

# Demand for PHLpreK District 1



## What is PHLpreK?

PHLpreK is a free, quality pre-k program offered by the City of Philadelphia to any child who is 3 or 4 years old. In District 1, up to 267 children can attend PHLpreK through 10 providers.

The program is offered to 4,300 children through 179 early childhood education providers city-wide; 92% of all seats were filled (3,950 children) in 2022-23.

The City of Philadelphia needs to add an additional 750 seats more than the mayor has proposed to PHLpreK, enabling a total of 6,000 young children to have the lifetime benefits of the city's model pre-k program.

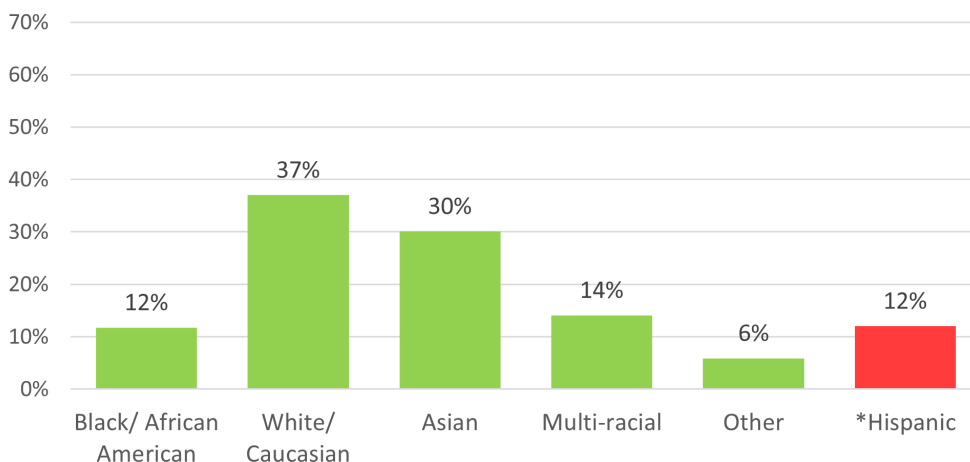
## Who Qualifies?

Available to all income levels, PHLpreK offers families who would otherwise be unable to afford pre-k the ability to enroll their children in a quality pre-k program. Children who receive an early childhood education are better prepared to learn and develop vital social-emotional skills by the time they start school.

## District 1 Demand

- Programs are 96% are full
- The majority of children enrolled are Caucasian or Asian
- 34% of enrolled children come from families with incomes 200% or below the federal poverty line
- 8% of children in District 1 are African American utilizing 12% of PHLpreK seats

## Who Uses PHLpreK in District 1?



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of children in PHLpreK in District 1 are African American using 12% of the available seats.

\* Hispanic children can identify as an additional category.