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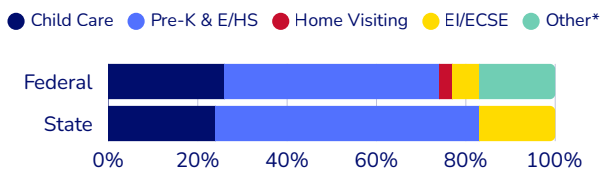
Alaska 2024

For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Alaska, $0.08 was spent on infants and toddlers, and $0.14 on preschool-aged children.

Alaska invested over **$110 million** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **39%** supported infants and toddlers, and **61%** supported children aged three to kindergarten entry.
- **59%** came from federal sources, and **41%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

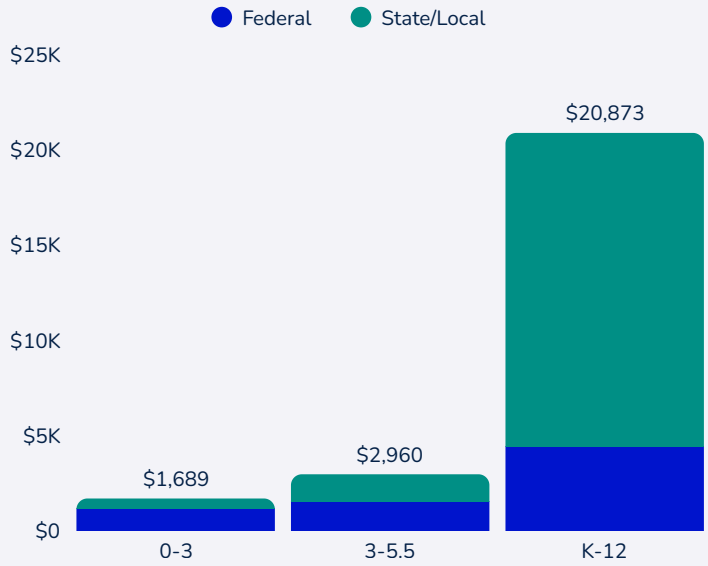


Between 2023 and 2024, Alaska increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than $9 million.

In 2024, Alaska supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Child Care Benefits Program and Infant Learning Programs. Continued investments, such as state funding for the Alaska Pre-Elementary 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



Alaska's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#33 /50 in 0-5.5

#26 /50 in 0-3

#35 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Alaska by Age Group

0-3	3-5.5	School-Aged
25k	23k	132k

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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	$23,319,004	$15,036,400	$13,943,297	$13,964,822	$10,447,285	$38,355,404
State Preschool/ Early Education	$-	$18,622,600	$-	$18,622,600	$-	$18,622,600
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	$1,847,423	$-	$1,588,784	$258,639	$-	$1,847,423
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	$3,982,103	$7,884,500	$10,472,223	$1,394,380	$-	$11,866,603
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$8,335,000	$-	$8,335,000	$-	$8,335,000
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
K - 12 Expenditures	$577,638,741	$2,169,827,894	$-	$-	$2,747,466,635	$2,747,466,635
Other Federal Funding Streams	$44,704,918	$-	$16,903,889	$25,206,744	$2,594,285	$44,704,918
Total	$651,492,189	$2,219,706,394	$42,908,193	$67,782,185	$2,760,508,205	$2,871,198,583

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