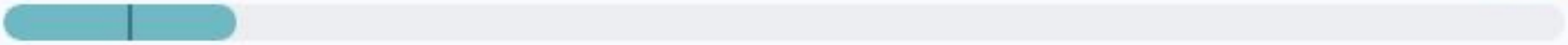
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 70%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 15%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 2/10

Colorado offers **near-universal** access (70% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$5,722**/child) and **low quality** (2/10 benchmarks).

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# West Virginia

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **67%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **7%** |
| Spending per child | **$11,833** |
| Quality benchmarks | **9 of 10** |

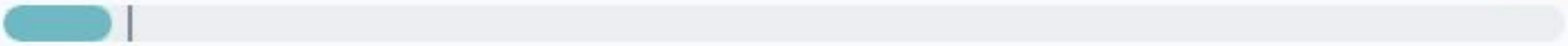
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **67%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **7%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 9/10

West Virginia offers **strong** access (67% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$11,833**/child) and **high quality** (9/10 benchmarks).

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# Iowa

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

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|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 67% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 6% |
| Spending per child | $3,878 |
| Quality benchmarks | 8 of 10 |

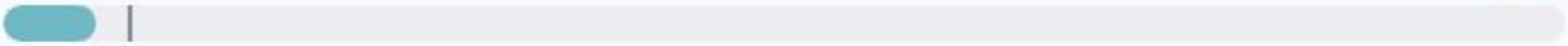
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 67%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 6%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 8/10

Iowa offers **strong** access (67% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$3,878**/child) and **solid quality** (8/10 benchmarks).

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# Oklahoma

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 66% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 6% |
| Spending per child | $11,103 |
| Quality benchmarks | 9 of 10 |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 66%

U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 6%

U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 9/10

Oklahoma offers **strong** access (66% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$11,103**/child) and **high quality** (9/10 benchmarks).

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# Florida

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **65%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **0%** |
| Spending per child | **$2,856** |
| Quality benchmarks | **5 of 10** |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **65%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **0%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 5/10

Florida offers **strong** access (65% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$2,856**/child) and **mixed quality** (5/10 benchmarks).

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# Wisconsin

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 63% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 0.1% |
| Spending per child | $6,918 |
| Quality benchmarks | 2 of 10 |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 63%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 0.1%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 2/10

Wisconsin offers **strong** access (63% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$6,918**/child) and **low quality** (2/10 benchmarks).

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# New York

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **56%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **19%** |
| Spending per child | **$6,285** |
| Quality benchmarks | **7 of 10** |

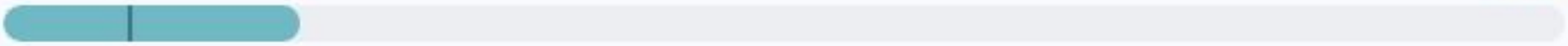
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **56%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **19%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 7/10

New York offers **strong** access (56% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$6,285**/child) and **solid quality** (7/10 benchmarks).

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# Georgia

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

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|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 55% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 0% |
| Spending per child | $6,400 |
| Quality benchmarks | 8 of 10 |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 55%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 0%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 8/10

Georgia offers **strong** access (55% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$6,400**/child) and **solid quality** (8/10 benchmarks).

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# Texas

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

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|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **52%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **11%** |
| Spending per child | **$4,767** |
| Quality benchmarks | **2 of 10** |

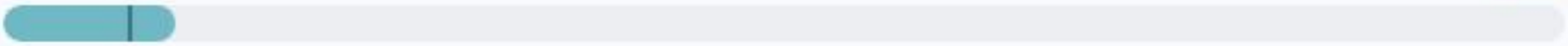
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **52%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **11%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 2/10

Texas offers **strong** access (52% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$4,767**/child) and **low quality** (2/10 benchmarks).

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# New Mexico

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **51%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **21%** |
| Spending per child | **$13,227** |
| Quality benchmarks | **9 of 10** |

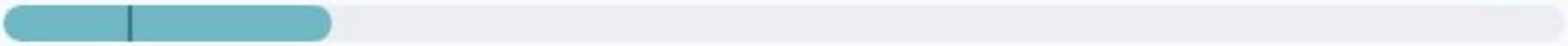
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **51%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **21%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 9/10

New Mexico offers **strong** access (51% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$13,227**/child) and **high quality** (9/10 benchmarks).

