



# Kindergarten

## Entrance Ages

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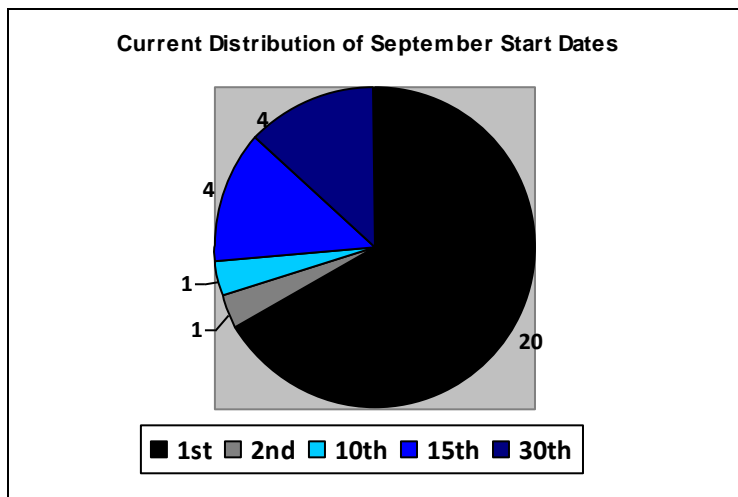
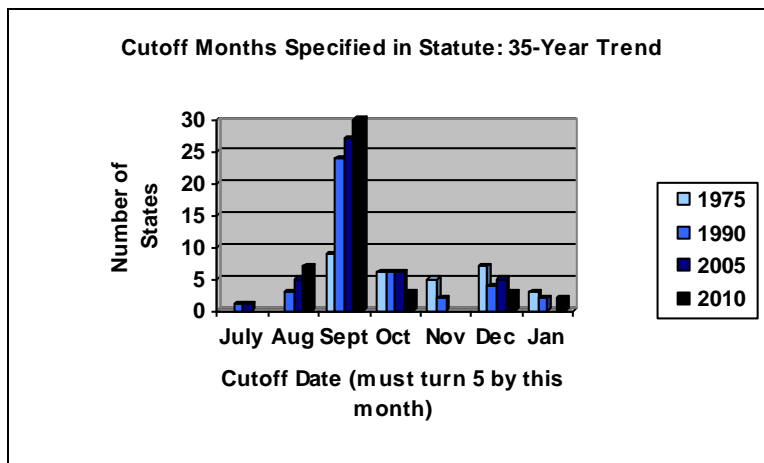
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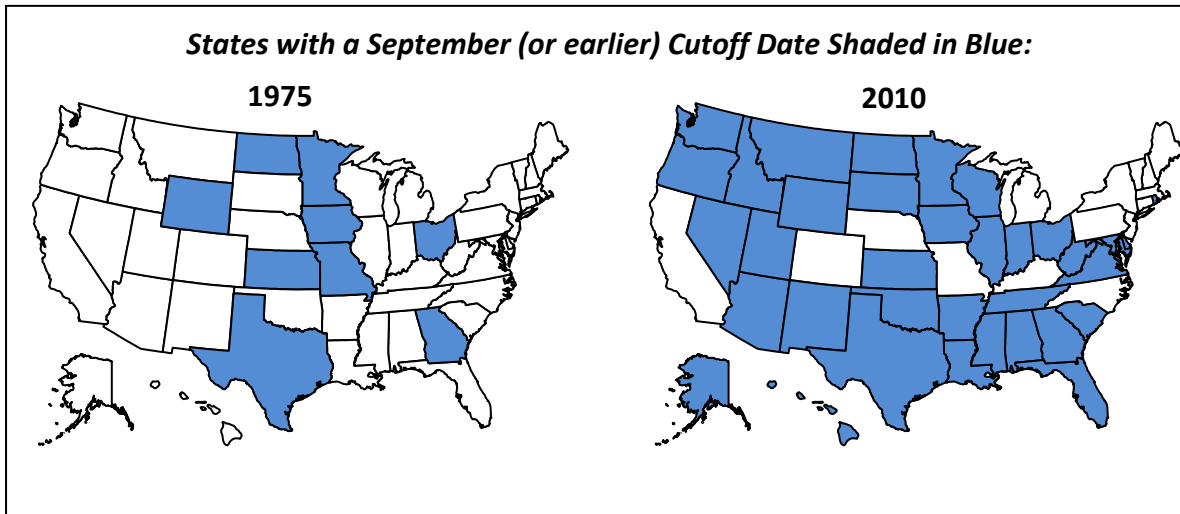
### Kindergarten Entrance Ages: Highlights

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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.





**Resources:**

*Kindergarten Entrance Ages: A 35 Year Trend Analysis*, Education Commission of the States, updated May 2011:  
<http://www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/93/61/9361.pdf>

ECS State Policy Database: <http://www.ecs.org/ecs/ecscat.nsf/WebTopicView?OpenView&count=-1&RestrictToCategory=P-3+PreK-3--Kindergarten>

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