

The Prekindergarten At-Risk Program in Illinois from FY 86 to FY 2000

	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 99	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY99	FY00
Number of Projects	100	94	94	135	184	236	262	295	312	330	351	376	388	405	407
Participating Districts	232	202	178	279	353	475	496	531	547	578	607	607+	607+	na	609
Children Screened	24,340	26,749	23,993	32,161	45,770	57,482	67,388	71,470	75,519	73,953	74,663	83,737	82,689	81805	81070
Eligible after Screening	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	43,319	45,673	54,030	54,044	52785	55573
Children Served*	na	na	na	10,411	17,176	23,372	27,269	29,814	33,204	35,057	38,034	45,614	45,854	49934	53386
2 nd Year in Program	na	na	na	1,723	2,802	5,056	6,557	7,393	7,362	9,928	9,150	11,597	11,798	12353	13024
Children Served First Year	na	na	na	8,688	14,374	18,316	20,712	22,421	25,842	25,129	28,884	34,017	35,364	37581	40362
% of Eligible Children Served	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	58	63	63	65	71	73
Summer Enrollment	na	na	na	na	9,300	13,559	5,055	4,558	3,538	4,704	4,709	1,453	1574	3616	2457
Children on Waiting List**	na	na	na	na	na	6,674	7,137	10,235	12,551	na	9,246	13,579	10,352	7939	7265
Appropriation in Millions	12.1	12.7	12.7	23.9	48	63	71.5	75.5	87.7	92.7	101.9	112.2	123.4	***	@
% Change in Appropriation	na	5	0	88	101	31	13	6	16	6	10	10	10		

* The row ' Children Served' also includes children served for their second year in the Prekindergarten At-Risk Program.

** Projects reported children on the waiting list based on only those parents who opted to be placed on the waiting list. Some parents enroll heir children in Head Start or another preschool program and would not be on a waiting list. Children who were on a waiting list in previous school year could have been enrolled in the current school year.

*** In FY99, 153.6 million dollars were appropriated as a part of the Early Childhood Block Grant. The amount spent on prekindergarten programs is not available.

na = data not available

@In FY2000, \$169.6 million was appropriated as a part of the Early Childhood Block Grant

Percentage of Children Served in Prekindergarten At-Risk Programs by Ethnicity

Statewide

RACE & ETHNICITY	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY99	FY00
White non Hispanic	50	47	47	47	47	45	44	41	41	43	44
Black non Hispanic	32	31	31	31	29	29	29	30	29	26	26
Hispanic	16	18	19	19	19	21	22	25	26	26	25
Asian	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3
American Indian & Other	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	2

Downstate

RACE & ETHNICITY	FY90	FY91	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00
White non Hispanic	68	68	67	67	67	68	65	65	64	64	63
Black non Hispanic	20	20	21	19	18	16	17	17	17	16	15
Hispanic	9	8	9	9	10	12	13	13	15	16	17
Asian	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3
American Indian & Other	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2

Chicago

RACE & ETHNICITY	FY90	FY91	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY 98	FY99	FY00
White non Hispanic	11	11	12	10	9	8	8	7	7	8	8
Black non Hispanic	55	50	48	50	50	50	49	48	47	45	45
Hispanic	31	36	37	36	36	37	39	41	42	43	42
Asian	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
American Indian & Other	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Percentage of Children Served in Prekindergarten Program by Family Structure

STATEWIDE

FAMILY STRUCTURE	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96 **	FY 97	FY98	FY99 ***	FY00
Both Parents	62.7	63.4	64.8	63.2	64.8	62.4	45.0	60.4	62.8	70.0	70.2
Single Parents	33.3	na	30.8	32.3	29.5	32.3	18.0	30.8	30.0	24.1	24.2
Live with Adult	2.3	na	2.4	2.4	3.4	3.1	3.0	4.3	4.7	3.5	3.3
Other	1.7	na	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.3	2.4	2.3
Unknown*	5.8	na	na	16.0	16.0	10.1	32.0	2.8	1.2	0.8	0.5

* Percentages are calculated excluding unknowns

** Data from Chicago were not available in FY 96.

*** Downstate only

Percentage of Children by the Kindergarten Readiness Level

STATEWIDE KINDERGARTEN									
READINESS LEVEL	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 00
Above Average	21	24	26	25	26	27	27	26	18
Average	48	49	48	53	54	55	54	55	62
Below Average	21	19	18	17	16	14	15	15	16
Deficient	10	8	8	5	4	4	4	4	4

CHICAGO KINDERGARTEN									
READINESS LEVEL	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 00
Above Average	24	33	35	35	38	39	40	36	27
Average	33	35	35	45	46	46	45	47	58
Below Average	25	19	18	15	13	12	12	14	13
Deficient	18	13	12	5	3	3	3	3	2

DOWNSTATE KINDERGARTEN									
READINESS LEVEL	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 00
Above Average	19	20	20	18	18	18	19	19	4
Average	55	56	55	59	60	61	60	61	67
Below Average	19	18	19	17	18	16	16	16	22
Deficient	7	6	6	6	4	5	5	4	6

* READINESS LEVEL: On the basis of pre and post assessment test or on the teacher's judgement, a child is ranked for his /her kindergarten readiness.

Due to changes in the readiness categories, a comparison of FY 98 and FY 99 Kindergarten Readiness Level to previous years can not be made.

FY 98 - 99 Statistics

STATEWIDE		
KINDERGARTEN READINESS LEVEL	FY 98	FY 99
PROFICIENT in developmental goals and standards appropriate for this age	49.4	70.8
IN-PROCESS of developing goals and standards appropriate for this age	41.3	25.4
NOT YET developing goals and standards appropriate for this age	9.3	3.8

DOWNSTATE		
KINDERGARTEN READINESS LEVEL	FY 98	FY 99
PROFICIENT in developmental goals and standards appropriate for this age	56.4	60.8
IN-PROCESS of developing goals and standards appropriate for this age	37.2	33.4
NOT YET developing goals and standards appropriate for this age	6.4	5.8