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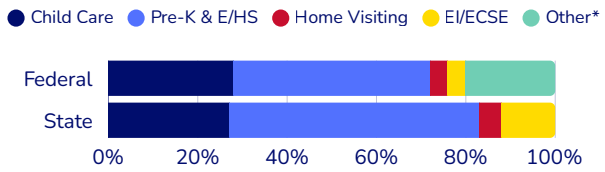
Connecticut 2024

For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Connecticut, $0.10 was spent on infants and toddlers, and $0.16 on preschool-aged children.

Connecticut invested over **$574 million** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **41%** supported infants and toddlers, and **59%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **49%** came from federal sources, and **51%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

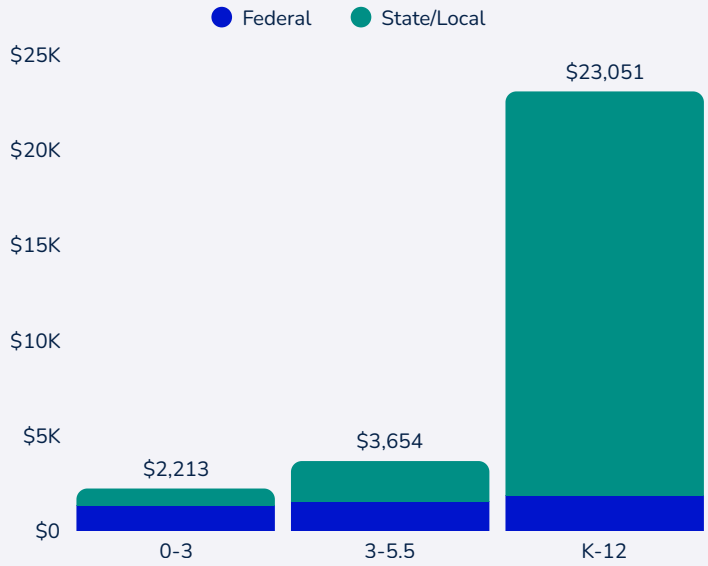


Between 2023 and 2024, Connecticut increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than $40 million.

In 2024, Connecticut supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Care 4 Kids, Smart Start, and the Nurturing Families Network. Continued investments, such as the Early Childhood Education Endowment, 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



Connecticut'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

#21 /50 in 0-3

#33 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Connecticut by Age Group

0-3	3-5.5	School-Aged
105k	93k	555k

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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	$100,599,684	$100,815,400	$92,152,025	$66,659,661	$42,603,398	$201,415,084
State Preschool/ Early Education	$-	$158,176,475	$-	$158,176,475	$-	$158,176,475
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	$10,121,109	$13,713,511	$20,497,773	$3,336,847	$-	$23,834,620
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	$10,106,620	$34,351,477	$39,059,314	$5,398,783	$-	$44,458,097
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	$-	$1,374,236	$1,374,236	$-	$-	$1,374,236
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$4,993,641	$-	$4,993,641	$-	$4,993,641
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
K - 12 Expenditures	$1,001,378,033	$11,737,823,415	$-	$-	$12,739,201,448	$12,739,201,448
Other Federal Funding Streams	$194,707,130	$-	$81,196,204	$101,613,498	$11,897,427	$194,707,130
Total	$1,316,912,576	$12,051,248,155	$234,279,552	$340,178,905	$12,793,702,274	$13,368,160,731

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