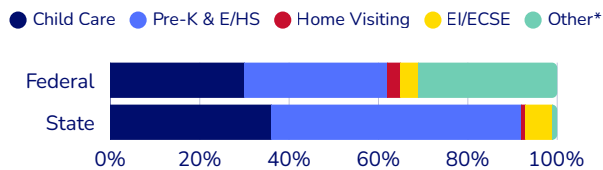


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in New Jersey, \$0.11 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.25 on preschool-aged children.

New Jersey invested almost **\$2.4 billion** in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **33%** supported infants and toddlers and **67%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **25%** came from federal sources, and **75%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

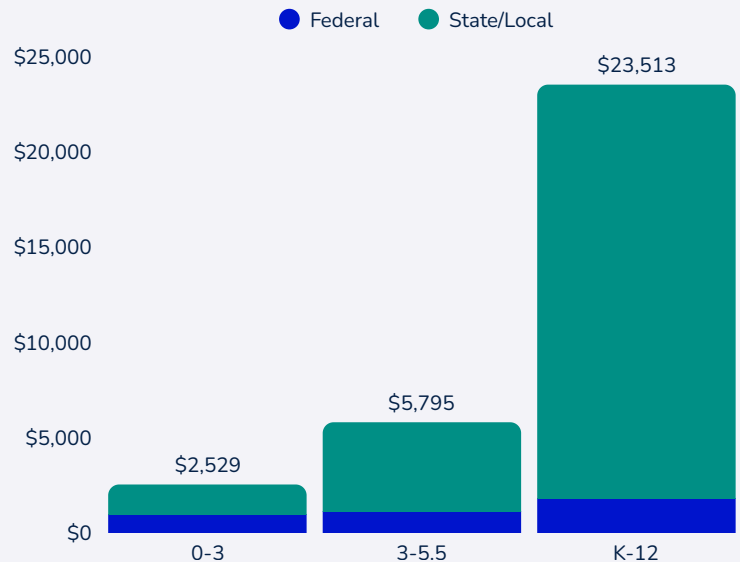


Between 2022 and 2023, New Jersey increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$215 million.

In 2023, New Jersey supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Work First New Jersey Child Care and the Thriving by Three Grant 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



New Jersey's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#03 /50 in 0-5.5

#05 /50 in 0-3

#05 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in New Jersey by Age Group

305k
0-3

276k
3-5.5

1.5M
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	\$245,750,834	\$883,076,048	\$443,049,483	\$373,044,345	\$312,733,053	\$1,128,826,882
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$951,831,781	\$-	\$951,831,781	\$-	\$951,831,781
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$16,077,384	\$11,440,000	\$23,664,950	\$3,852,434	\$-	\$27,517,384
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$26,271,297	\$111,879,000	\$125,626,797	\$12,523,500	\$-	\$138,150,297
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$12,902,000	\$12,902,000	\$-	\$-	\$12,902,000
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$47,604,434	\$-	\$47,604,434	\$-	\$47,604,434
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$2,598,222,057	\$32,553,234,134	\$-	\$-	\$35,151,456,191	\$35,151,456,191
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$423,019,289	\$-	\$165,579,199	\$207,976,872	\$49,463,218	\$423,019,289
Total	\$3,309,340,861	\$34,571,967,397	\$770,822,430	\$1,596,833,366	\$35,513,652,462	\$37,881,308,258

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