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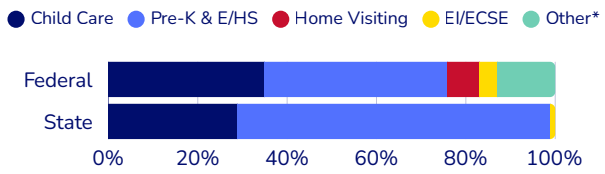
Rhode Island 2024

For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Rhode Island, $0.10 was spent on infants and toddlers, and $0.17 on preschool-aged children.

Rhode Island invested over **$141 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.
- **76%** came from federal sources, and **24%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

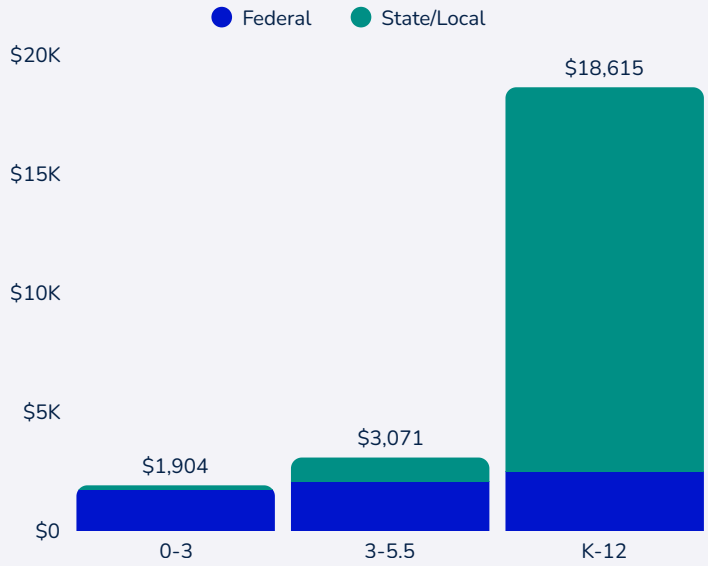


Between 2023 and 2024, Rhode Island increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than $6 million.

In 2024, Rhode Island supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Rhode Island State Pre-Kindergarten Program and Rhode Island Works/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



Rhode Island's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#41 /50 in 0-5.5

#44 /50 in 0-3

#37 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Rhode Island by Age Group

0-3	3-5.5	School-Aged
28k	29k	154k

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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	$59,498,605	$15,502,516	$23,375,493	$24,663,373	$26,962,255	$75,001,121
State Preschool/ Early Education	$-	$22,431,078	$-	$22,431,078	$-	$22,431,078
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	$7,959,326	$-	$6,845,020	$1,114,306	$-	$7,959,326
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	$4,427,519	$176,938	$2,764,661	$1,839,796	$-	$4,604,457
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$1,190,000	$-	$1,190,000	$-	$1,190,000
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
K - 12 Expenditures	$356,813,568	$2,486,674,573	$-	$-	$2,843,488,141	$2,843,488,141
Other Federal Funding Streams	$62,457,924	$-	$20,424,538	$36,746,381	$5,287,005	$62,457,924
Total	$491,156,942	$2,525,975,105	$53,409,712	$87,984,934	$2,875,737,401	$3,017,132,047

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