



## Kindergarten Entrance Age

March 2014

Kindergarten Entrance Age: The date by which a student must be five years old in order to attend kindergarten.

**Jul. 31** – Hawaii (effective 2014-15), Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota

**Aug. 1** – Arkansas, Indiana

**Aug. 15** – Tennessee (effective 2014-15)

**Aug. 31** – Arizona, Delaware, Kansas, New Mexico, North Carolina, Washington

**Sept. 1** – Alabama, Alaska, California (effective 2014-15), Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin (**19 states**)

**Sept. 10** – Montana

**Sept. 15** – Iowa, Wyoming

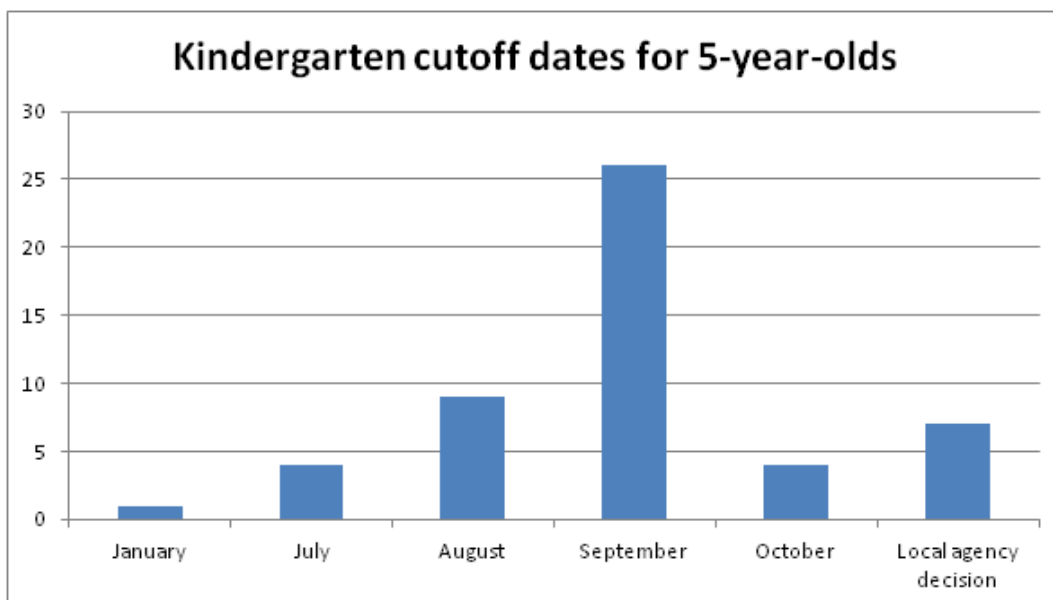
**Sept. 30** – District of Columbia, Louisiana, Nevada, Virginia

**Oct. 1** – Colorado, Kentucky (Aug. 1 in 2017-18), Michigan (effective 2014-2015)

**Oct. 15** – Maine

**Jan. 1 (of the school year)** – Connecticut

**Local education agencies decide** (the state may set a date range) – Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont



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Alabama	Age 5 on or before September 1
Alaska	Age 5 on or before September 1
Arizona	Age 5 before September 1
Arkansas	Age 5 on or before August 1
California	Age 5 on or before September 1 (eff. 2014-15)
Colorado	Age 5 on or before October 1
Connecticut	Age 5 on or before January 1 of the school year
Delaware	Age 5 on or before August 31
District of Columbia	Age 5 on or before September 30
Florida	Age 5 on or before September 1
Georgia	Age 5 by September 1
Hawaii	Age 5 on or before July 31 (eff. 2014-15)
Idaho	Age 5 on or before September 1
Illinois	Age 5 on or before September 1
Indiana	Age 5 on August 1
Iowa	Age 5 on or before September 15
Kansas	Age 5 on or before August 31
Kentucky	Age 5 by October 1 (current) Age 5 by August 1 (eff. 2017-18)

Louisiana	Age 5 on or before September 30
Maine	Age 5 on or before October 15
Maryland	Age 5 on or before September 1
Massachusetts	LEA: each school committee may establish its own minimum permissible age for school attendance.
Michigan	Age 5 by October 1 (2014-15) Age 5 by September 1 (eff. 2015-16)
Minnesota	Age 5 on or before September 1 *School boards may adopt an early admissions policy
Mississippi	Age 5 on or before September 1
Missouri	Age 5 before August 1
Montana	Age 5 on or before September 10
Nebraska	Age 5 on or before July 31
Nevada	Age 5 on or before September 30
New Hampshire	LEA decision
New Jersey	LEA: may admit children aged 4-5, must admit children aged 5-6. The cutoff date must be after October 1.
New Mexico	Age 5 before September 1
New York	LEA decision. Must be between the ages of 4 and 6
North Carolina	Age 5 on or before August 31
North Dakota	Age 5 before August 1
Ohio	LEA decision: Age 5 by August 1 or September 30th, or by the beginning of a school term (if it starts after September 30).

Oklahoma	Age 5 on or before September 1
Oregon	Age 5 on or before September 1
Pennsylvania	Local option: not less than 4 (for K-4) and not less than 5 (for K-5)
Rhode Island	Age 5 on or before September 1
South Carolina	Age 5 on or before September 1
South Dakota	Age 5 on or before September 1
Tennessee	Age 5 on or before August 15 (eff. 2014-2015)
Texas	Age 5 on or before September 1
Utah	Age 5 before September 2
Vermont	LEAs have the option to choose any date between August 31 and January 1.
Virginia	Age 5 on or before September 30
Washington	Age 5 by August 31
West Virginia	Age 5 by September 1
Wisconsin	Age 5 on or before September 1 Age 4 on or before September 1 for 4-year-old kindergarten
Wyoming	Age 5 on or before September 15

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