

# 8 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PRE-K IN DELAWARE



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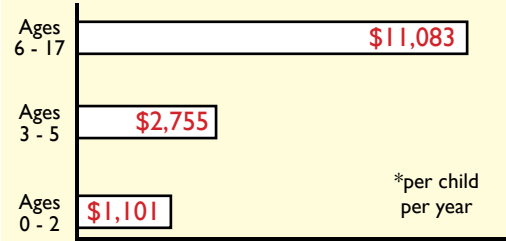
of children in Delaware ages three to four **are not enrolled in school**, including nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten.

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since Delaware expanded state-funded pre-K.

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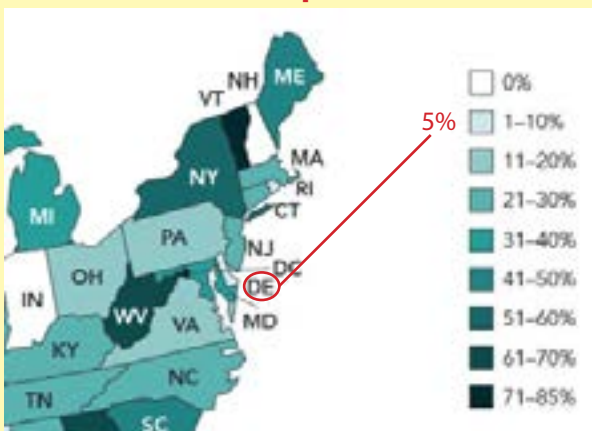


Delaware invests **4 to 10 times less** in young learners (0-5) than school-aged children (6-17).

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**Only 5%** of Delaware four-year-olds are enrolled in state-sponsored pre-K.

When Head Start, Special Ed, and ECAP are included, **Delaware ranks 40th for enrollment in state-funded pre-K.**



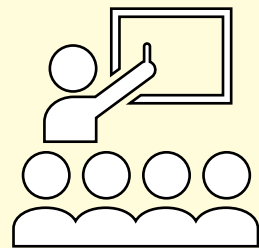
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Nearly **1/3 of Delaware parents** say they, a partner, and/or a family member has been limited in furthering their career training or education due to lack of affordable pre-K.

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The average salary for an early childhood educator is **\$9 - \$10 an hour.**



**1/3 of early childhood educators** are on public assistance such as food stamps or welfare support.

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**Half of Delaware's five-year-olds** are entering kindergarten with the skills needed for success.

56%

Not Accomplished in Math

45%

Not Accomplished Socially or Emotionally

46%

Not Accomplished Cognitively

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**You can help make a difference.** First State Pre-K, a statewide non-partisan issue campaign, is advocating for Delaware to invest in universal, high-quality pre-K for all four-year-olds by 2024.

Visit our website ([www.firststateprek.com](http://www.firststateprek.com)) to learn more about opportunities to get involved and show your support!



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