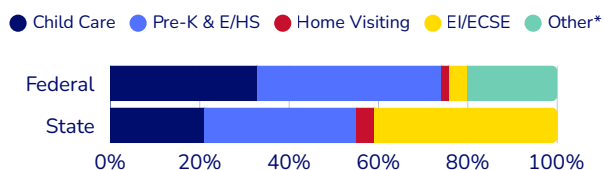


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Pennsylvania, **\$0.17** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.19** on preschool-aged children.

Pennsylvania invested over **\$2.2 billion** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **49%** supported infants and toddlers, and **51%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **42%** came from federal sources, and **58%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

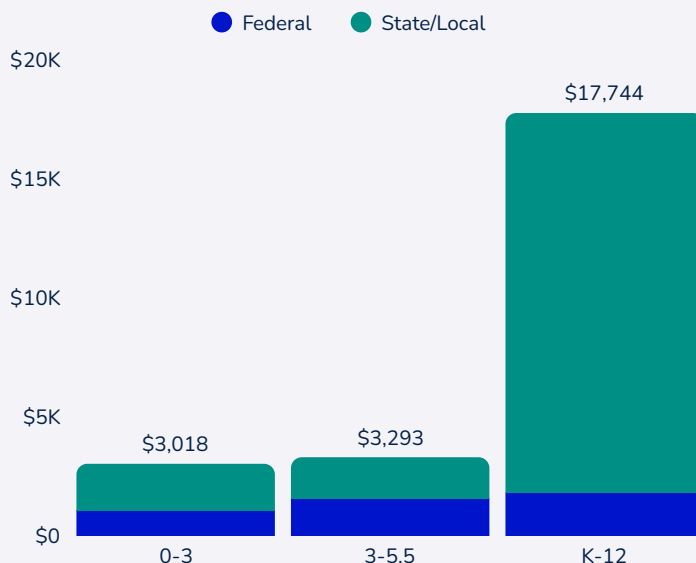


Between 2023 and 2024, Pennsylvania increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$81 million.

In 2024, Pennsylvania supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Pre-K Counts and the Pennsylvania Ready to Learn Block Grant. 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



Pennsylvania's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#11 / 50 in 0-5.5

#03 / 50 in 0-3

#26 / 50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Pennsylvania by Age Group

374k
0-3

353k
3-5.5

2.0M
School-Aged

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	\$473,281,690	\$414,694,025	\$298,774,403	\$294,764,839	\$294,436,473	\$887,975,715
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$460,012,278	\$-	\$460,012,278	\$-	\$460,012,278
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$15,626,327	\$48,670,000	\$55,294,841	\$9,001,486	\$-	\$64,296,327
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$33,446,716	\$551,536,000	\$569,633,605	\$15,349,111	\$-	\$584,982,716
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$3,357,567,505	\$31,481,257,745	\$-	\$-	\$34,838,825,250	\$34,838,825,250
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$655,713,787	\$-	\$208,951,599	\$383,135,762	\$63,626,426	\$655,713,787
Total	\$4,535,636,025	\$32,956,170,048	\$1,132,654,448	\$1,162,263,476	\$35,196,888,149	\$37,491,806,073

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