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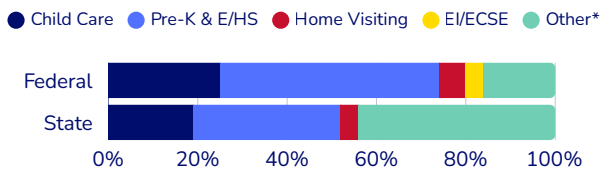
Maine 2024

For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Maine, $0.18 was spent on infants and toddlers, and $0.26 on preschool-aged children.

Maine invested over **$263 million** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **40%** supported infants and toddlers, and **60%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **44%** came from federal sources, and **56%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

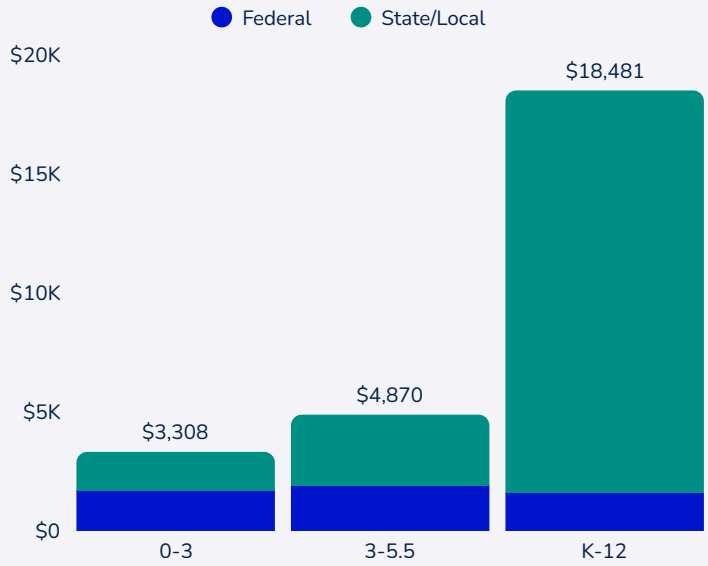


Between 2023 and 2024, Maine increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than $52 million.

In 2024, Maine supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Maine Public Preschool Program and Child Development Services. 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



Maine's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#08 /50 in 0-5.5

#09 /50 in 0-3

#11 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Maine by Age Group

0-3	3-5.5	School-Aged
32k	32k	188k

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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	$40,933,792	$39,576,070	$28,850,785	$28,304,372	$23,354,705	$80,509,862
State Preschool/ Early Education	$-	$42,267,311	$-	$42,267,311	$-	$42,267,311
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	$6,662,441	$5,340,982	$10,322,944	$1,680,479	$-	$12,003,423
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	$5,354,159	$-	$2,587,723	$2,766,436	$-	$5,354,159
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	$-	$500	$500	$-	$-	$500
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$6,149,038	$-	$6,149,038	$-	$6,149,038
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$64,833,321	$32,125,580	$32,707,741	$-	$64,833,321
K - 12 Expenditures	$283,891,738	$3,169,951,382	$-	$-	$3,453,843,120	$3,453,843,120
Other Federal Funding Streams	$80,965,084	$-	$31,447,421	$43,854,894	$5,662,769	$80,965,084
Total	$417,807,215	$3,328,118,604	$105,334,953	$157,730,271	$3,482,860,594	$3,745,925,818

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