

Snapshot for Philadelphia County HIGH-QUALITY, PUBLICLY FUNDED PRE-K

37% of eligible children
DO NOT have access

27,200

of the 38,994 children age 3-4
living in this county are eligible

10,092

eligible children
DO NOT have access

In this county: 471 pre-k locations are eligible* to participate. Of those, 436 (93%) receive public funds to support high-quality pre-k. 108 (or 80%) of the 135 Pre-K Counts locations are child care.

505 additional pre-k classrooms
needed for eligible children

plus 589 more high-quality pre-k classrooms are
needed to serve all children age 3-4 in this county.

*Eligible, high-quality providers include Head Start, Keystone STARS 3 and 4 center and group child care, PDE-licensed nursery schools and school districts. Children served data includes those enrolled in high-quality providers using public funds to support their pre-k education.



The Pre-K for PA vision is to ensure that all children can enter school ready to succeed by making high-quality pre-kindergarten accessible to every three- and four-year-old in Pennsylvania.

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BENEFITS OF HIGH-QUALITY PRE-K



reduced grade
repetition



increased
graduation rates



reduced special ed
placements



taxpayer dollars
preserved



decreased crime
and incarceration



stronger
economy

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HIGH-QUALITY, PUBLICLY FUNDED PRE-K AND PROVIDERS IN THIS COUNTY

HIGH-QUALITY, PUBLICLY FUNDED PRE-K IN PENNSYLVANIA

57% of eligible children
DO NOT have access

153,210

of the 282,228 children age 3-4
living in Pennsylvania
are eligible

87,288

eligible children
DO NOT have access

In Pennsylvania: 3,067 pre-k locations are eligible* to participate. Of those, 2,298 (75%) receive public funds to support high-quality pre-k. 468 (or 46%) of the 1,019 Pre-K Counts locations are child care.

4,364 additional pre-k classrooms
needed for eligible children

Plus, 6,451 more high-quality pre-k classrooms are needed to serve all remaining children age 3-4 in Pennsylvania.

The General Assembly should:

- Support investments of \$30 million in Pre-K Counts and \$3 million in the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Programs to increase the per child rates to address staffing shortages and inflation.
- Ensure the Pennsylvania Department of Education implements the Pre-K Counts rebidding process without service delivery cuts to current service areas, since all Pennsylvania counties have unmet need for publicly-funded pre-k.



Campaign led by Children First, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, First Up, Mission Readiness, Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children, Pennsylvania Head Start Association, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, Trying Together and United Way of Pennsylvania.

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