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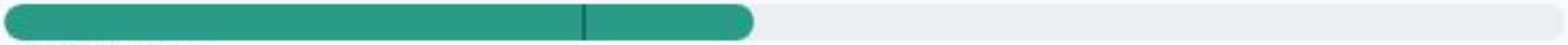
# California

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **48%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **10%** |
| Spending per child | **$15,421** |
| Quality benchmarks | **4.2 of 10** |

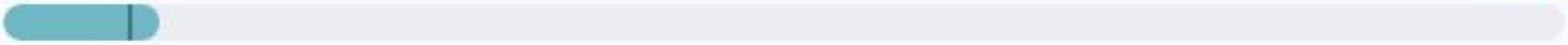
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **48%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **10%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 4.2/10



California offers **strong** access (48% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$15,421**/child) and **low quality** (4.2/10 benchmarks).

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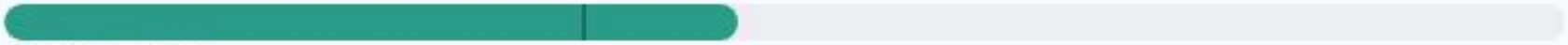
# Maine

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **47%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **0%** |
| Spending per child | **$10,714** |
| Quality benchmarks | **9 of 10** |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **47%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **0%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 9/10

Maine offers **strong** access (47% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$10,714**/child) and **high quality** (9/10 benchmarks).

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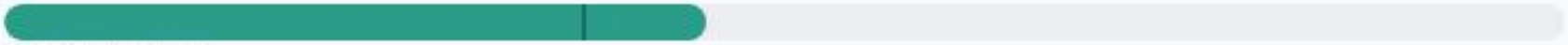
# South Carolina

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **45%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **0.2%** |
| Spending per child | **$4,534** |
| Quality benchmarks | **7 of 10** |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **45%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **0.2%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 7/10

South Carolina offers **strong** access (45% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$4,534**/child) and **solid quality** (7/10 benchmarks).

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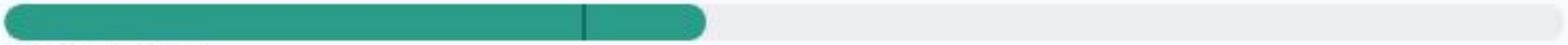
# Kansas

**NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE**

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **45%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **21%** |
| Spending per child | **$4,562** |
| Quality benchmarks | **6 of 10** |

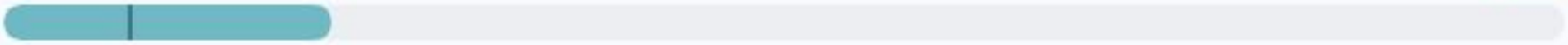
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **45%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **21%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

**QUALITY 6/10**



Kansas offers **strong** access (45% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$4,562**/child) and **mixed quality** (6/10 benchmarks).

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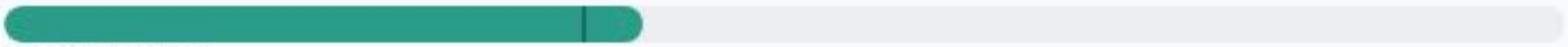
# Alabama

## NIEER 2023-24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 41% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 0% |
| Spending per child | $10,063 |
| Quality benchmarks | 10 of 10 |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 41%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 0%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 10/10

Alabama offers **moderate** access (41% of 4-year-olds, above the U.S. average on spending at **$10,063**/child) and **high quality** (10/10 benchmarks).

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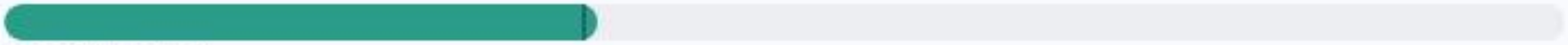
# Maryland

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

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|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 38% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 7% |
| Spending per child | $17,262 |
| Quality benchmarks | 8 of 10 |

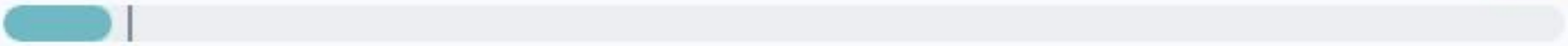
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 38%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 7%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 8/10

Maryland offers **moderate** access (38% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$17,262**/child) and **solid quality** (8/10 benchmarks).

