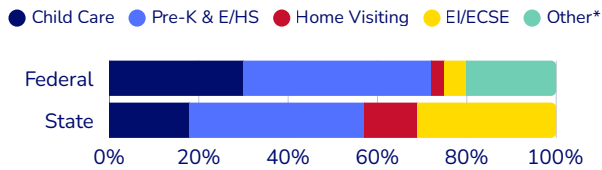


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Colorado, \$0.09 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.12 on preschool-aged children.

Colorado invested almost \$507 million in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- 46% supported infants and toddlers and 54% supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- 61% came from federal sources, and 39% came from state funds.

### ECE Spending by Program Type

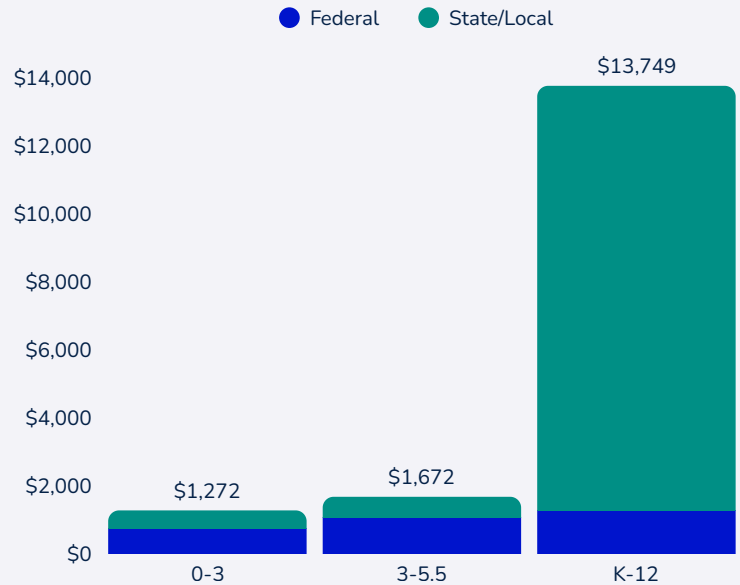


Between 2022 and 2023, Colorado increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$6 million.

In 2023, Colorado supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Child Care Assistance Program, the Colorado Preschool Program, and Early Intervention. Continued investments, such as the new Colorado Universal Preschool 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



### Colorado's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#37 / 50** in 0-5.5

**#15 / 50** in 0-3

**#41 / 50** in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

### Children in Colorado by Age Group

**183k**  
0-3

**164k**  
3-5.5

**932k**  
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	\$131,005,447	\$51,676,901	\$61,598,034	\$67,707,158	\$53,377,155	\$182,682,348
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$76,918,969	\$-	\$76,918,969	\$-	\$76,918,969
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$9,714,311	\$24,206,791	\$29,172,148	\$4,748,954	\$-	\$33,921,102
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$13,847,015	\$61,585,707	\$69,929,198	\$5,503,524	\$-	\$75,432,722
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$1,135,975,818	\$11,611,796,265	\$-	\$-	\$12,747,772,083	\$12,747,772,083
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$210,822,221	\$-	\$71,828,415	\$119,514,004	\$19,479,801	\$210,822,221
<b>Total</b>	\$1,501,364,812	\$11,826,184,633	\$232,527,795	\$274,392,610	\$12,820,629,040	\$13,327,549,444

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