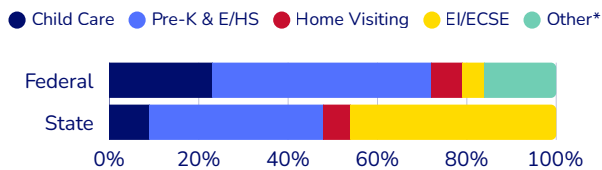


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Maine, \$0.14 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.22 on preschool-aged children.

Maine invested over **\$208 million** in early care and education in 2023. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **40%** supported infants and toddlers and **60%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **55%** came from federal sources, and **45%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

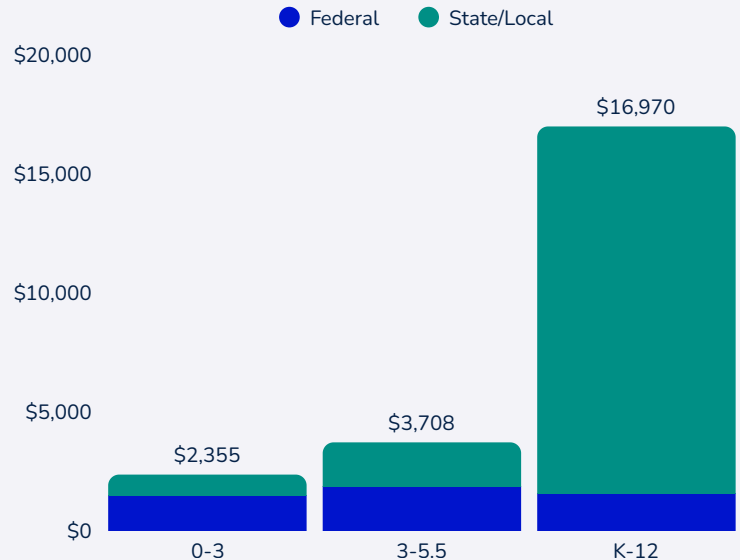


Between 2022 and 2023, Maine increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$17 million.

In 2023, Maine supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Maine Public Preschool Program and Child Development Services. Continued investments, such as expansions to public pre-K, 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



Maine's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#15 /50 in 0-5.5

#08 /50 in 0-3

#17 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Maine by Age Group

36k
0-3

34k
3-5.5

191k
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	\$37,681,758	\$12,418,517	\$17,953,481	\$17,613,454	\$14,533,339	\$50,100,275
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$33,906,333	\$-	\$33,906,333	\$-	\$33,906,333
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$8,004,557	\$5,343,173	\$11,479,048	\$1,868,682	\$-	\$13,347,730
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$5,354,159	\$-	\$2,587,723	\$2,766,436	\$-	\$5,354,159
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$500	\$500	\$-	\$-	\$500
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$2,549,038	\$-	\$2,549,038	\$-	\$2,549,038
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$43,466,194	\$22,410,677	\$21,055,517	\$-	\$43,466,194
K - 12 Expenditures	\$282,696,114	\$2,931,886,019	\$-	\$-	\$3,214,582,133	\$3,214,582,133
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$79,729,814	\$-	\$29,667,623	\$44,629,119	\$5,433,073	\$79,729,814
Total	\$413,466,402	\$3,029,569,774	\$84,099,051	\$124,388,579	\$3,234,548,545	\$3,443,036,176

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