

# Snapshot for Centre County HIGH-QUALITY, PUBLICLY FUNDED PRE-K

69% of eligible children DO NOT have access

1,320  
eligible children ages 3-4  
live in this county

915  
eligible children  
DO NOT have access

In this county: 34 pre-k locations are eligible\* to participate, 27 high-quality providers participate, and 46 additional pre-k classrooms are needed.

*This information is based on 2020 data and reflects the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the pre-k sector.*

\*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

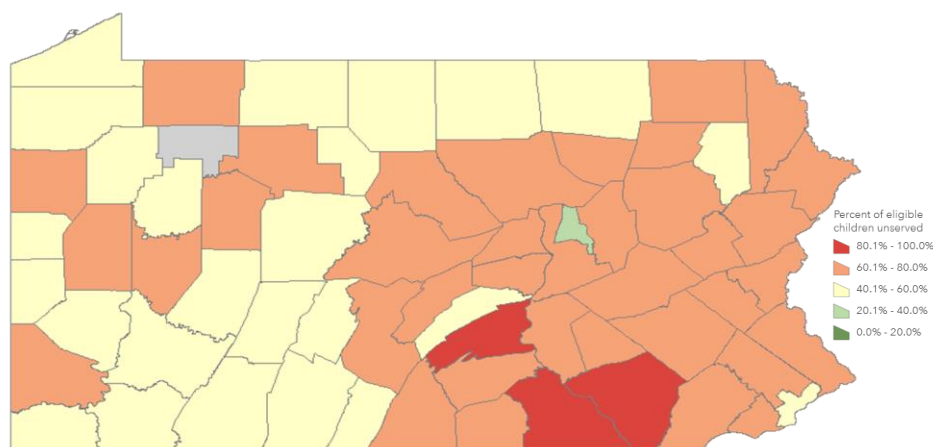


stronger economy

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# HIGH-QUALITY, PUBLICLY FUNDED PRE-K IN PENNSYLVANIA

**64%** of eligible children DO NOT have access



**167,469**  
eligible children ages 3-4  
living in Pennsylvania

**106,720**  
eligible children  
DO NOT have access

**In Pennsylvania:** 2,993 pre-k locations are eligible\* to participate, 2,185 high-quality providers participate, and 5,336 additional pre-k classrooms are needed.

*This information is based on 2020 data and reflects the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the pre-k sector.*

The Pre-K for PA campaign asks state policymakers to:

- Increase high-quality pre-k line items by \$30 million to serve 3,271 new children (\$25 million in Pre-K Counts to serve 2,800 children and \$5 million in the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program to serve 471).
- Maintain the rate increase provided to Pre-K Counts and Head Start Supplemental Assistance Programs in FY 2020-21, which supports pandemic-related costs such as PPE and cleaning supplies.



Campaign led by 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, Public Citizens for Children and Youth, Trying Together and United Way of Pennsylvania.

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