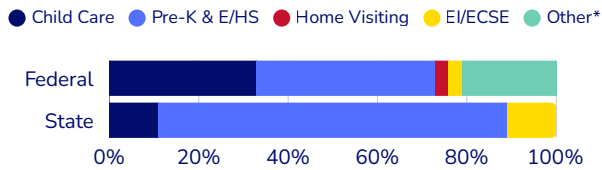


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Alabama, \$0.14 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.26 on preschool-aged children.

Alabama invested almost \$714 million in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- 36% supported infants and toddlers and 64% supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- 62% came from federal sources, and 38% came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

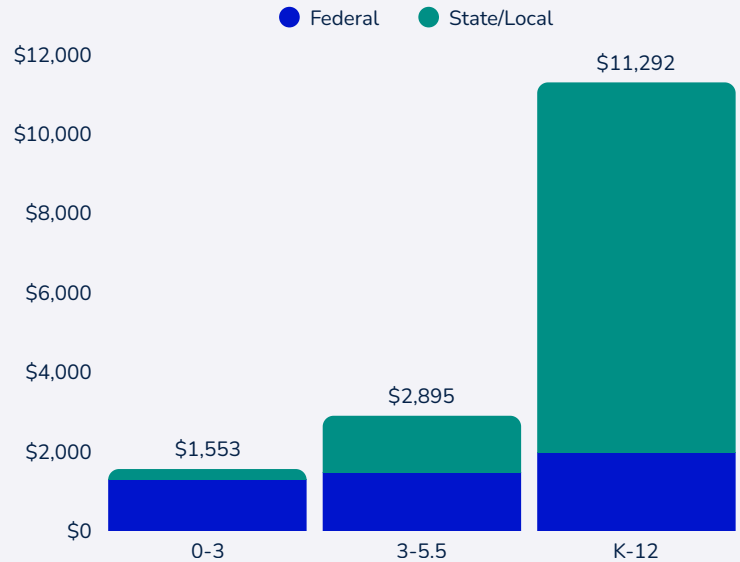


Between 2022 and 2023, Alabama increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by almost \$50 million.

In 2023, Alabama supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Alabama First Class Pre-K and Early Intervention. Continued investments will be reflected in future reports.

*Other federal funding includes the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (CDCTC), the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS).

Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Alabama's ECE Investment Rankings

Rankings reflect state/local per capita investment in ECE compared to state/local per capita investment in K-12.

#13 /50 in 0-5.5

#24 /50 in 0-3

#11 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Alabama by Age Group



Total Funding by Spending Category and Age

Category	Nationally Reported Federal Dollars	State and Local Dollars	Nationally Reported Federal + State Dollars			
			0- 3	3-5.5	K-12	Total
Child Care	\$192,778,214	\$17,222,085	\$86,220,964	\$72,507,554	\$51,271,782	\$210,000,299
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$203,986,064	\$-	\$203,986,064	\$-	\$203,986,064
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$11,245,684	\$29,709	\$9,696,838	\$1,578,555	\$-	\$11,275,393
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$13,938,938	\$30,500,138	\$38,256,572	\$6,182,504	\$-	\$44,439,076
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$5,775,801	\$-	\$5,775,801	\$-	\$5,775,801
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$15,346,046	\$7,914,396	\$7,431,650	\$-	\$15,346,046
K - 12 Expenditures	\$1,584,944,331	\$7,814,571,430	\$-	\$-	\$9,399,515,761	\$9,399,515,761
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$294,791,821	\$-	\$117,445,659	\$156,841,617	\$20,504,546	\$294,791,821
Total	\$2,097,698,988	\$8,087,431,273	\$259,534,429	\$454,303,744	\$9,471,292,088	\$10,185,130,261

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