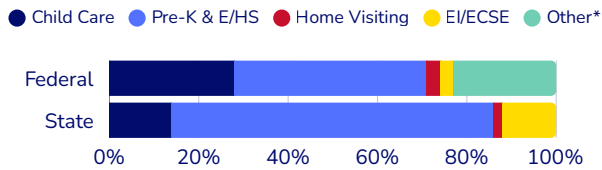


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Louisiana, \$0.13 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.21 on preschool-aged children.

Louisiana invested over **\$703.6 million** in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **41%** supported infants and toddlers and **59%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **79%** came from federal sources, and **21%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

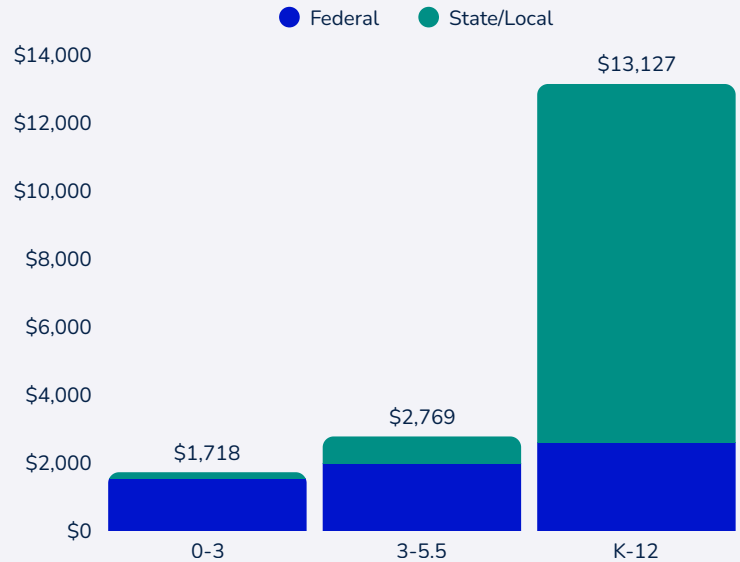


Between 2022 and 2023, Louisiana increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$25 million.

In 2023, Louisiana supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Child Care Assistance Program, the Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program (LA 4), and Early Steps. Continued investments, such as an increase in general fund dollars for the LA 4 program, 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



Louisiana's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#39 / 50 in 0-5.5

#34 / 50 in 0-3

#33 / 50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Louisiana by Age Group

168k
0-3

150k
3-5.5

801k
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	\$187,549,387	\$25,688,870	\$100,366,321	\$77,634,697	\$35,237,239	\$213,238,257
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$109,179,482	\$-	\$109,179,482	\$-	\$109,179,482
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$14,734,676	\$2,600,000	\$14,907,821	\$2,426,855	\$-	\$17,334,676
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$14,703,395	\$18,020,445	\$25,612,238	\$7,111,602	\$-	\$32,723,840
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$2,038,279,520	\$8,432,495,981	\$-	\$-	\$10,470,775,501	\$10,470,775,501
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$381,040,825	\$-	\$146,925,920	\$219,478,596	\$14,636,309	\$381,040,825
Total	\$2,636,307,803	\$8,587,984,778	\$287,812,302	\$415,831,231	\$10,520,649,049	\$11,224,292,581

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