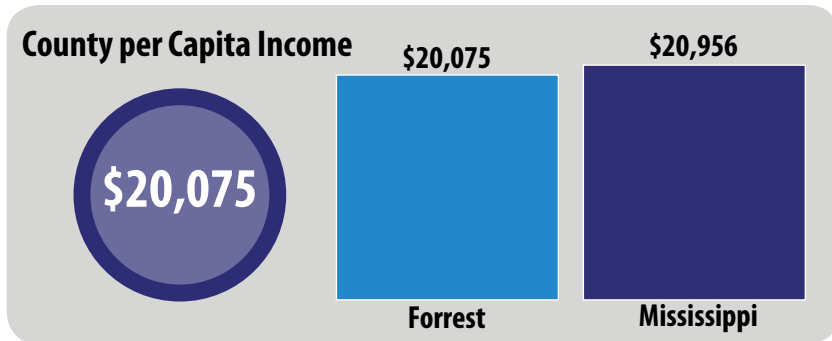
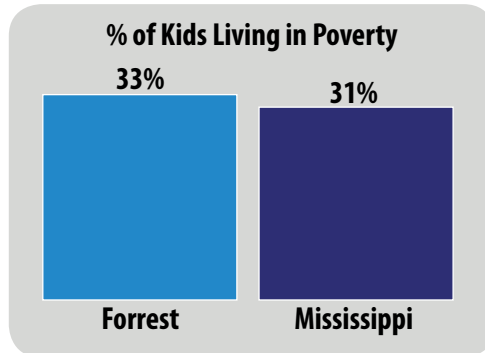
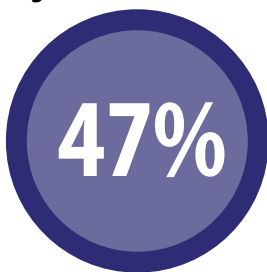


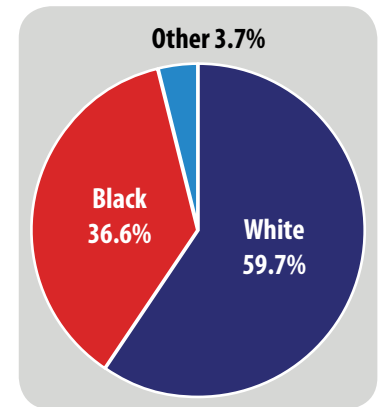
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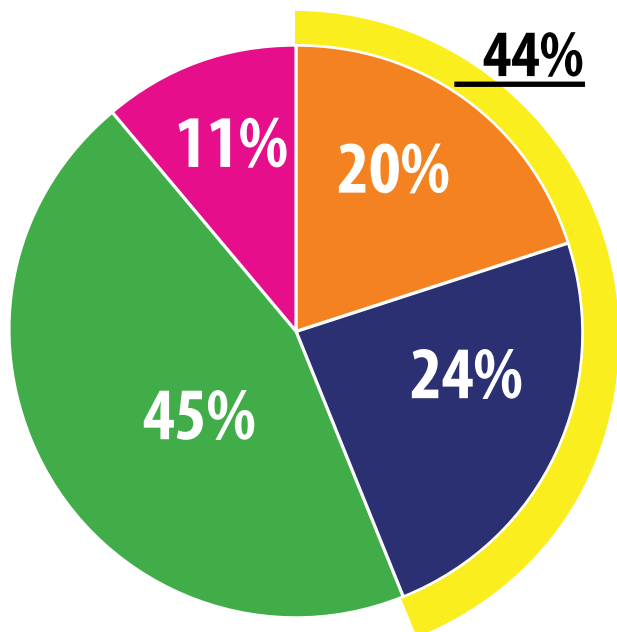
**Percent of Kids Living in Single-Parent Households**



## Racial Breakdown of the County



## Licensed Early Childhood Program Access for 4-Year-Olds in Forrest County



**# of 4-Year-Olds: 1,040**

**Total Early Childhood Program Seats: 934**

- % of Public Pre-K Seats
- % of Seats in District(s)
- % of Seats in Head Start
- % of Seats in Licensed Childcare
- % of 4-Year-Olds without Access to a Licensed Early Childhood Program

### School Districts in Forrest County:

- Forrest County Schools
- Hattiesburg Public School District
- Petal School District

