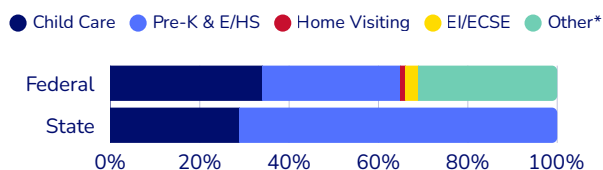


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Florida, **\$0.12** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.22** on preschool-aged children.

Florida invested over **\$2.2 billion** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **38%** supported infants and toddlers, and **62%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **73%** came from federal sources, and **27%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

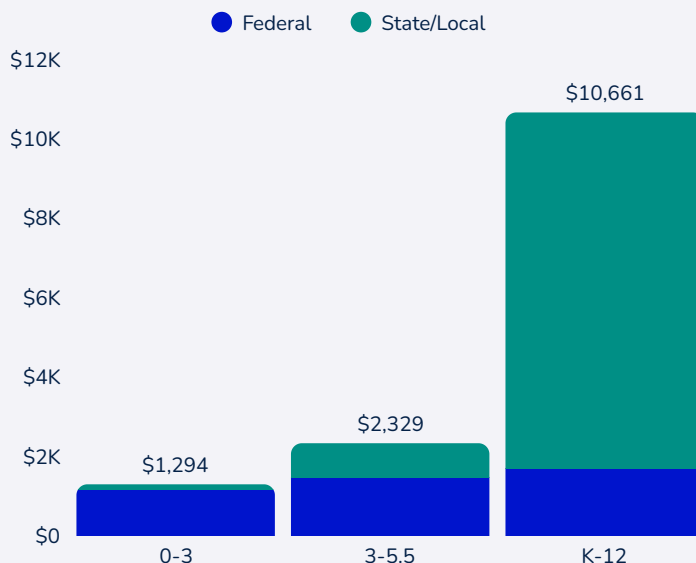


Between 2023 and 2024, Florida decreased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$39 million.

In 2024, Florida supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Program and the School Readiness Program. Continued investments 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



Florida's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#35 /50 in 0-5.5

#41 /50 in 0-3

#34 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Florida by Age Group

651k
0-3

603k
3-5.5

3.4M
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	\$741,094,104	\$241,293,854	\$358,039,785	\$375,577,229	\$248,770,944	\$982,387,958
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$433,804,469	\$-	\$433,804,469	\$-	\$433,804,469
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$12,200,839	\$71,000	\$10,553,782	\$1,718,057	\$-	\$12,271,839
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$49,872,444	\$-	\$29,341,512	\$20,530,932	\$-	\$49,872,444
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$5,447,292,798	\$30,179,095,733	\$-	\$-	\$35,626,388,531	\$35,626,388,531
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$1,125,634,543	\$-	\$445,762,671	\$573,517,349	\$106,354,522	\$1,125,634,543
Total	\$7,376,094,728	\$30,854,265,056	\$843,697,750	\$1,405,148,036	\$35,981,513,997	\$38,230,359,784

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