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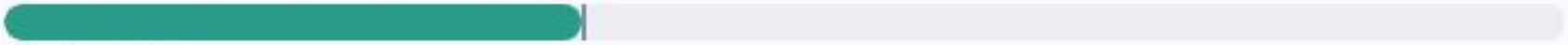
# Michigan

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **37%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **0%** |
| Spending per child | **$12,761** |
| Quality benchmarks | **10 of 10** |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **37%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **0%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

**QUALITY 10/10**

Michigan offers **moderate** access (37% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$12,761**/child) and **high quality** (10/10 benchmarks).

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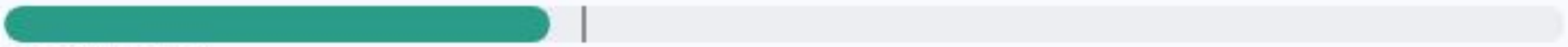
# Illinois

**NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE**

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **35%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **24%** |
| Spending per child | **$8,133** |
| Quality benchmarks | **8 of 10** |

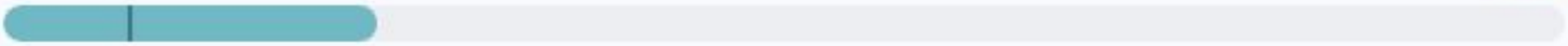
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **35%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **24%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

**QUALITY 8/10**

Illinois offers **moderate** access (35% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$8,133**/child) and **solid quality** (8/10 benchmarks).

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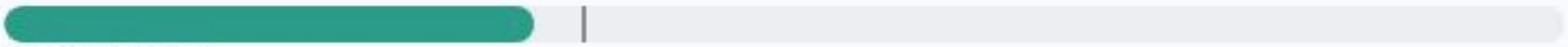
# New Jersey

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **34%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **24%** |
| Spending per child | **$17,911** |
| Quality benchmarks | **9 of 10** |

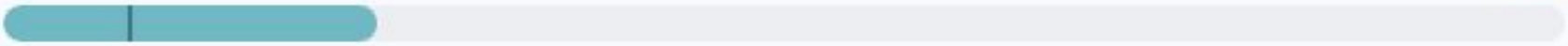
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **34%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **24%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 9/10

New Jersey offers **moderate** access (34% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$17,911**/child) and **high quality** (9/10 benchmarks).

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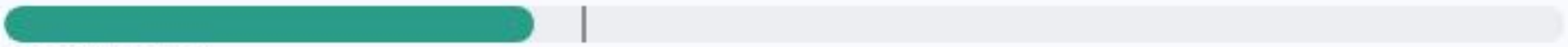
# Nebraska

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **34%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **16%** |
| Spending per child | **$12,156** |
| Quality benchmarks | **6 of 10** |

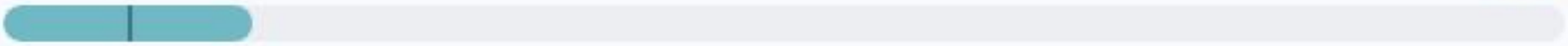
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **34%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **16%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 6/10

Nebraska offers **moderate** access (34% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$12,156**/child) and **mixed quality** (6/10 benchmarks).

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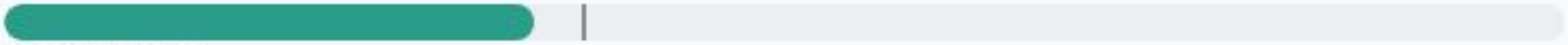
# Louisiana

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **34%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **1%** |
| Spending per child | **$5,676** |
| Quality benchmarks | **7.8 of 10** |

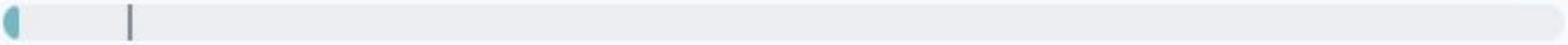
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **34%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **1%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 7.8/10

Louisiana offers **moderate** access (34% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$5,676**/child) and **solid quality** (7.8/10 benchmarks).

