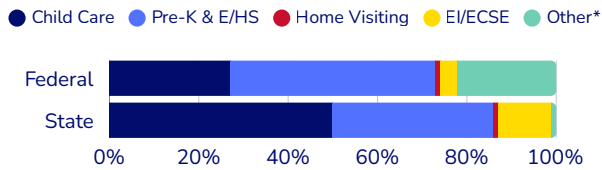


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Illinois, \$0.16 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.23 on preschool-aged children.

Illinois invested over **\$2.6 billion** in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **43%** supported infants and toddlers and **57%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **38%** came from federal sources, and **62%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

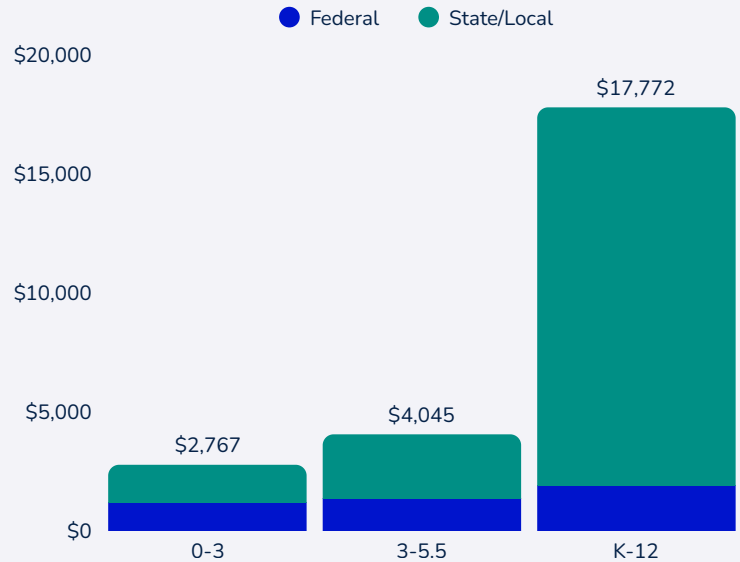


Between 2022 and 2023, Illinois increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by almost \$179 million.

In 2023, Illinois supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Illinois Preschool for All, Maternal and Child Home Visiting, and Early Intervention. Continued investments, such as the Illinois Department of Early Childhood (IDEC), 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



Illinois's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#5 / 50 in 0-5.5

#3 / 50 in 0-3

#9 / 50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Illinois by Age Group

410k
0-3

371k
3-5.5

2M
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	\$416,944,606	\$1,259,598,849	\$572,835,423	\$520,454,577	\$583,253,455	\$1,676,543,455
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$596,294,284	\$-	\$596,294,284	\$-	\$596,294,284
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$11,901,581	\$16,738,353	\$24,630,343	\$4,009,591	\$-	\$28,639,934
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$38,104,624	\$188,613,708	\$207,309,071	\$19,409,261	\$-	\$226,718,332
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$15,979,254	\$8,388,803	\$7,590,451	\$-	\$15,979,254
K - 12 Expenditures	\$3,826,025,489	\$33,101,631,390	\$-	\$-	\$36,927,656,879	\$36,927,656,879
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$751,020,285	\$-	\$322,257,932	\$354,136,025	\$74,626,328	\$751,020,285
Total	\$5,043,996,585	\$35,178,855,838	\$1,135,421,572	\$1,501,894,189	\$37,585,536,662	\$40,222,852,423

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