



On My Way Pre-K

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Office of Early
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Introduction

The Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning, alongside its early learning partners and under the direction of the Family and Social Services Administration, has administered Indiana's preschool pilot program, On My Way Pre-K, since 2014.

On My Way Pre-K provides vouchers to 4-year-olds from low-income families so they may have access to high-quality Pre-K programs the year before they begin kindergarten. Eligible families may use the grant at any approved On My Way Pre-K program. Approved programs may be located in a public or private school, licensed child care center, licensed home, or registered ministry, as long as that program meets the legislated requirements and is registered as an On My Way Pre-K provider. Families may choose from a program that is full- or part-day, as well as from programs that end with the school year or continue through the summer.

In May 2019, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb signed into law House Enrolled Act 1628 requiring annual reporting of On My Way Pre-K enrollment and expenditures.

Enrollment

1. The total number of children who received a grant under the pre-kindergarten pilot program for the immediately preceding state fiscal year (2022-23), disaggregated by county:

County	Regular Eligibility	Limited Eligibility	Total Grants
Adams	5	0	5
Allen	247	20	267
Bartholomew	64	19	83
Benton	4	0	4
Blackford	3	2	5
Boone	27	1	28
Brown	8	4	12
Carroll	0	1	1
Cass	18	3	21
Clark	209	86	295
Clay	9	0	9
Clinton	16	5	21
Crawford	1	0	1
Daviess	2	0	2
Dearborn	12	1	13
Decatur	0	0	0
Dekalb	22	17	39

County	Regular Eligibility	Limited Eligibility	Total Grants
Delaware	140	19	159
Dubois	8	2	10
Elkhart	121	12	133
Fayette	3	4	7
Floyd	60	12	72
Fountain	5	0	5
Franklin	4	0	4
Fulton	1	0	1
Gibson	7	1	8
Grant	150	52	202
Greene	18	6	24
Hamilton	96	3	99
Hancock	18	5	23
Harrison	50	36	86
Hendricks	100	0	100
Henry	7	1	8
Howard	90	33	123



County	Regular Eligibility	Limited Eligibility	Total Grants
Huntington	9	0	9
Jackson	54	19	73
Jasper	9	0	9
Jay	1	0	1
Jefferson	23	14	37
Jennings	17	1	18
Johnson	99	16	115
Knox	12	0	12
Kosciusko	32	19	51
Lagrange	3	3	6
Lake	467	33	500
LaPorte	71	2	73
Lawrence	9	2	11
Madison	113	20	133
Marion	1,481	114	1,595
Marshall	22	5	27
Martin	0	1	1
Miami	21	8	29
Monroe	57	13	70
Montgomery	21	4	25
Morgan	12	2	14
Newton	10	1	11
Noble	10	7	17
Ohio	0	0	0
Orange	4	5	9
Owen	6	1	7
Parke	4	0	4
Perry	0	0	0
Pike	0	0	0
Porter	93	3	96

County	Regular Eligibility	Limited Eligibility	Total Grants
Posey	13	1	14
Pulaski	4	1	5
Putnam	11	1	12
Randolph	4	0	4
Ripley	1	1	2
Rush	5	0	5
St. Joseph	290	27	317
Scott	21	9	30
Shelby	19	8	27
Spencer	0	2	2
Starke	7	0	7
Steuben	11	4	15
Sullivan	10	4	14
Switzerland	0	0	0
Tiptecanoe	219	22	241
Tipton	8	0	8
Union	1	0	1
Vanderburgh	313	53	366
Vermillion	7	0	7
Vigo	131	24	155
Wabash	32	16	48
Warren	0	0	0
Warrick	17	0	17
Washington	19	8	27
Wayne	45	18	63
Wells	9	6	15
White	5	0	5
Whitley	1	0	1
Grand Total	5,388	843	6,231

30% increase in total enrollment

64 counties with higher enrollment than last year



Fiscal

2. The total amount of funds budgeted for and spent under the pre-kindergarten program during the preceding state fiscal year:
 - ▶ The total amount budgeted and spent on Pre-K in SFY23 was \$37,390,530.49.
 - ▶ \$3,568,773.50 of 100% state funds were spent on administrative costs.
 - ▶ \$33,821,756.99 of both federal and state funds was spent on direct services.
3. The balance remaining in the pilot fund at the end of the immediately preceding state fiscal year:
 - ▶ At the end of SFY22, there was an estimate of \$17,745,869.70 balance remaining.

Longitudinal study

OECOSL is working on contracting with the Purdue University Center for Early Learning Research Team to follow a cohort of 200 to 250 prekindergarten children, starting in the 2024-2025 academic year, over a five-year period (from pre-kindergarten to 3rd grade) for a new On My Way Pre-K longitudinal study.