### Head Start Partner:

PRVO Head Start

**Total # of Licensed Childcare Centers Serving 4-Year-Olds: 27**

**State-Funded Early Learning Collaborative:**  
Petal Early Learning Collaborative

*These numbers reflect the capacity of programs (available seats), not enrollment.*



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# The State of Licensed Childcare in Forrest County

**292** 4-Year-Old Enrollment

**\$95.90** Avg. Tuition Cost per Week

**470** Capacity of Licensed Childcare Sector to Serve 4-Year-Olds

**25** # of 4-Year-Olds Served by Childcare Certificates

**11** # of Centers in QRIS Serving 4-Year-Olds

**27** Total # of Centers

## Breakdown of Enrollment by Stars



| Center                           | School District Affiliation        | 4-Yr.-Old Enrollment | 4-Yr.-Old Capacity | Hours                  | Tuition Cost per Week | Financial Assistance                     | Accreditation or QRIS Rating    | Meals   | Types of Philosophy                       | Curriculum                          | Assessment   |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| ANGEL ACADEMY                    | Forrest County                     | 9                    | 10                 | 6:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. | \$95.00               | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates | QRIS Participant; 1-Star Center | Breakfast, Morning Snack, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Dinner, Evening Snack | Child Development Focus                   | Using the Early Learning Guidelines |  |
| ASBURY PLAYSCHOOL                | Petal School District              | 26                   | 30                 | 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. |                       | Does Not Accept Childcare Certificates   |                                 |   | Child Development Focus, Religious, Other | Using the Early Learning Guidelines | Early Learning Guidelines Checklist                  |
| BETTIE'S ABC ADVANCED CHILD CARE | Hattiesburg Public School District | <5                   | <5                 | 6:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.  | \$95.00               | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates | QRIS Participant                | Breakfast, Morning Snack, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Dinner, Evening Snack | Child Development Focus                   | Creative Curriculum                 |  |
| CARTERVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL     | Petal School District              | 27                   | 20                 | 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. |                       | Does Not Accept Childcare Certificates   |                                 |   | Academic Emphasis, Religious              | WEE Learn                           | Ages and Stages, Early Learning Guidelines Checklist |

# The State of Licensed Childcare in Forrest County, continued

| Center                             | School District Affiliation        | 4-Yr.-Old Enrollment | 4-Yr.-Old Capacity | Hours                 | Tuition Cost per Week | Financial Assistance                     | Accreditation or QRIS Rating    | Meals  | Types of Philosophy                         | Curriculum   | Assessment                          |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| EARLY ENCOUNTERS                   | Forrest County                     | 23                   | 17                 | 7:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. |                       | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates | QRIS Participant; 3-Star Center | Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Evening Snack, USDA Food Program                        | Child Development Focus                     | Between the Lions, Using the Early Learning Guidelines   | Early Learning Guidelines Checklist |
| FIRST START ACADEMY                | Forrest County                     | 10                   | 22                 | 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. | \$78.00               | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates | QRIS Participant                | Breakfast, Lunch, Evening Snack, USDA Food Program   | Child Development Focus, Mixed-Age Grouping | Using the Early Learning Guidelines                      | Early Learning Guidelines Checklist |
| HAPPY MEMORIES                     | Forrest County                     | 8                    | 12                 | 7:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. | \$95.00               | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates |                                 | Breakfast, Morning Snack, Lunch, Afternoon Snack   | Academic Emphasis, Child Development Focus  | Creative Curriculum, Using the Early Learning Guidelines |                                     |
| HOWARD CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER | Hattiesburg Public School District | 10                   | 12                 | 6:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. | \$115.00              | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates |                                 | Morning Snack, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Evening Snack                                       | Academic Emphasis, Religious                | A BEKA   |                                     |
| JUST LIKE HOME CHILD CARE          | Forrest County                     | <5                   | <5                 | 6:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. | \$110.00              | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates |                                 | Morning Snack, Lunch, Afternoon Snack  | Academic Emphasis, Child Development Focus  | A BEKA   | Ages and Stages                     |
| LIL' TEKNON LEARNING CENTER        | Hattiesburg Public School District | 7                    | 7                  | 6:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. | \$90.00               | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates | QRIS Participant; 1-Star Center | Breakfast, Morning Snack, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Dinner, Evening Snack, USDA Food Program | Child Development Focus                     | Using the Early Learning Guidelines                      | Early Learning Guidelines Checklist |
| LITTLE FOOTPRINTS LEARNING CENTER  | Not Reported                       | 8                    | 8                  | 6:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. |                       |  |                                 |  |   |  |                                     |