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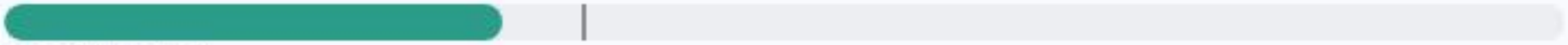
# Arkansas

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 32% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 19% |
| Spending per child | $10,442 |
| Quality benchmarks | 8 of 10 |

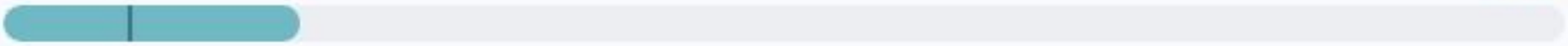
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 32%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 19%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 8/10

Arkansas offers **moderate** access (32% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$10,442**/child) and **solid quality** (8/10 benchmarks).

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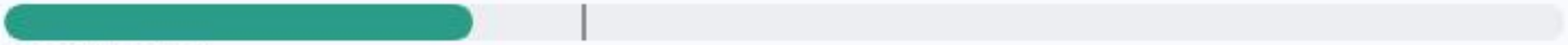
# Massachusetts

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 30% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 17% |
| Spending per child | $6,033 |
| Quality benchmarks | 6 of 10 |

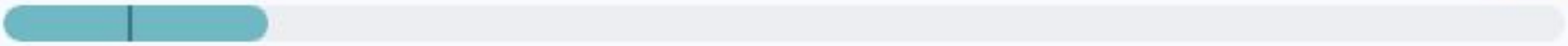
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 30%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 17%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 6/10

Massachusetts offers **moderate** access (30% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$6,033**/child) and **mixed quality** (6/10 benchmarks).

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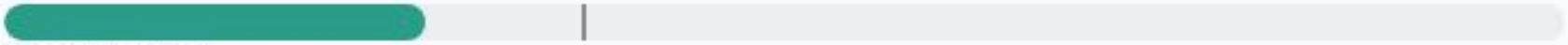
# Kentucky

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 27% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 8% |
| Spending per child | $12,673 |
| Quality benchmarks | 8 of 10 |

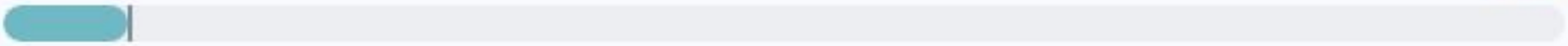
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 27%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 8%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 8/10

Kentucky offers **moderate** access (27% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$12,673**/child) and **solid quality** (8/10 benchmarks).

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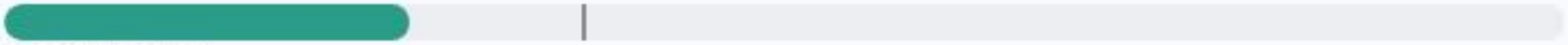
# Pennsylvania

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 26% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 13% |
| Spending per child | $8,336 |
| Quality benchmarks | 6.7 of 10 |

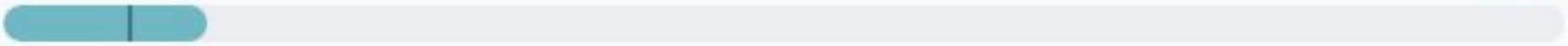
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 26%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 13%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 6.7/10

Pennsylvania offers **moderate** access (26% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$8,336**/child) and **mixed quality** (6.7/10 benchmarks).

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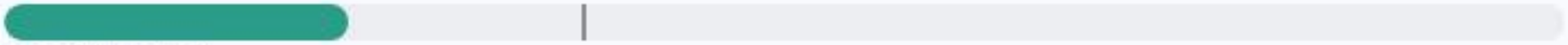
# North Carolina

**NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE**

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **22%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **0%** |
| Spending per child | **$9,394** |
| Quality benchmarks | **9 of 10** |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **22%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **0%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

**QUALITY 9/10**



North Carolina offers **moderate** access (22% of 4-year-olds, above the U.S. average on spending at **$9,394**/child) and **high quality** (9/10 benchmarks).

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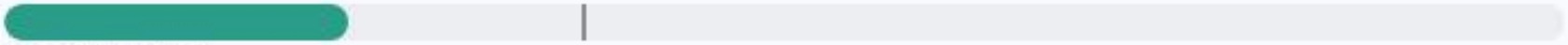
# Rhode Island

## NIEER 2023-24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 22% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 0% |
| Spending per child | $10,039 |
| Quality benchmarks | 10 of 10 |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 22%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 0%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 10/10

Rhode Island offers **moderate** access (22% of 4-year-olds, above the U.S. average on spending at **$10,039**/child) and **high quality** (10/10 benchmarks).

