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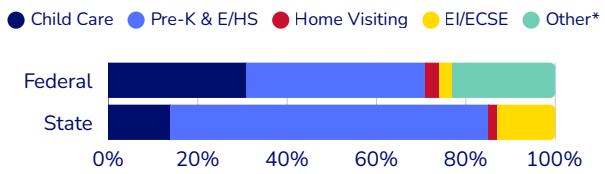
Louisiana 2024

For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Louisiana, $0.15 was spent on infants and toddlers, and $0.23 on preschool-aged children.

Louisiana invested over **$689 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.
- **78%** came from federal sources, and **22%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

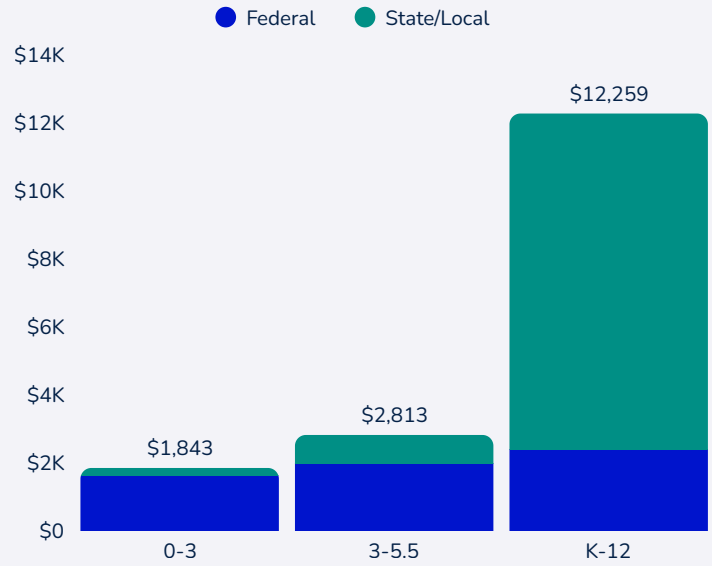


Between 2023 and 2024, Louisiana increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than $3 million.

In 2024, Louisiana supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program and Early Steps. 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



Louisiana's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#36 /50 in 0-5.5

#32 /50 in 0-3

#36 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Louisiana by Age Group

0-3	3-5.5	School-Aged
155k	**144k**	795k

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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	$199,890,987	$25,285,879	$105,985,549	$81,981,244	$37,210,072	$225,176,866
State Preschool/ Early Education	$-	$110,765,377	$-	$110,765,377	$-	$110,765,377
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	$13,617,055	$2,600,000	$13,946,667	$2,270,388	$-	$16,217,055
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	$14,703,395	$20,733,020	$28,324,813	$7,111,602	$-	$35,436,415
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
K - 12 Expenditures	$1,854,529,656	$7,837,539,967	$-	$-	$9,692,069,623	$9,692,069,623
Other Federal Funding Streams	$354,102,342	$-	$135,752,316	$203,754,326	$14,595,700	$354,102,342
Total	$2,436,843,435	$7,996,924,243	$284,009,345	$405,882,937	$9,743,875,396	$10,433,767,678

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