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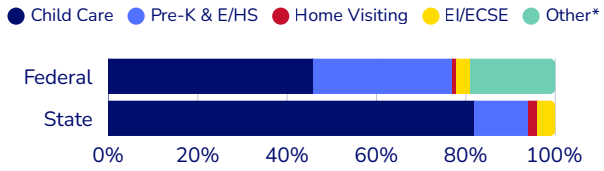
Massachusetts 2024

For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Massachusetts, $0.16 was spent on infants and toddlers, and $0.22 on preschool-aged children.

Massachusetts invested over **$1.6 billion** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **45%** supported infants and toddlers, and **55%** supported children aged three to kindergarten entry.
- **40%** came from federal sources, and **60%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

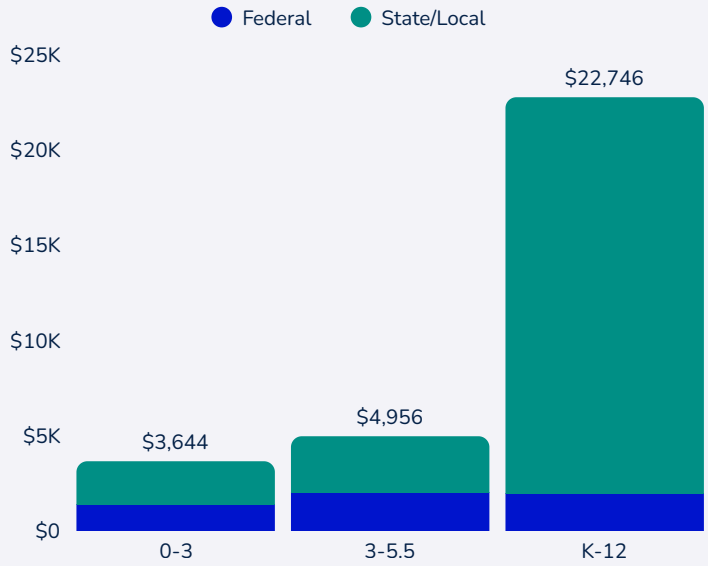


Between 2023 and 2024, Massachusetts increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than $333 million.

In 2024, Massachusetts supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Commonwealth Preschool Partnerships Initiative (CPPI) and Income-Eligible Child Care. 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



Massachusetts's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#09 /50 in 0-5.5

#05 /50 in 0-3

#19 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Massachusetts by Age Group

0-3	3-5.5	School-Aged
200k	180k	1.0M

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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	$423,896,787	$1,149,167,574	$540,774,755	$555,123,605	$477,166,001	$1,573,064,361
State Preschool/ Early Education	$-	$102,521,545	$-	$102,521,545	$-	$102,521,545
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	$9,013,305	$17,472,668	$22,777,937	$3,708,036	$-	$26,485,973
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	$20,148,718	$42,738,045	$51,998,554	$10,888,209	$-	$62,886,763
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	$-	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$-	$-	$1,000,000
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$17,500,000	$-	$17,500,000	$-	$17,500,000
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
K - 12 Expenditures	$1,858,879,058	$20,894,267,894	$-	$-	$22,753,146,952	$22,753,146,952
Other Federal Funding Streams	$354,608,756	$-	$115,031,617	$203,190,188	$36,386,951	$354,608,756
Total	$2,666,546,624	$22,224,667,726	$731,582,863	$892,931,583	$23,266,699,904	$24,891,214,350

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