

About Boston Pre-K

The goal of Boston Pre-K is to ensure every three- and four-year-old in Boston has access to publicly-funded, high-quality early education experiences that lays the foundation for their future learning and educational success. Boston Public Schools (BPS) and the Mayor’s Office of Early Childhood (OEC) strive to serve eligible three- and four-year-old children across Boston through a mixed delivery system made up of four Pre-Kindergarten settings:



Boston Public Schools



Community-Based Organizations



Independent Schools



Family Child Care

2023-24 School Year Priorities

Bringing Boston Pre-K to Family Child Care

Family Child Care programs enrolled students for the first time, offering Boston families another option for city-funded Pre-K, and allowing them to choose childcare that best fits their needs.

Increasing the Number of High-Quality Classrooms

Twenty (20) additional classrooms were added in existing community providers (a 26% increase from the previous year) reflecting the commitment to create more high-quality Pre-K seats in community settings.

Making the Focus Curriculum Accessible to All

The BPS Department of Early Childhood and Boston Pre-K focused on expanding access to the curriculum to meet the needs of Boston’s diverse learners, through adapted resources and curriculum transadaptions.

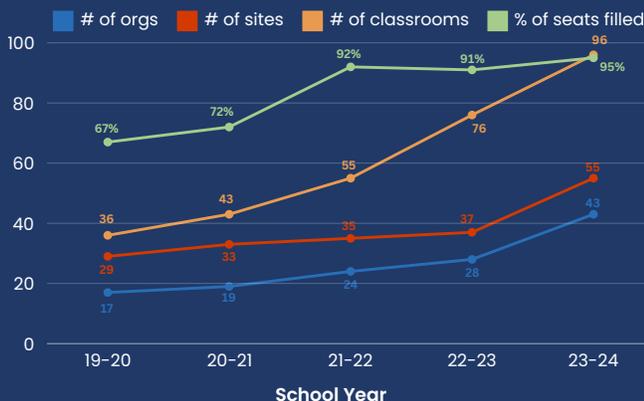
Transformative Family Engagement

Families were actively engaged in decision-making processes through paid family partner positions and the Early Childhood Family Council (ECFC) to ensure Boston Pre-K’s work reflects the needs of families.

Boston Boston Pre-K Growth Overtime

Expanding and creating equitable access, while sustaining quality.

Community Providers Over Time



“ I was thrilled when I first learned about the Boston Pre-K opportunity for my child at our community based organization (CBO). I also had wonderful resources to guide me through the application process. My child is now smoothly transitioning from our CBO to Boston Public Schools for kindergarten. How time flies!

MABEL WONG

Boston Pre-K Parent and ECFC Member

*Community providers refers to the combination of CBOs, Independent Schools, and FCCs

2023-24 Snapshot: Boston Pre-K in Numbers

Boston Pre-K By Setting

Breakdown of the number of schools and organizations city-wide that are part of the Boston Pre-K program.

76 Boston Public Schools 

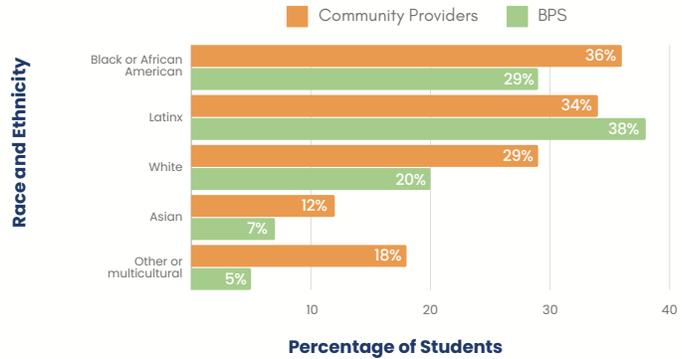
23 Community-Based Organizations 

8 Independent Schools 

11 Family Child Care 

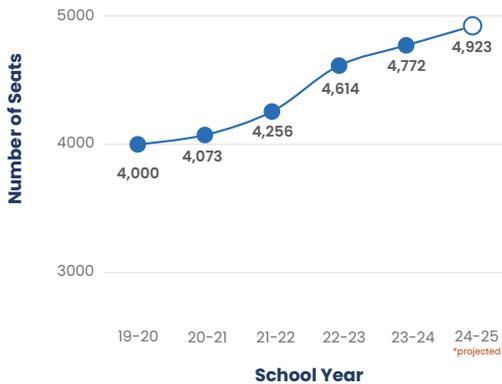
Populations Served

Race and ethnicity of students in the Boston Pre-K program: community providers compared to BPS.



Seat Expansion

Expansion of total number of 3- and 4-year-old seats in the Boston Pre-K program.



21%

of Boston's estimated 3-year-old population was enrolled in Boston Pre-K



53%

of Boston's estimated 4-year-old population was enrolled in Boston Pre-K

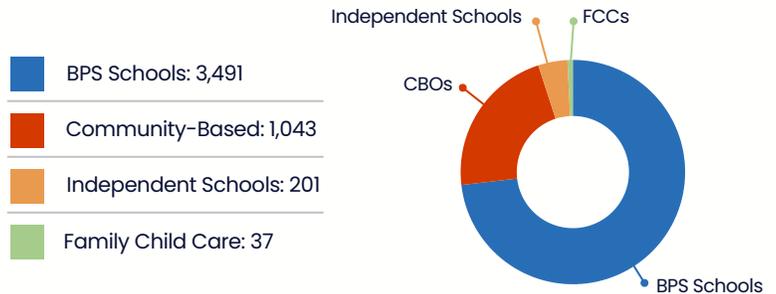


4,772

total publicly funded Pre-K seats in the City of Boston

Seats by Setting

Total number of 3- and 4-year-old seats in each setting of Boston Pre-K's mixed-delivery portfolio.



100%

of three-year-old seats filled in community-based organizations

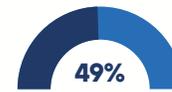


90%

of four-year-old seats filled in community-based organizations

Multilingual Learners

Percentages of students in the Boston Pre-K program that have a first language other than English.



Community Providers



BPS

Students with IEPs

Number and percentage of students in the Boston Pre-K program with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

70 total students
6.1% of students
Community Providers

860 total students
27.7% of students
BPS



37

classrooms added



22

new programs integrated into the Boston Pre-K portfolio, to have seats the following school year

NAEYC Accreditation

NAEYC Accreditation is a standard for recognizing high-quality early learning programs and ensures that programs are safe, well-prepared, and intentional about ensuring children's success.



18

NAEYC accredited community provider programs

48

NAEYC accredited BPS schools with early childhood programs

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