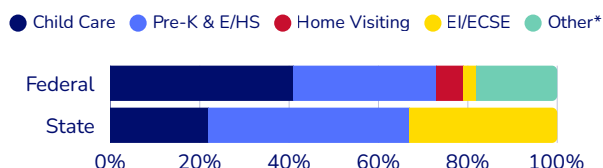


For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Tennessee, **\$0.16** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.21** on preschool-aged children.

Tennessee invested over **\$909 million** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **47%** supported infants and toddlers, and **53%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **77%** came from federal sources, and **23%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

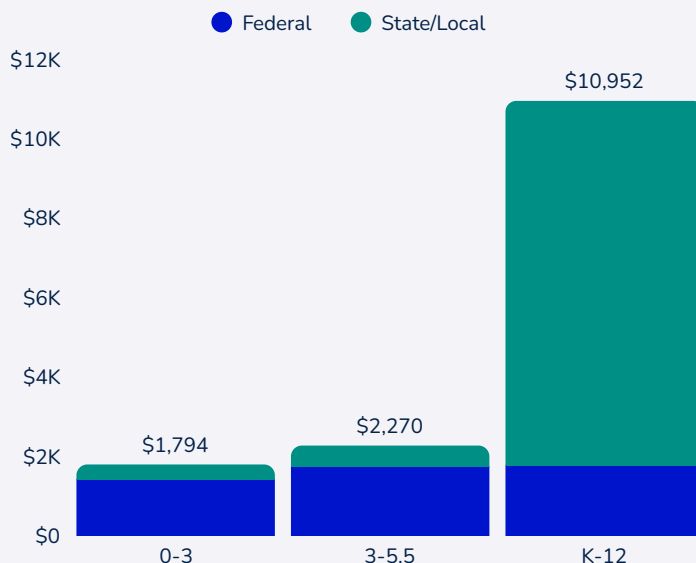


Between 2023 and 2024, Tennessee increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than \$10 million.

In 2024, Tennessee supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation and the Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS). 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



Tennessee's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#38 /50 in 0-5.5

#20 /50 in 0-3

#39 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Tennessee by Age Group

237k
0-3

213k
3-5.5

1.2M
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	\$316,776,897	\$48,822,300	\$180,015,849	\$152,341,085	\$33,242,262	\$365,599,197
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$-	\$92,432,600	\$-	\$92,432,600	\$-	\$92,432,600
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$42,836,865	\$696,000	\$37,438,263	\$6,094,601	\$-	\$43,532,865
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$18,388,388	\$67,283,800	\$78,042,400	\$7,629,788	\$-	\$85,672,188
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
K - 12 Expenditures	\$2,030,236,691	\$10,735,665,871	\$-	\$-	\$12,765,902,562	\$12,765,902,562
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$365,126,187	\$-	\$130,774,989	\$225,148,581	\$9,202,618	\$365,126,187
Total	\$2,773,365,027	\$10,944,900,571	\$426,271,501	\$483,646,655	\$12,808,347,442	\$13,718,265,598

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