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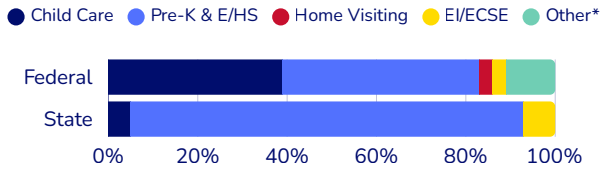
West Virginia 2024

For every dollar spent on school-aged students in West Virginia, $0.12 was spent on infants and toddlers, and $0.36 on preschool-aged children.

West Virginia invested over **$320 million** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **27%** supported infants and toddlers, and **73%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **61%** came from federal sources, and **39%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

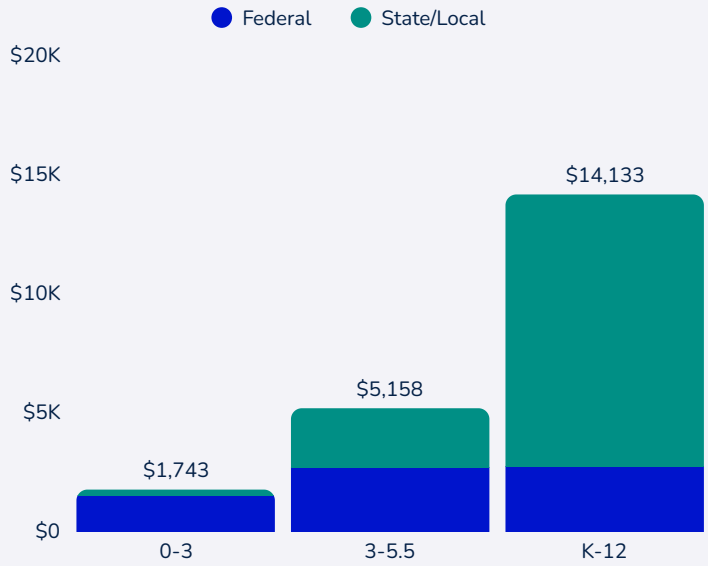


Between 2023 and 2024, West Virginia increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than $12 million.

In 2024, West Virginia supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as West Virginia Universal Pre-K. 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



West Virginia's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#12 /50 in 0-5.5

#35 /50 in 0-3

#07 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in West Virginia by Age Group

0-3	3-5.5	School-Aged
50k	45k	266k

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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	$115,330,173	$9,489,620	$42,039,302	$40,521,627	$42,258,865	$124,819,793
State Preschool/ Early Education	$-	$109,570,771	$-	$109,570,771	$-	$109,570,771
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	$6,378,515	$-	$5,485,523	$892,992	$-	$6,378,515
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	$6,422,380	$8,134,060	$10,721,783	$3,834,657	$-	$14,556,440
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-	$-
K - 12 Expenditures	$680,235,244	$3,031,080,985	$-	$-	$3,711,316,229	$3,711,316,229
Other Federal Funding Streams	$112,696,541	$-	$28,641,650	$78,322,950	$5,731,941	$112,696,541
Total	$921,062,853	$3,158,275,436	$86,888,257	$233,142,997	$3,759,307,035	$4,079,338,289

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