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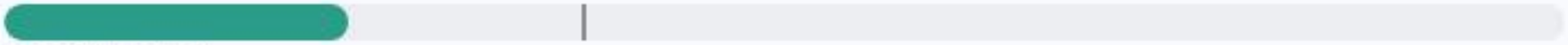
# Virginia

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **22%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **3%** |
| Spending per child | **$9,751** |
| Quality benchmarks | **4.9 of 10** |

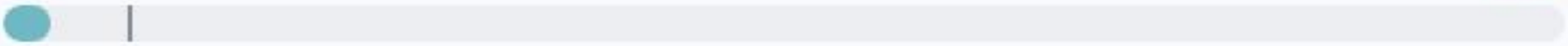
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **22%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **3%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 4.9/10

Virginia offers **moderate** access (22% of 4-year-olds, above the U.S. average on spending at **$9,751**/child) and **low quality** (4.9/10 benchmarks).

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# Mississippi

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 20% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 0% |
| Spending per child | $9,753 |
| Quality benchmarks | 10 of 10 |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 20%

U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 0%

U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 10/10

Mississippi offers **moderate** access (20% of 4-year-olds, above the U.S. average on spending at **$9,753**/child) and **high quality** (10/10 benchmarks).

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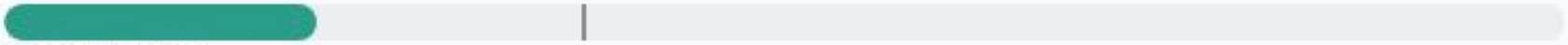
# Tennessee

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **20%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **1%** |
| Spending per child | **$6,270** |
| Quality benchmarks | **9 of 10** |

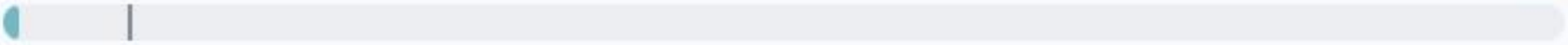
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **20%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **1%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 9/10



Tennessee offers **moderate** access (20% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$6,270**/child) and **high quality** (9/10 benchmarks).

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# Washington

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 17% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 8% |
| Spending per child | $13,013 |
| Quality benchmarks | 8.2 of 10 |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 17%

U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 8%

U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 8.2/10

Washington offers **limited** access (17% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$13,013**/child) and **solid quality** (8.2/10 benchmarks).

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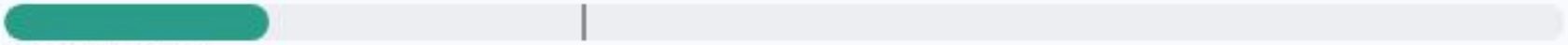
# Oregon

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 17% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 12% |
| Spending per child | $18,637 |
| Quality benchmarks | 7.6 of 10 |

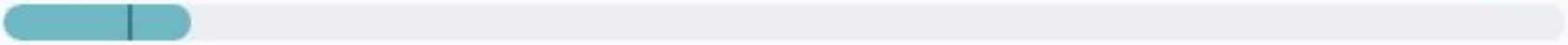
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 17%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 12%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 7.6/10

Oregon offers **limited** access (17% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$18,637**/child) and **solid quality** (7.6/10 benchmarks).

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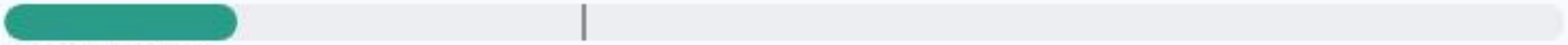
# Ohio

**NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE**

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 15% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 6% |
| Spending per child | $4,250 |
| Quality benchmarks | 5 of 10 |

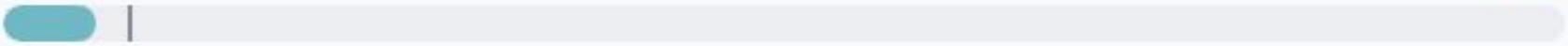
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 15%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 6%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 5/10

Ohio offers **limited** access (15% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$4,250**/child) and **mixed quality** (5/10 benchmarks).

