Kindergarten Entrance Ages: Highlights
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Over the past 35 years, there has been a definite trend in state policy support for a September or earlier cutoff date for kindergarten entrance. The charts below show:

- The 35-year trend for policy adoption by month
- The current popularity of specific cutoff dates within the month of September
- Which states have adopted a September or earlier start date since 1975.

![Cutoff Months Specified in Statute: 35-Year Trend](chart1)

![Current Distribution of September Start Dates](chart2)
States with a September (or earlier) Cutoff Date Shaded in Blue:

1975

2010

Resources:


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