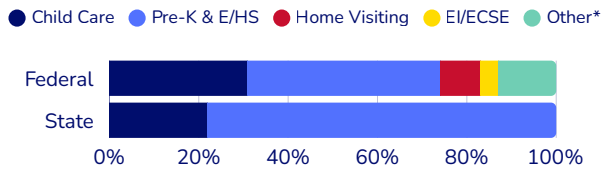


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Rhode Island, \$0.09 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.18 on preschool-aged children.

Rhode Island invested over **\$140 million** in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **35%** supported infants and toddlers and **65%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **70%** came from federal sources, and **30%** came from state funds.

### ECE Spending by Program Type

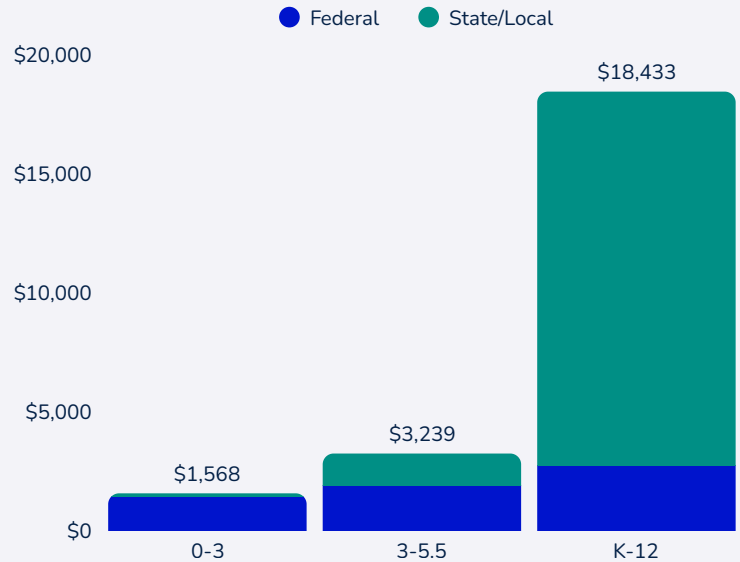


Between 2022 and 2023, Rhode Island increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by almost \$800 thousand.

In 2023, Rhode Island supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Rhode Island Works Child Care and the Rhode Island State Pre-Kindergarten 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



### Rhode Island's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#38 / 50** in 0-5.5

**#45 / 50** in 0-3

**#31 / 50** in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

### Children in Rhode Island by Age Group

**31k**  
0-3

**28k**  
3-5.5

**158k**  
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	\$47,572,417	\$14,807,347	\$19,441,812	\$20,512,965	\$22,424,987	\$62,379,764
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$31,825,430	\$-	\$31,825,430	\$-	\$31,825,430
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$8,445,341	\$-	\$7,262,993	\$1,182,348	\$-	\$8,445,341
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$4,427,519	\$90,941	\$2,678,664	\$1,839,796	\$-	\$4,518,460
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$1,190,000	\$-	\$1,190,000	\$-	\$1,190,000
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$409,012,393	\$2,470,631,658	\$-	\$-	\$2,879,644,051	\$2,879,644,051
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$59,613,513	\$-	\$19,283,660	\$35,182,442	\$5,147,411	\$59,613,513
<b>Total</b>	\$529,071,183	\$2,518,545,376	\$48,667,130	\$91,732,981	\$2,907,216,449	\$3,047,616,559

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