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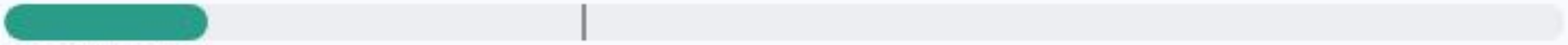
# Connecticut

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 13% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 15% |
| Spending per child | $9,194 |
| Quality benchmarks | 5.1 of 10 |

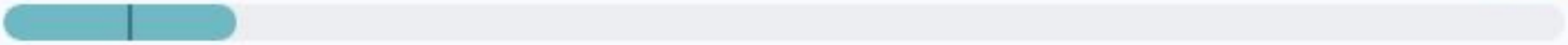
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 13%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 15%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 5.1/10

Connecticut offers **limited** access (13% of 4-year-olds, above the U.S. average on spending at **$9,194**/child) and **mixed quality** (5.1/10 benchmarks).

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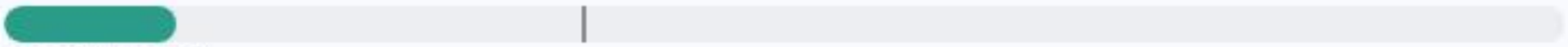
# Minnesota

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | **11%** |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | **1%** |
| Spending per child | **$6,868** |
| Quality benchmarks | **5.4 of 10** |

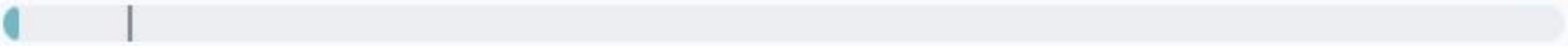
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** **11%**



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** **1%**



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 5.4/10

Minnesota offers **limited** access (11% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$6,868**/child) and **mixed quality** (5.4/10 benchmarks).

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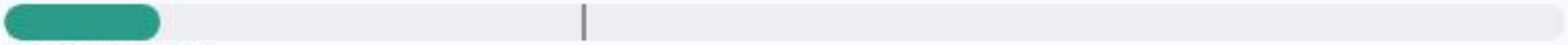
# Alaska

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 10% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 4% |
| Spending per child | $6,959 |
| Quality benchmarks | 2.9 of 10 |

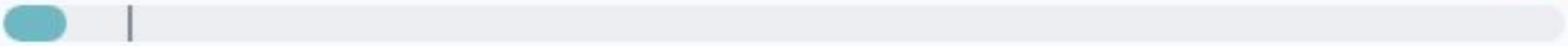
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 10%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 4%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 2.9/10

Alaska offers **limited** access (10% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$6,959**/child) and **low quality** (2.9/10 benchmarks).

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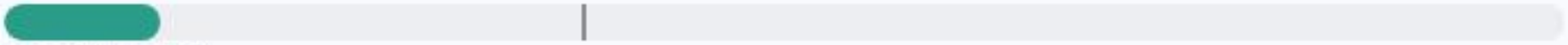
# Missouri

## NIEER 2023-24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 10% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 2% |
| Spending per child | $4,844 |
| Quality benchmarks | 4.3 of 10 |

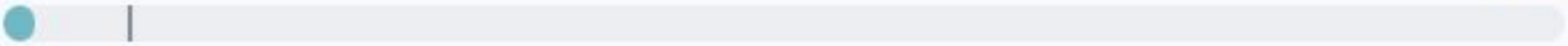
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 10%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 2%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 4.3/10

Missouri offers **limited** access (10% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$4,844**/child) and **low quality** (4.3/10 benchmarks).

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# North Dakota

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 9% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 0% |
| Spending per child | $6,118 |
| Quality benchmarks | 5 of 10 |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 9%

U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 0%

U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 5/10

North Dakota offers **limited** access (9% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$6,118**/child) and **mixed quality** (5/10 benchmarks).

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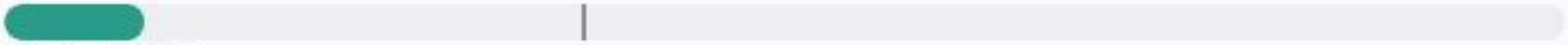
# Nevada

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 9% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 1% |
| Spending per child | $9,703 |
| Quality benchmarks | 7 of 10 |

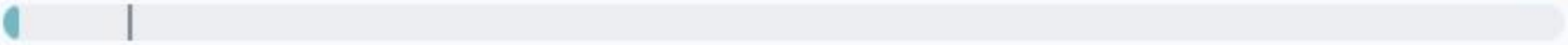
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 9%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 1%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 7/10

Nevada offers **limited** access (9% of 4-year-olds, above the U.S. average on spending at **$9,703**/child) and **solid quality** (7/10 benchmarks).

