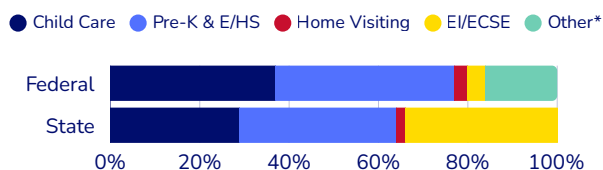


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Washington, \$0.11 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.21 on preschool-aged children.

Washington invested over \$1.2 billion in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- 37% supported infants and toddlers and 63% supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- 40% came from federal sources, and 60% came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

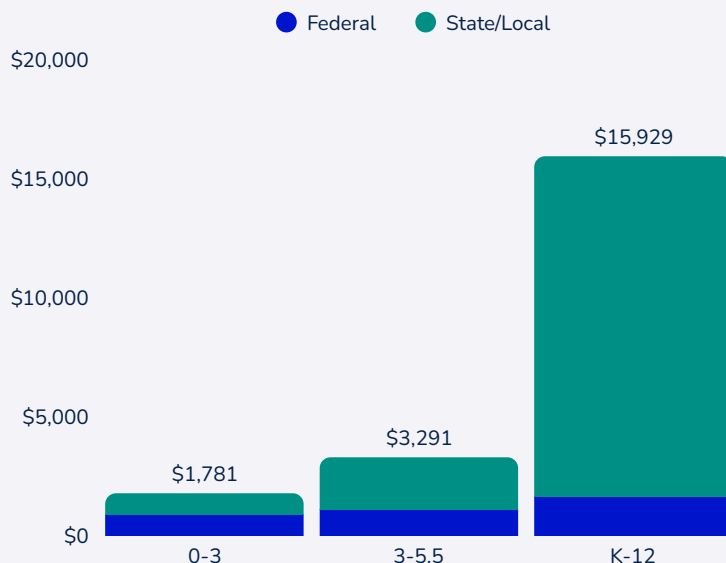


Between 2022 and 2023, Washington increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$238 million.

In 2023, Washington supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Department of Children and Families Early Learning Program and Early Childhood Special Education. Continued investments, such as Complex Needs Funds, 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



Washington's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#9 /50 in 0-5.5

#6 /50 in 0-3

#10 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Washington by Age Group

249k
0-3

233k
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	\$264,970,376	\$311,044,500	\$196,015,656	\$193,696,033	\$186,303,188	\$576,014,876
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$251,365,473	\$-	\$251,365,473	\$-	\$251,365,473
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$12,786,985	\$11,784,500	\$21,131,477	\$3,440,008	\$-	\$24,571,485
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$20,522,916	\$252,730,647	\$114,580,514	\$158,673,049	\$-	\$273,253,563
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$1,948,922,265	\$17,591,974,242	\$-	\$-	\$19,540,896,507	\$19,540,896,507
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$299,937,284	\$-	\$112,323,363	\$159,619,897	\$27,994,024	\$299,937,284
Total	\$2,547,139,826	\$18,418,899,362	\$444,051,009	\$766,794,460	\$19,755,193,719	\$20,966,039,188

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