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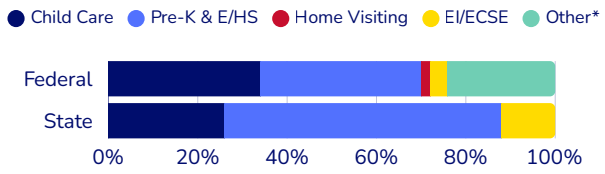
Virginia 2024

For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Virginia, $0.08 was spent on infants and toddlers, and $0.13 on preschool-aged children.

Virginia invested over **$787 million** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **40%** supported infants and toddlers, and **60%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **69%** came from federal sources, and **31%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

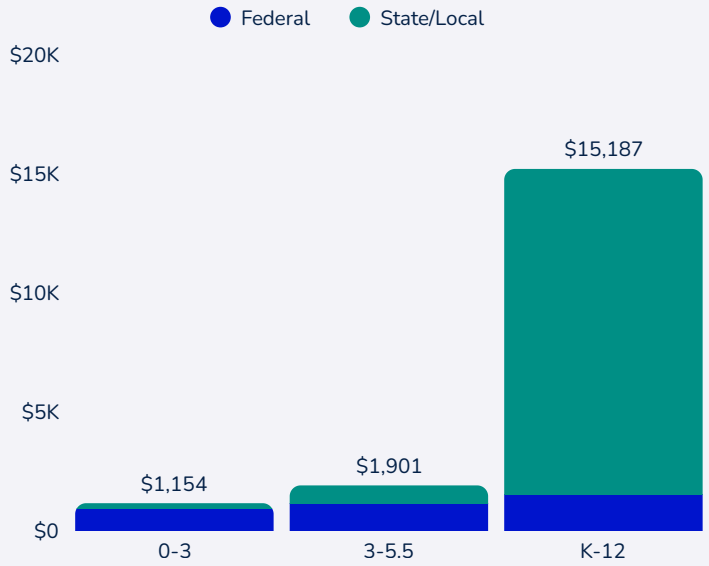


Between 2023 and 2024, Virginia increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than $7 million.

In 2024, Virginia supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Child Care Subsidy Program and the Virginia Preschool Initiative. Continued investments, such as the Building Blocks for Virginia Families Initiative, 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



Virginia's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#43 /50 in 0-5.5

#38 /50 in 0-3

#42 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Virginia by Age Group

0-3	3-5.5	School-Aged
273k	247k	1.4M

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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	$246,137,753	$84,150,402	$126,707,590	$119,332,667	$84,247,898	$330,288,155
State Preschool/ Early Education	$-	$152,943,300	$-	$152,943,300	$-	$152,943,300
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	$10,712,776	$-	$9,212,987	$1,499,789	$-	$10,712,776
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	$23,165,846	$29,913,650	$42,972,278	$10,107,218	$-	$53,079,496
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
K - 12 Expenditures	$2,078,343,036	$19,303,326,664	$-	$-	$21,381,669,700	$21,381,669,700
Other Federal Funding Streams	$359,377,443	$-	$138,230,253	$186,658,737	$34,488,453	$359,377,443
Total	$2,717,736,854	$19,570,334,016	$317,123,108	$470,541,711	$21,500,406,051	$22,288,070,870

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