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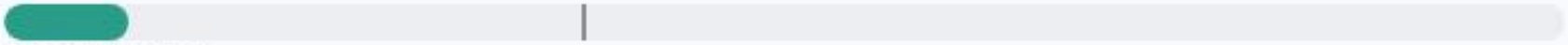
# Delaware

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 8% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 4% |
| Spending per child | $11,753 |
| Quality benchmarks | 9 of 10 |

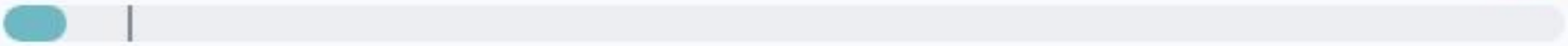
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 8%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 4%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 9/10

Delaware offers **limited** access (8% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$11,753**/child) and **high quality** (9/10 benchmarks).

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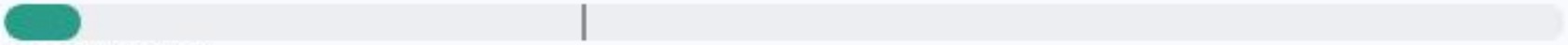
# Hawaii

## NIEER 2023-24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 5% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 2% |
| Spending per child | $7,398 |
| Quality benchmarks | 10 of 10 |

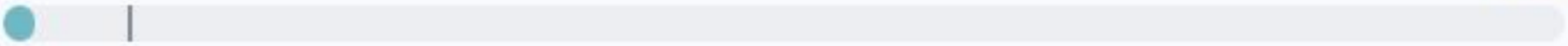
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 5%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 2%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 10/10

Hawaii offers **limited** access (5% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$7,398**/child) and **high quality** (10/10 benchmarks).

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# Arizona

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 4% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 3% |
| Spending per child | $7,972 |
| Quality benchmarks | 3 of 10 |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 4%

U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 3%

U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 3/10

Arizona offers **limited** access (4% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$7,972**/child) and **low quality** (3/10 benchmarks).

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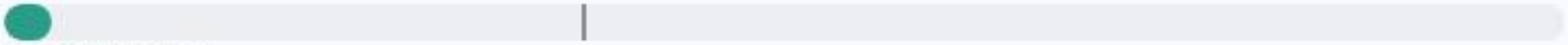
# Utah

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 3% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 2% |
| Spending per child | $4,973 |
| Quality benchmarks | 6 of 10 |

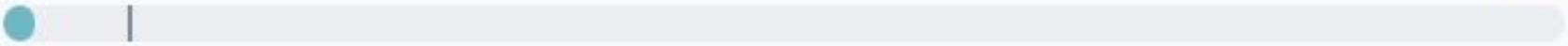
## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 3%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 2%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 6/10

Utah offers **limited** access (3% of 4-year-olds, below the U.S. average on spending at **$4,973**/child) and **mixed quality** (6/10 benchmarks).

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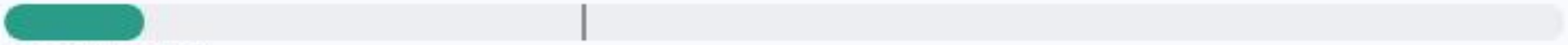
# Indiana

## NIEER 2023–24 — AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-year-olds enrolled | 9% |
| 3-year-olds enrolled | 0% |
| Spending per child | $11,986 |
| Quality benchmarks | 2 of 10 |

## ACCESS VS. THE NATION

**4-year-olds enrolled** 9%



U.S. 37% (marker)

**3-year-olds enrolled** 0%



U.S. 8% (marker)

QUALITY 2/10

Indiana offers **limited** access (9% of 4-year-olds, well above the U.S. average on spending at **$11,986**/child) and **low quality** (2/10 benchmarks). Note: Indiana's program has a work/education requirement, so NIEER excludes it from official state rankings.

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# Idaho

## No state-funded pre-K program

Idaho is one of just **5 states** with no state-funded preschool program in 2023–24. Some 4-year-olds are still served through **federal Head Start**, **special education**, or **local/private** programs — but the state funds no universal or targeted pre-K of its own.

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# Montana

## No state-funded pre-K program

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# New Hampshire

## No state-funded pre-K program

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# South Dakota

## No state-funded pre-K program

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# Wyoming

## No state-funded pre-K program

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