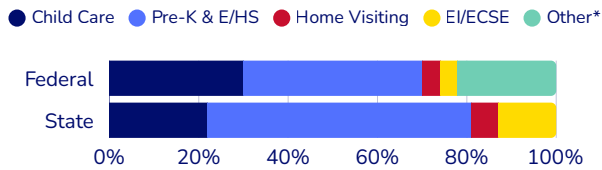


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Connecticut, \$0.09 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.14 on preschool-aged children.

Connecticut invested over **\$497 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.
- **50%** came from federal sources, and **50%** came from state funds.

### ECE Spending by Program Type

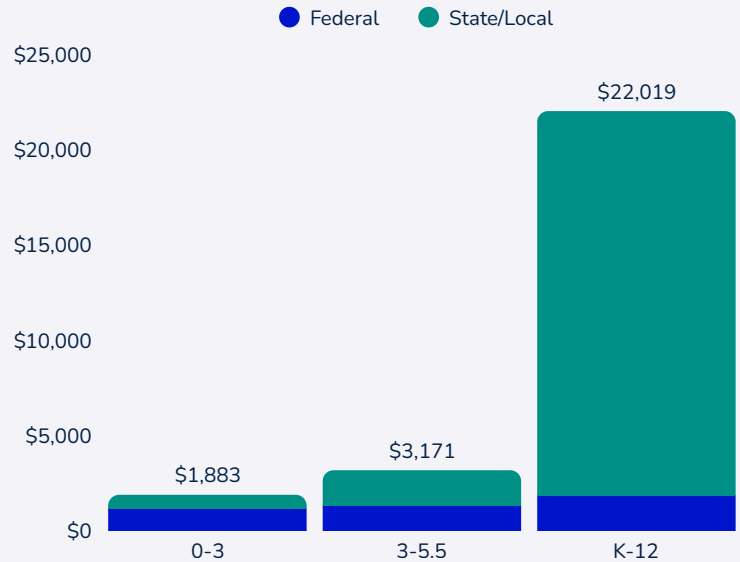


Between 2022 and 2023, Connecticut decreased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by almost \$4 million.

In 2023, Connecticut supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Care4Kids, the Nurturing Families Network, and the Birth to Three Program. Continued investments, such as Early Start CT, 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



### Connecticut's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#25 / 50** in 0-5.5

**#20 / 50** in 0-3

**#29 / 50** in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

### Children in Connecticut by Age Group

**107k**  
0-3

**93k**  
3-5.5

**558k**  
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	\$94,160,888	\$70,726,123	\$75,439,593	\$54,570,452	\$34,876,966	\$164,887,011
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$142,716,789	\$-	\$142,716,789	\$-	\$142,716,789
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$10,739,127	\$14,708,849	\$21,885,259	\$3,562,717	\$-	\$25,447,976
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$10,106,620	\$31,892,788	\$36,600,625	\$5,398,783	\$-	\$41,999,408
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$1,109,419	\$1,109,419	\$-	\$-	\$1,109,419
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$4,992,305	\$-	\$4,992,305	\$-	\$4,992,305
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$993,043,170	\$11,236,249,387	\$-	\$-	\$12,229,292,557	\$12,229,292,557
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$163,079,184	\$-	\$67,289,499	\$83,980,812	\$11,808,873	\$163,079,184
<b>Total</b>	\$1,271,128,989	\$11,502,395,660	\$202,324,395	\$295,221,858	\$12,275,978,396	\$12,773,524,649

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