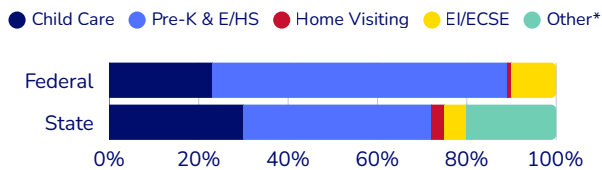


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in California, \$0.12 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.28 on preschool-aged children.

California invested over **\$8 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.
- **40%** came from federal sources, and **60%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

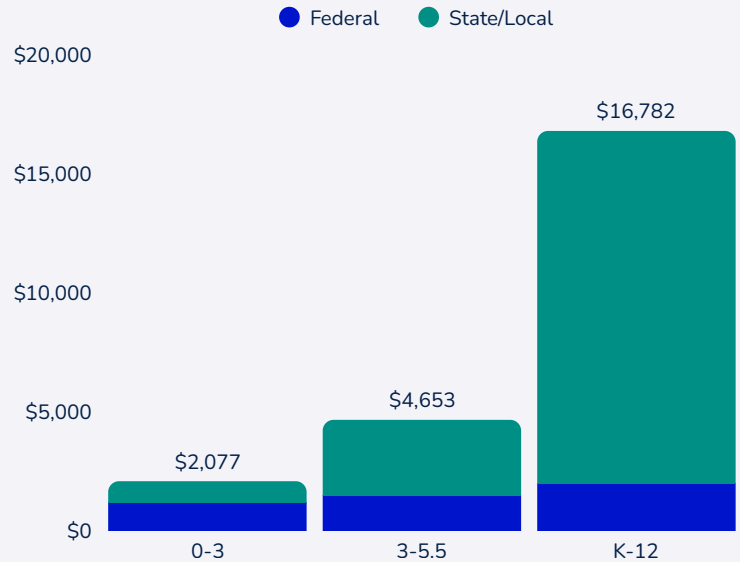


Between 2022 and 2023, California increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by almost \$844 million.

In 2023, California supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the California State Preschool Program, California Home Visiting Program, and Early Start. Continued investments, such as expansions to the California TK Program, 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



California's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#04 /50 in 0-5.5

#07 /50 in 0-3

#06 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in California by Age Group

1.3M
0-3

1.2M
3-5.5

6.6M
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	\$1,556,185,368	\$1,811,363,000	\$1,104,860,256	\$937,704,903	\$1,324,983,209	\$3,367,548,368
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$3,200,335,096	\$-	\$3,200,335,096	\$-	\$3,200,335,096
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$75,724,710	\$55,913,817	\$113,209,133	\$18,429,394	\$-	\$131,638,527
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$100,968,797	\$501,722,000	\$560,515,660	\$42,175,137	\$-	\$602,690,797
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$12,040,444,808	\$96,457,273,986	\$-	\$-	\$108,497,718,794	\$108,497,718,794
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$2,341,286,481	\$-	\$872,799,357	\$1,213,462,916	\$255,024,208	\$2,341,286,481
Total	\$16,114,610,164	\$102,026,607,899	\$2,651,384,407	\$5,412,107,445	\$110,077,726,211	\$118,141,218,063

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