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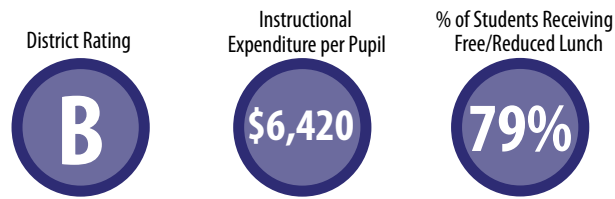
| Center                             | School District Affiliation        | 4-Yr.-Old Enrollment | 4-Yr.-Old Capacity | Hours                 | Tuition Cost per Week | Financial Assistance   | Accreditation or QRIS Rating    | Meals   | Types of Philosophy                                   | Curriculum   | Assessment                          |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| MAIN STREET PRESCHOOL              | Hattiesburg Public School District | 5                    | 14                 | 9:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. |                       | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates                     |                                 | Morning Snack   | Child Development Focus, Religious                    | Using the Early Learning Guidelines  |                                     |
| MIMI'S PLAYHOUSE                   | Petal School District              | 26                   | 76                 | 7:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | \$120.00              | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates                     |                                 | Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack                                   | Academic Emphasis, Child Development Focus            | Using the Early Learning Guidelines  | Early Learning Guidelines Checklist |
| MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE        | Petal School District              | <5                   | 10                 | 7:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. |                       | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates                     |                                 | Breakfast, Morning Snack, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, USDA Food Program | Montessori  | Montessori   |                                     |
| MT. OLIVE CHRISTIAN DAYCARE/SCHOOL | Hattiesburg Public School District | 11                   | 45                 | 6:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. | \$100.00              | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates                     |                                 | Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Evening Snack, USDA Food Program | Academic Emphasis, Child Development Focus, Religious | A BEKA   |                                     |
| MYERS PRESCHOOL                    | Hattiesburg Public School District | 7                    | 25                 | 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. | \$75.00               | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates                     |                                 | Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Evening Snack                    | Academic Emphasis, Child Development Focus            | A BEKA   | Ages and Stages, Other              |
| N.E.E.D.S. II CHILD CARE CENTER    | Hattiesburg Public School District | 5                    | 5                  | 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. | \$42.00               | Sliding Rate Scale, Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates | QRIS Participant; 1-Star Center | Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, USDA Food Program                | Child Development Focus, Mixed-Age Grouping           | Creative Curriculum, Using the Early Learning Guidelines                                 | Early Learning Guidelines Checklist |
| OASIS TRAINING CENTER              | Petal School District              | <5                   | 10                 | 6:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. | \$90.00               | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates                     |                                 | Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Evening Snack                    | Academic Emphasis, Child Development Focus            | A BEKA   |                                     |
| PLAY-SCHOOL CHILD CARE CENTER      | Petal School District              | 24                   | 42                 | 6:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. | \$106.00              | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates                     |                                 | Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Evening Snack, USDA Food Program | Child Development Focus                               | Between the Lions, Creative Curriculum, Kidz Spark!, Using the Early Learning Guidelines | Ages and Stages, Other              |

