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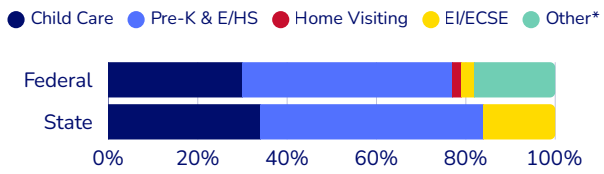
New Mexico 2024

For every dollar spent on school-aged students in New Mexico, $0.28 was spent on infants and toddlers, and $0.57 on preschool-aged children.

New Mexico invested over **$662 million** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **38%** supported infants and toddlers, and **62%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **32%** came from federal sources, and **68%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

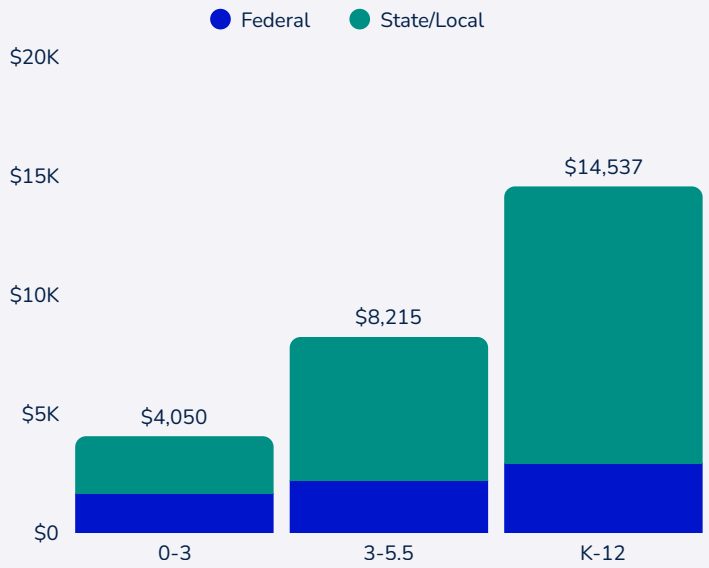


Between 2023 and 2024, New Mexico increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than $194 million.

In 2024, New Mexico supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the New Mexico Prekindergarten Program. Continued investments, such as the NM PreK Executive Function Program, 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



New Mexico's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#1/50 in 0-5.5

#1/50 in 0-3

#1/50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in New Mexico by Age Group

0-3	3-5.5	School-Aged
62k	50k	345k

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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	$93,438,152	$226,013,900	$111,056,920	$107,630,117	$100,765,015	$319,452,052
State Preschool/ Early Education	$-	$226,586,800	$-	$226,586,800	$-	$226,586,800
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	$3,750,965	$-	$3,225,830	$525,135	$-	$3,750,965
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	$6,556,262	$70,432,400	$73,479,864	$3,508,798	$-	$76,988,662
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
K - 12 Expenditures	$968,154,117	$3,938,821,825	$-	$-	$4,906,975,942	$4,906,975,942
Other Federal Funding Streams	$144,578,171	$-	$63,073,055	$73,331,083	$8,174,033	$144,578,171
Total	$1,216,477,667	$4,461,854,925	$250,835,669	$411,581,933	$5,015,914,989	$5,678,332,592

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