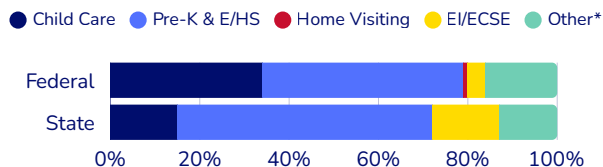


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Kentucky, **\$0.15** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.24** on preschool-aged children.

Kentucky invested over **\$712 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.
- **67%** came from federal sources, and **33%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

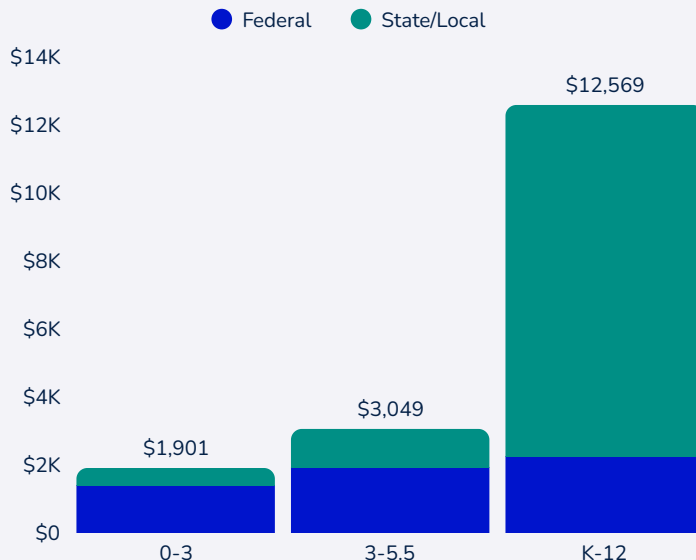


Between 2023 and 2024, Kentucky increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$20 million.

In 2024, Kentucky supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Early Childhood Development Scholarships and the Kentucky Preschool Program. Continued investments, such as the revised ALL STARS Quality Rating and Improvement System, 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



Kentucky's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#22 /50 in 0-5.5

#16 /50 in 0-3

#25 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Kentucky by Age Group

153k	138k	758k
0-3	3-5.5	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	\$214,002,021	\$46,967,725	\$106,432,072	\$89,571,377	\$64,966,298	\$260,969,746
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$132,354,185	\$-	\$132,354,185	\$-	\$132,354,185
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$7,367,783	\$-	\$6,336,293	\$1,031,490	\$-	\$7,367,783
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$18,305,604	\$36,239,259	\$36,765,272	\$17,779,591	\$-	\$54,544,863
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$29,839,539	\$29,839,539	\$-	\$-	\$29,839,539
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$1,618,871,410	\$7,831,886,438	\$-	\$-	\$9,450,757,848	\$9,450,757,848
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$306,966,876	\$-	\$112,108,132	\$180,413,420	\$14,445,325	\$306,966,876
Total	\$2,165,513,694	\$8,077,287,146	\$291,481,308	\$421,150,062	\$9,530,169,470	\$10,242,800,840

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