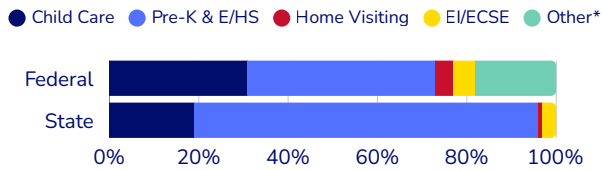


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Wisconsin, \$0.09 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.20 on preschool-aged children.

Wisconsin invested almost **\$631 million** 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.
- **63%** came from federal sources, and **37%** came from state funds.

### ECE Spending by Program Type

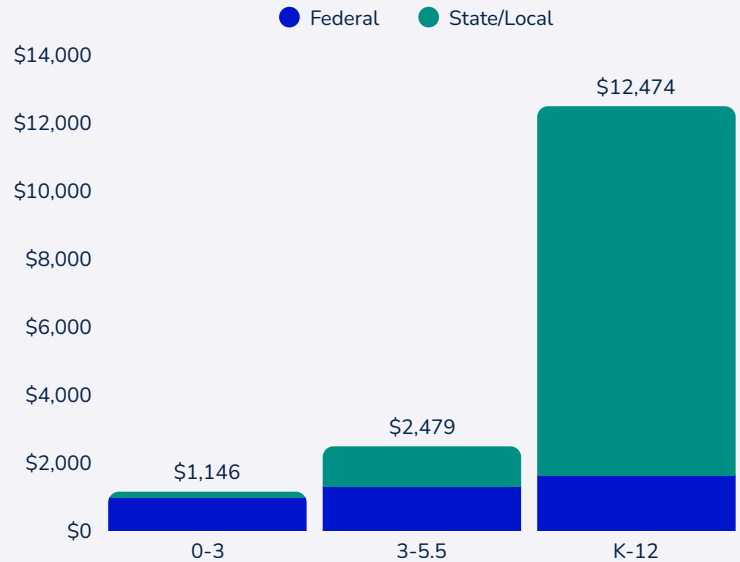


Between 2022 and 2023, Wisconsin increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$20 million.

In 2023, Wisconsin supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Wisconsin Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) and the Birth to Three Program. Continued investments, such as the Wisconsin Act 20, which provides funding for a statewide screening tool, 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



### Wisconsin's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#27 /50** in 0-5.5

**#38 /50** in 0-3

**#21 /50** in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

### Children in Wisconsin by Age Group

**182k**  
0-3

**170k**  
3-5.5

**964k**  
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	\$175,620,659	\$63,763,332	\$89,750,050	\$79,083,238	\$70,550,703	\$239,383,991
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$171,994,862	\$-	\$171,994,862	\$-	\$171,994,862
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$17,854,023	\$1,985,700	\$17,062,162	\$2,777,561	\$-	\$19,839,723
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$18,941,081	\$6,914,000	\$15,429,069	\$10,426,012	\$-	\$25,855,081
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$6,264,100	\$-	\$6,264,100	\$-	\$6,264,100
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$1,485,502,755	\$10,444,756,325	\$-	\$-	\$11,930,259,080	\$11,930,259,080
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$258,989,040	\$-	\$86,032,696	\$151,982,624	\$20,973,719	\$258,989,040
<b>Total</b>	\$1,956,907,558	\$10,695,678,319	\$208,273,977	\$422,528,397	\$12,021,783,503	\$12,652,585,877

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