

GOAL 1: Ready to Learn

State Indicator 5. Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities

Have states¹ increased the numbers of children with disabilities enrolled in preschool (per 1,000 3- to 5-year-olds)?

↑	Better	49 states
↔	No Change	0 states
↓	Worse	2 states

Update

Improvement over time

Between 1991 and 1998, 49 states (out of 51) significantly increased the numbers of children with disabilities enrolled in preschool (per 1,000 3- to 5-year-olds):

1. Alabama	14. Iowa	27. Nevada	40. South Dakota
2. Alaska	15. Kansas	28. New Hampshire	41. Tennessee
3. Arizona	16. Kentucky	29. New Jersey	42. Texas
4. Arkansas	17. Louisiana	30. New Mexico	43. Utah
5. California	18. Maine	31. New York	44. Vermont
6. Colorado	19. Maryland	32. North Carolina	45. Virginia
7. Connecticut	20. Massachusetts	33. North Dakota	46. Washington
8. Delaware	21. Michigan	34. Ohio	47. West Virginia
9. Florida	22. Minnesota	35. Oklahoma	48. Wisconsin
10. Georgia	23. Mississippi	36. Oregon	49. Wyoming
11. Hawaii	24. Missouri	37. Pennsylvania	
12. Idaho	25. Montana	38. Rhode Island	
13. Indiana	26. Nebraska	39. South Carolina	

Highest-performing states*

States with the highest numbers of children with disabilities enrolled in preschool (per 1,000 3- to 5-year-olds):

	(1998)
Kentucky	96
Maine	82
Wyoming	81
West Virginia	80
Arkansas	78

No comparable national data available.

* Top 5 states (out of 51).

Most-improved states

States that made the greatest gains in the numbers of children with disabilities enrolled in preschool (per 1,000 3- to 5-year-olds):

	(1991)	(1998)	Change*
West Virginia	43	80	+37
Arkansas	45	78	+33
New Mexico	28	60	+32
Kansas	33	61	+28
Kentucky	68	96	+28
Maine	54	82	+28

* Differences between the first two columns may differ slightly from the figures reported in the "change" column due to rounding.

¹ The term "state" is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas.