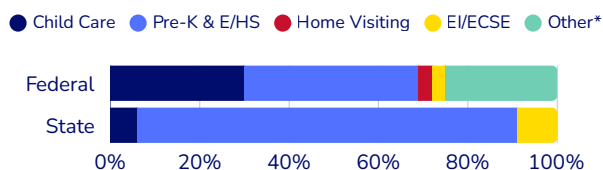


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Arkansas, \$0.16 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.31 on preschool-aged children.

Arkansas invested over **\$532 million** in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **36%** supported infants and toddlers and **64%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **64%** came from federal sources, and **36%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

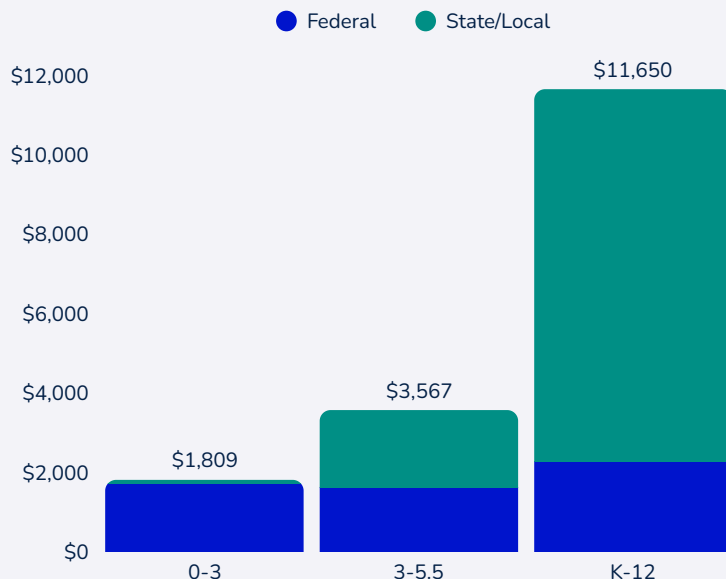


Between 2022 and 2023, Arkansas increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by almost \$28 million.

In 2023, Arkansas supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education and the Arkansas Better Chance Program. Continued investments, such as the Office of Early Childhood (OEC), 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



Arkansas's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#10 /50 in 0-5.5

#47 /50 in 0-3

#07 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Arkansas by Age Group

106k	96k	525k
0-3	3-5.5	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	\$125,668,313	\$15,263,472	\$59,750,605	\$52,756,019	\$28,425,161	\$140,931,785
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$161,120,820	\$-	\$161,120,820	\$-	\$161,120,820
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$8,583,283	\$-	\$7,381,623	\$1,201,660	\$-	\$8,583,283
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$10,738,681	\$16,897,919	\$4,834,253	\$22,802,347	\$-	\$27,636,600
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$3,600,000	\$1,889,161	\$1,710,839	\$-	\$3,600,000
K - 12 Expenditures	\$1,158,472,102	\$4,923,538,919	\$-	\$-	\$6,082,011,021	\$6,082,011,021
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$230,392,766	\$-	\$117,365,721	\$101,771,946	\$11,255,099	\$230,392,766
Total	\$1,533,855,144	\$5,120,421,130	\$191,221,363	\$341,363,630	\$6,121,691,281	\$6,654,276,275

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