# The State of Licensed Childcare in Forrest County, continued

| Center  | School District Affiliation        | 4-Yr.-Old Enrollment | 4-Yr.-Old Capacity | Hours                 | Tuition Cost per Week | Financial Assistance                     | Accreditation or QRIS Rating                         | Meals   | Types of Philosophy                         | Curriculum   | Assessment   |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| SMALL MIRACLES CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER       | Forrest County                     | <5                   | <5                 | 7:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. | \$115.00              | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates | QRIS Participant; 1-Star Center                      | Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, USDA Food Program                                      | Child Development Focus                     | Between the Lions, Using the Early Learning Guidelines                               | Early Learning Guidelines Checklist                                      |
| THE ACADEMY OF KIDS CHILDCARE CENTER          | Hattiesburg Public School District | 5                    | 5                  | 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. | \$90.00               | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates | QRIS Participant; 1-Star Center                      | Breakfast, Morning Snack, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Evening Snack                           | Academic Emphasis, Child Development Focus  | HighReach Learning, Using the Early Learning Guidelines                              | Early Learning Guidelines Checklist                                      |
| THERAH'S CHILD CARE                           | Hattiesburg Public School District | 5                    | 14                 | 6:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. | \$86.00               | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates | QRIS Participant; 2-Star Center                      | Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, USDA Food Program                                      | Academic Emphasis, Child Development Focus  | Creative Curriculum, Learning in a Baby's World, Using the Early Learning Guidelines | Ages and Stages, Early Learning Guidelines Checklist, Get Ready to Read! |
| TJ'S LEARNING CENTER                          | Forrest County                     | 15                   | 10                 | 6:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. | \$100.00              | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates |  | Afternoon Snack   | Child Development Focus, Mixed-Age Grouping | Between the Lions  |  |
| TRINITY PLAY SCHOOL                           | Hattiesburg Public School District | 20                   | 20                 | 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. |                       | Does Not Accept Childcare Certificates   |  | Morning Snack   | Child Development Focus                     |  |  |
| TUNJIA'S LITTLE ONES CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | Forrest County                     | 10                   | 6                  | 6:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. | \$95.00               | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates | QRIS Participant; 3-Star Center                      | Morning Snack   | Child Development Focus, Religious          | Using the Early Learning Guidelines  | Early Learning Guidelines Checklist                                      |
| USM CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT              | Hattiesburg Public School District | 13                   | 30                 | 7:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. | \$131.00              | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates | QRIS Participant; 5-Star Center; NAEYC Accreditation | Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Evening Snack, Special Meal Request, USDA Food Program | Academic Emphasis, Child Development Focus  | Using the Early Learning Guidelines  | Ages and Stages, Early Learning Guidelines Checklist, Other              |
| WAYSIDE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER              | Hattiesburg Public School District | 6                    | 12                 | 6:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. | \$90.00               | Willing to Accept Childcare Certificates |  | Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack   | Child Development Focus, Religious          | A BEKA   |  |

# The State of Public Pre-K Education in Forrest County School District (2014-2015)

**Forrest County Schools**  
 K-12 School Funding: \$23,321,147.05  
 # of Students in District: 2,421



## 2015-2016 Access to Full-Year, Regular Education Pre-K



■ Total # of District Seats   
 ■ Total # of Children Who Transitioned to District from Head Start  
■ Total # of Blended District & Head Start Seats   
 ■ Total # of Kindergarteners in Districts with No Access to Public Pre-K

82% of Kindergarteners in the district did not have access to public pre-K.

## On school registrations collected by MDE, parents indicated the following about Kindergarteners in the district:



7% of kids attended licensed childcare during their 4-year-old year.



42% of kids stayed at home during their 4-year-old year.



13% of kids attended private school during their 4-year-old year.



9% of parents did not respond to the survey.

## Pre-K District Data

Total # of Students Served in the Classroom:   
 Total Expenditure: \$20,000\*   
 Summer Program:   
 Funding Sources: Title I   
 Cost per Child:   
 Length of Day:   
 Length of Year:

| Quality Benchmarks for Full-Year, Regular Education Programs |                                   |               |                 |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| NIEER STANDARDS  | QUALITY BENCHMARKS                | DISTRICT DATA | MEETS STANDARD? |
| Early learning standards used                                | Comprehensive                     |               |                 |
| Teacher qualifications:                                      |                                   |               |                 |
| -Degree  | Bachelor's degree                 |               |                 |
| -Specialization  | Early Childhood Education         |               |                 |
| Assistant teacher degree                                     | CDA or equivalent                 |               |                 |
| Teacher in-service   | 15 hrs/yr                         |               |                 |
| Max class size   | 20 or over                        |               |                 |
| Staff:child ratio  | 1:10                              |               |                 |
| Screenings/referral and support services                     | vision, hearing, support services |               |                 |
| Meals  | At least 1 per day                |               |                 |
| Monitoring   | Site visits                       |               |                 |

\*Figure includes cost to operate summer program for 4-year-olds.

# The State of Public Pre-K Education in Hattiesburg Public School District (2014-2015)

## Hattiesburg Public School District

K-12 School Funding: \$49,916,028.36

# of Students in District: 4,519

District Rating



Instructional Expenditure per Pupil



% of Students Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch



## 2015-2016 Access to Full-Year, Regular Education Pre-K



24% of Kindergarteners in the district did not have access to public pre-K.

