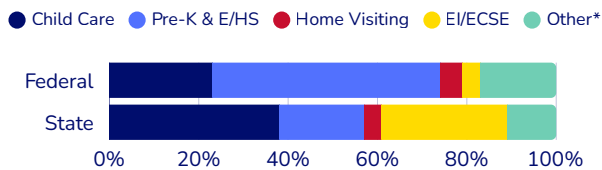


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Montana, \$0.13 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.16 on preschool-aged children.

Montana invested over **\$110 million** in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **47%** supported infants and toddlers and **53%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **88%** came from federal sources, and **12%** came from state funds.

### ECE Spending by Program Type

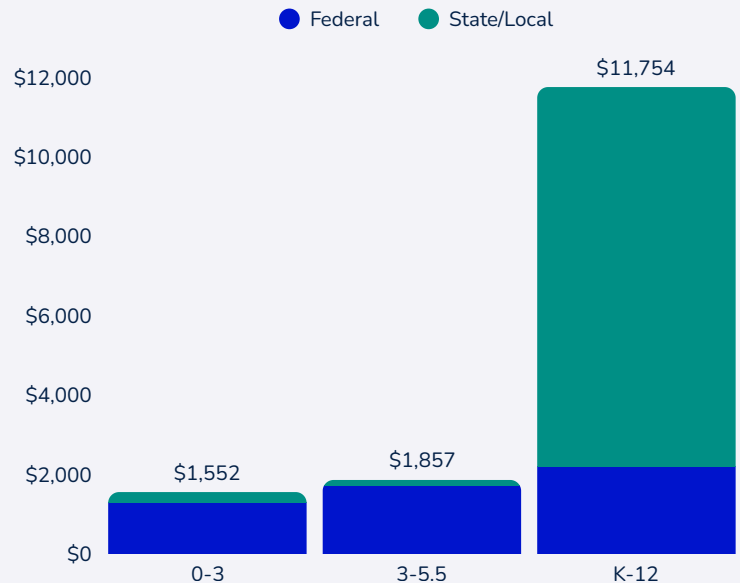


Between 2022 and 2023, Montana increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$5 million.

In 2023, Montana supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarships and Montana Milestones. Continued investments, such as the Early Literacy Targeted Intervention Act, 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



### Montana's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#45 /50** in 0-5.5

**#29 /50** in 0-3

**#47 /50** in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

### Children in Montana by Age Group

**33k**  
0-3

**32k**  
3-5.5

**177k**  
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	\$30,438,182	\$6,779,596	\$13,730,013	\$13,782,673	\$9,705,092	\$37,217,778
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$5,044,814	\$546,733	\$4,808,730	\$782,817	\$-	\$5,591,547
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$3,903,121	\$3,677,832	\$6,265,555	\$1,315,398	\$-	\$7,580,953
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$26,339	\$-	\$26,339	\$-	\$26,339
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$3,775,403	\$1,932,542	\$1,842,860	\$-	\$3,775,403
K - 12 Expenditures	\$377,172,672	\$1,688,880,201	\$-	\$-	\$2,066,052,873	\$2,066,052,873
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$69,286,974	\$-	\$24,721,233	\$40,961,163	\$3,604,577	\$69,286,974
<b>Total</b>	\$485,845,763	\$1,703,686,104	\$51,458,074	\$58,711,251	\$2,079,362,542	\$2,189,531,867

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