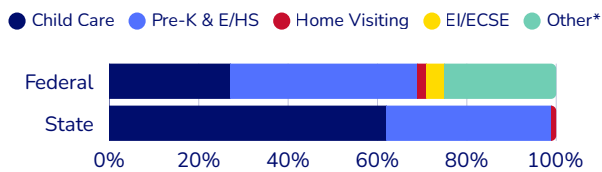


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Nebraska, \$0.11 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.15 on preschool-aged children.

Nebraska invested over **\$256 million** in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **45%** supported infants and toddlers and **55%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **67%** came from federal sources, and **33%** came from state funds.

### ECE Spending by Program Type

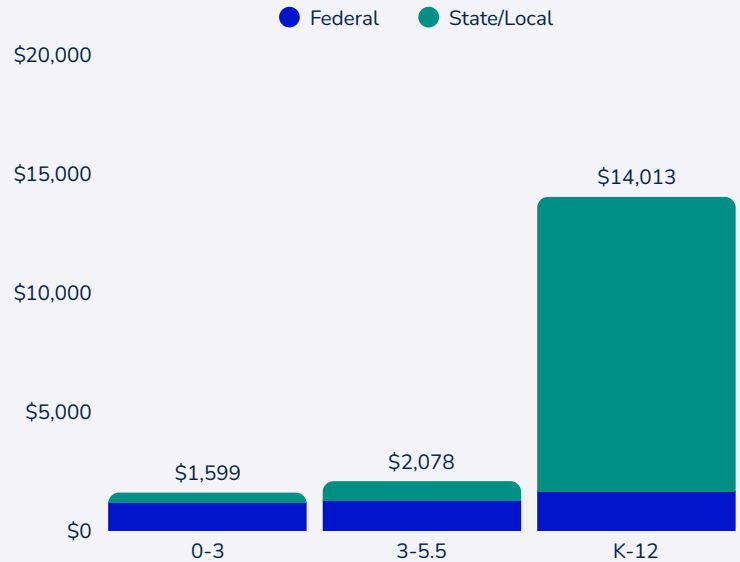


Between 2022 and 2023, Nebraska increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$17 million.

In 2023, Nebraska supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Child Care Subsidy, Step Up to Quality, and Nebraska Early Childhood Education. 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



### Nebraska's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#35 / 50** in 0-5.5

**#22 / 50** in 0-3

**#35 / 50** in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

### Children in Nebraska by Age Group

**73k**  
0-3

**68k**  
3-5.5

**359k**  
School-Aged

## 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	\$68,873,910	\$78,087,626	\$52,774,654	\$46,368,779	\$47,818,103	\$146,961,536
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$30,819,968	\$-	\$30,819,968	\$-	\$30,819,968
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$3,629,946	\$1,100,000	\$4,067,754	\$662,192	\$-	\$4,729,946
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$5,834,207	\$-	\$3,334,621	\$2,499,586	\$-	\$5,834,207
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$46,072	\$-	\$46,072	\$-	\$46,072
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$670,488	\$347,395	\$323,093	\$-	\$670,488
K - 12 Expenditures	\$560,443,291	\$4,407,365,715	\$-	\$-	\$4,967,809,006	\$4,967,809,006
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$129,329,851	\$-	\$55,686,912	\$59,743,110	\$13,899,830	\$129,329,851
<b>Total</b>	\$768,111,205	\$4,518,089,869	\$116,211,335	\$140,462,800	\$5,029,526,939	\$5,286,201,074

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