Total # of District Seats

Total # of Children Who Transitioned to District from Head Start

Total # of Blended District & Head Start Seats

Total # of Kindergarteners in Districts with No Access to Public Pre-K

On school registrations collected by MDE, parents indicated the following about Kindergarteners in the district:

**NO DATA REPORTED**

X% of parents did not respond to the survey.

## Pre-K District Data

Total # of Students Served in the Classroom: 120  
Funding Sources: Title I

Total Expenditure: \$478,097  
Cost per Child: \$3,984.14

Summer Program: No  
Length of Day: 7.5 hrs.  
Length of Year: August-May

| Quality Benchmarks for Full-Year, Regular Education Programs |                                  |   |                 |
|--|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| NIEER STANDARDS  | QUALITY BENCHMARKS               | DISTRICT DATA                             | MEETS STANDARD? |
| Early learning standards used                                | Comprehensive                    | MDE 4-Year-Old                            | ✓               |
| Teacher qualifications:<br>-Degree                           | Bachelor's Degree                | Bachelors                                 | ✓               |
| -Specialization  | Early Childhood Education        | Elementary                                |                 |
| Assistant teacher degree                                     | CDA or equivalent                | Highly Qualified Paraprofessional         |                 |
| Teacher in-service   | 15 hrs/yr                        | 20 hrs                                    | ✓               |
| Max class size   | 20 or lower                      | 20  | ✓               |
| Staff:child ratio  | 1:10                             | 1:10                                      | ✓               |
| Screenings/referral and support services                     | Vision, health, support services | vision, health, Support Services, hearing | ✓               |
| Meals  | At least 1 per day               | At least 1 meal                           | ✓               |
| Monitoring   | Site visits                      | Site visits                               | ✓               |
|  |                                  |   | <b>8/10</b>     |

# The State of Public Pre-K Education in Petal School School District (2014-2015)

## Petal School District

K-12 School Funding: \$36,149,811.41

# of Students in District: 4,137

District Rating



Instructional Expenditure per Pupil



% of Students Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch



## 2015-2016 Access to Full-Year, Regular Education Pre-K



**= 311**  
5-Year-Olds in Public Kindergarten 2015-2016

57% of Kindergarteners in the district did not have access to public pre-K.

- Total # of District Seats
- Total # of Children Who Transitioned to District from Head Start
- Total # of Blended District & Head Start Seats
- Total # of Kindergarteners in Districts with No Access to Public Pre-K

## On school registrations collected by MDE, parents indicated the following about Kindergarteners in the district:



<5% of kids attended licensed childcare during their 4-year-old year.



25% of kids stayed at home during their 4-year-old year.



40% of kids attended private school during their 4-year-old year.



0% of parents did not respond to the survey.

## Pre-K District

Total # of Students Served in the Classroom: 90  
Funding Sources: State Funds & Philanthropic Dollars

Total Expenditure: \$157,000  
Cost per Child: \$1,744.44

Summer Program: Yes  
Length of Day: 6.75 hours  
Length of Year: August-May

| Quality Benchmarks for Full-Year, Regular Education Programs                     |                                  |   |                 |
|--|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| NIEER STANDARDS  | QUALITY BENCHMARKS               | DISTRICT DATA   | MEETS STANDARD? |
| Early learning standards used  | Comprehensive                    | Both Early Learning Standards                                   | ✓               |
| Teacher qualifications:<br>-Degree   | Bachelor's Degree                | Bachelor's Degree   | ✓               |
| -Specialization  | Early Childhood Education        | Early Childhood   | ✓               |
| Assistant teacher degree   | CDA or equivalent                | CDA   | ✓               |
| Teacher in-service   | 15 hrs/yr                        | 16 hrs/yr   | ✓               |
| Max class size   | 20 or lower                      | 20  | ✓               |
| Staff:child ratio  | 1:10                             | 1:10  | ✓               |
| Screenings/referral and support services   | Vision, health, support services | Vision, hearing, health, parent education, & parent conferences | ✓               |
| Meals  | At least 1 per day               | At least 1 per day  | ✓               |
| Monitoring   | Site visits                      | Site visits   | ✓               |
| State-Funded Early Learning Collaborative:<br>Petal Early Learning Collaborative |                                  |   | <b>10/10</b>    |