

# 2007-2008 TENNESSEE PRE-KINDERGARTEN FACT SHEET

Governor Bredesen and the General Assembly allocated an additional 25 million in the FY 08 state budget for the expansion of Pre-K education. This appropriation resulted in the following:

- 257 new Pre-K classrooms opened the fall of 2007
- 9 additional school systems provided state-supported pre-k education for the first time in their school districts in the fall of 2007
- TN state-supported Pre-K programs are located in:

**94 of 95    TN Counties**  
**133 of 136   TN School Systems**

- The 148 Pilot pre-k classrooms received funding at the same level as the Voluntary Pre-K classrooms due to recent legislation.
- Governor Bredesen, with the support of the TN General Assembly, has provided 70 million new dollars for Pre-K education over the past three years to open an additional 786 new classrooms across Tennessee.

The existing Pilot program is still funded with 10 million in state revenue, bringing the total number of Pre-K classrooms to 934 and funding to 80 million for 2007-2008.

- Growth of Pre-K 2004 to 2007:

	<u># Pre-K Classrooms</u>	<u># Students Served</u>
<b>2007</b>	934	17,308
<b>2006</b>	677	13,197
<b>2005</b>	448	9,000
<b>*2004</b>	148	3,000

\*Pilot Pre-K

- TN has been recognized by National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) for the past 2 years as one of only 6 states with the highest quality pre-k program standards.

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Note: County with no state-supported Pre-K: Sumner County  
 LEAs with no state-supported Pre-K: Sumner County Schools,  
 Washington County Schools,  
 Carroll County Schools (Technology Center /Alternative School only)

## 2007-2008 TN Pre-K Enrollment

### **State Data:**

Total TN 4 year olds:	78,000
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	42,666 (54.7%)

### **TN Voluntary Pre-K Program:** (actual enrollment as of November 1, 2007)

Total Enrollment:	17,308*	(4 year olds =16,370)
Free/Reduced Lunch	15,222	
ELL	1,251	
Special Ed	998	
Non At-Risk	1,389	(Does not meet Free/ Reduced lunch, ELL or disability eligibility but may meet local at-risk criteria)
Waiting List:	2,093	

*\*Total enrollment includes 3 year olds from Pilot Pre-K program.*

### **Percentages of 4 year old Population Served / Unserved:**

State Pre-K serves:	35% at-risk 4 year olds**	(14,981*** of 42,666)
	21% total 4 year old population	(16,370 of 78,000)

Head Start serves:	21% at-risk 4 year olds**	(9,000 of 42,666)
	12% total 4 year old population	(9,000 of 78,000)

Title One, Even Start, Sp Ed & Local Programs serve:	6% total 4 year old population	(4,500 of 78,000)
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<b>Total Students Served:</b>	56% at-risk 4 year olds
	39% total 4 year old population

*\*\*Head Start enrolls approximately 12,000 4 year olds. However, LEAs and Head Start are partnering to serve approximately 3,000 of these at-risk students in collaborative classrooms. These students are included in the above State Pre-K data.*

*\*\*\*Total 4 year olds enrolled minus non at-risk enrolled: 16,370-1389=14,981*

Opening 300 new pre-k classes next year would serve about 5,000 (6%) more 4 year olds.