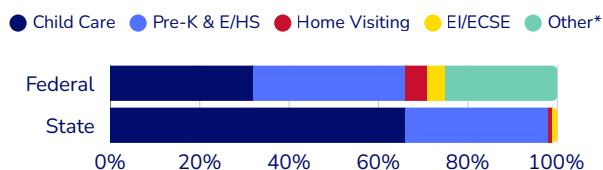


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Delaware, \$0.13 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.17 on preschool-aged children.

Delaware invested over **\$166 million** in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **43%** supported infants and toddlers and **57%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **56%** came from federal sources, and **44%** came from state funds.

### ECE Spending by Program Type

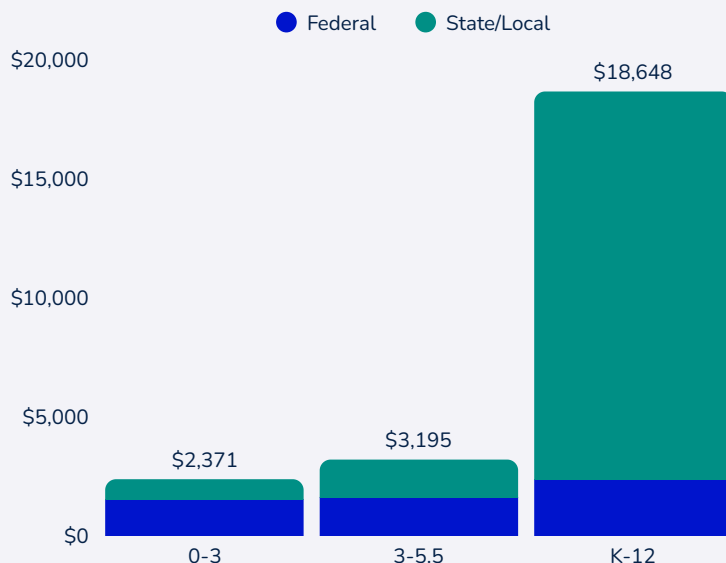


Between 2022 and 2023, Delaware increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by almost \$10 million.

In 2023, Delaware supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Child Development Watch Program and Early Childhood Support. 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



### Delaware's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#17 /50** in 0-5.5

**#10 /50** in 0-3

**#26 /50** in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

### Children in Delaware by Age Group

<b>30k</b>	<b>30k</b>	<b>158k</b>
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	\$43,829,333	\$70,008,400	\$40,141,761	\$38,122,456	\$35,573,516	\$113,837,733
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$23,174,300	\$-	\$23,174,300	\$-	\$23,174,300
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$4,274,693	\$763,700	\$4,333,018	\$705,375	\$-	\$5,038,393
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$3,975,629	\$617,900	\$3,205,623	\$1,387,906	\$-	\$4,593,529
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$349,903,435	\$2,544,887,260	\$-	\$-	\$2,894,790,695	\$2,894,790,695
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$62,294,887	\$-	\$24,320,715	\$31,341,059	\$6,633,113	\$62,294,887
<b>Total</b>	\$464,277,977	\$2,639,451,560	\$72,001,117	\$94,731,096	\$2,936,997,323	\$3,103,729,537

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