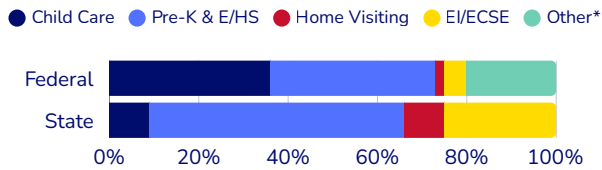


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in South Carolina, \$0.11 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.18 on preschool-aged children.

South Carolina invested over **\$586 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.
- **69%** came from federal sources, and **31%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

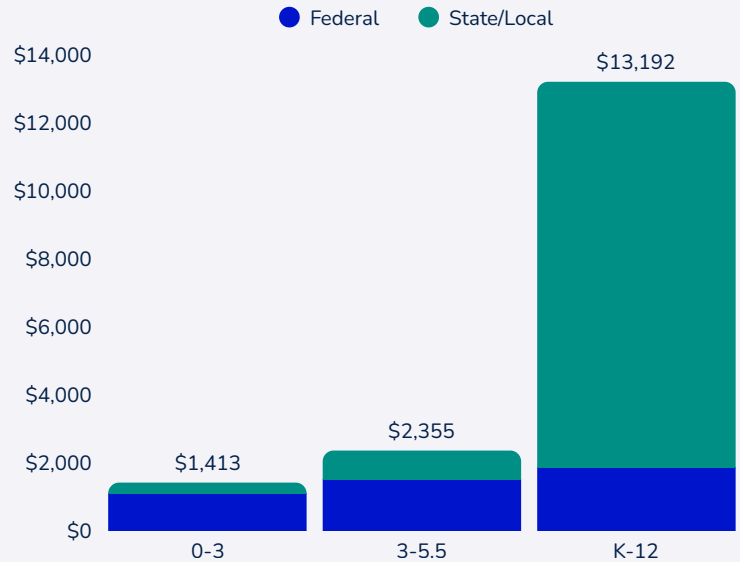


Between 2022 and 2023, South Carolina increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$6 million.

In 2023, South Carolina supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as South Carolina First Steps and the BabyNet Program. 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 Food Program (CACFP), and Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS).

Per Capita Spending by Age Group



South Carolina's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#33 / 50 in 0-5.5

#28 / 50 in 0-3

#32 / 50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in South Carolina by Age Group

168k
0-3

148k
3-5.5

847k
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	\$183,260,705	\$20,202,893	\$85,362,474	\$77,073,195	\$41,027,929	\$203,463,598
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$102,551,686	\$-	\$102,551,686	\$-	\$102,551,686
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$9,415,973	\$17,195,174	\$22,885,586	\$3,725,561	\$-	\$26,611,147
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$15,410,479	\$44,645,720	\$37,463,738	\$22,592,461	\$-	\$60,056,199
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$1,532,170,648	\$9,587,243,634	\$-	\$-	\$11,119,414,282	\$11,119,414,282
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$249,989,309	\$-	\$92,127,252	\$142,440,145	\$15,421,912	\$249,989,309
Total	\$1,990,247,114	\$9,771,839,107	\$237,839,050	\$348,383,048	\$11,175,864,123	\$11,762,086,221

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