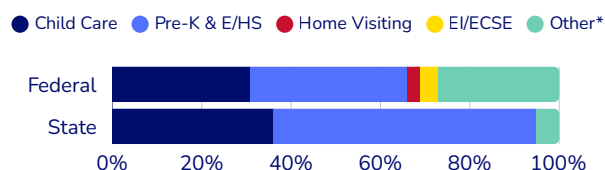


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Maryland, **\$0.08** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.23** on preschool-aged children.

Maryland invested over **\$1.0 billion** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **30%** supported infants and toddlers, and **70%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **39%** came from federal sources, and **61%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

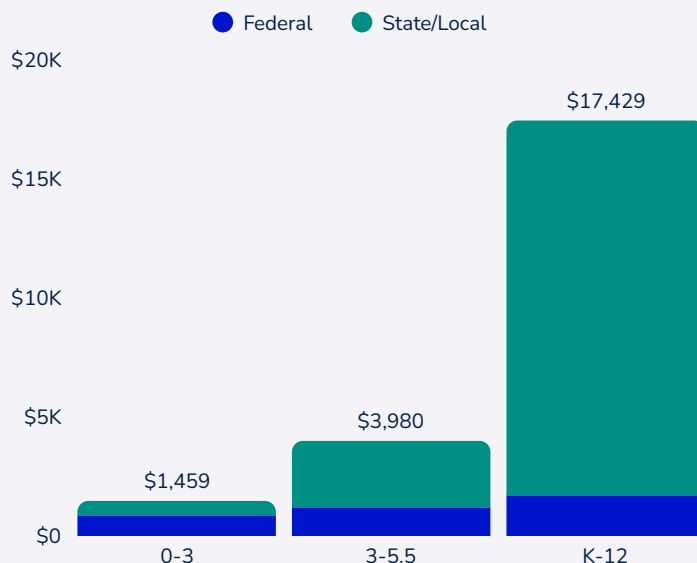


Between 2023 and 2024, Maryland increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$280 million.

In 2024, Maryland supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the At-Risk Early Childhood Grants and the Maryland Prekindergarten 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



Maryland's ECE Investment Rankings

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

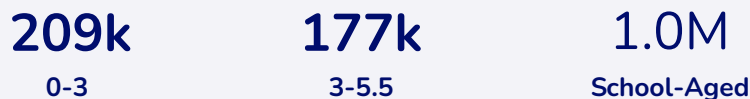
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Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Maryland by Age Group



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	\$175,739,130	\$318,591,524	\$167,377,897	\$174,224,784	\$152,727,973	\$494,330,654
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$361,918,293	\$-	\$361,918,293	\$-	\$361,918,293
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$9,965,855	\$-	\$8,570,635	\$1,395,220	\$-	\$9,965,855
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$16,793,279	\$-	\$9,442,290	\$7,350,989	\$-	\$16,793,279
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$2,835,359	\$-	\$2,835,359	\$-	\$2,835,359
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$33,132,793	\$17,928,951	\$15,203,842	\$-	\$33,132,793
K - 12 Expenditures	\$1,650,494,738	\$15,967,260,969	\$-	\$-	\$17,617,755,707	\$17,617,755,707
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$280,659,508	\$-	\$104,909,342	\$139,862,518	\$35,887,649	\$280,659,508
Total	\$2,133,652,510	\$16,683,738,938	\$308,229,116	\$702,791,004	\$17,806,371,329	\$18,817,391,448

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