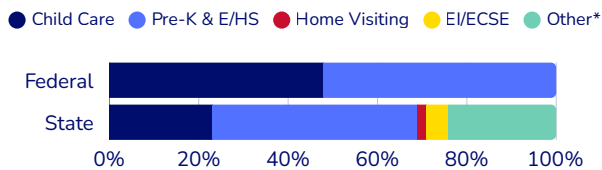


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Tennessee, \$0.14 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.21 on preschool-aged children.

Tennessee invested over **\$823 million** in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **44%** supported infants and toddlers and **56%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **76%** came from federal sources, and **24%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

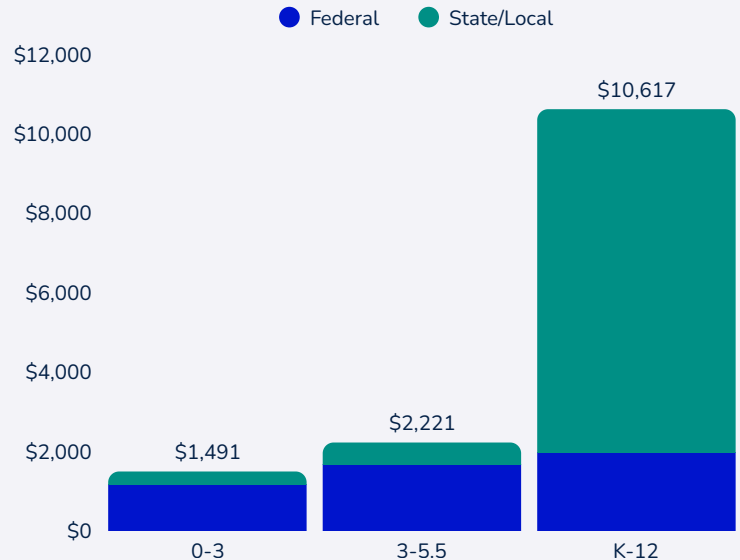


Between 2022 and 2023, Tennessee increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$16 million.

In 2023, Tennessee supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Child Care Benefits Program and Tennessee Voluntary Pre-K (VPK). 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 Program (CACFP), and Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS).

Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Tennessee's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#34 / 50 in 0-5.5

#19 / 50 in 0-3

#37 / 50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Tennessee by Age Group

243k
0-3

207k
3-5.5

1.2M
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 | \$294,842,680 | \$38,639,500 | \$164,201,886 | \$138,958,285 | \$30,322,009 | \$333,482,180 |
| State Preschool/ Early Education | \$- | \$96,985,400 | \$- | \$96,985,400 | \$- | \$96,985,400 |
| Home Visiting/ Parent Education | \$12,770,255 | \$683,300 | \$11,570,058 | \$1,883,498 | \$- | \$13,453,555 |
| Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed | \$18,388,388 | \$61,273,500 | \$72,032,100 | \$7,629,788 | \$- | \$79,661,888 |
| Other 0 to 3 Expenditures | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| K - 12 Expenditures | \$2,222,212,813 | \$9,951,457,168 | \$- | \$- | \$12,173,669,981 | \$12,173,669,981 |
| Other Federal Funding Streams | \$339,619,082 | \$- | \$115,140,223 | \$214,761,439 | \$9,717,420 | \$339,619,082 |
| Total | \$2,887,833,218 | \$10,149,038,868 | \$362,944,267 | \$460,218,409 | \$12,213,709,410 | \$13,036,872,086 |

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