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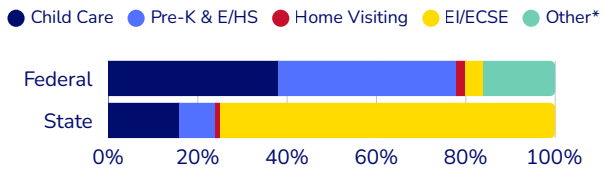
Utah 2024

For every dollar spent on school-aged students in Utah, $0.10 was spent on infants and toddlers, and $0.18 on preschool-aged children.

Utah invested over **$343.7 million** in early care and education in 2024. Of these investments in birth to kindergarten-entry:

- **39%** supported infants and toddlers, and **61%** supported children aged three to kindergarten-entry.
- **74%** came from federal sources, and **26%** came from state funds.

ECE Spending by Program Type

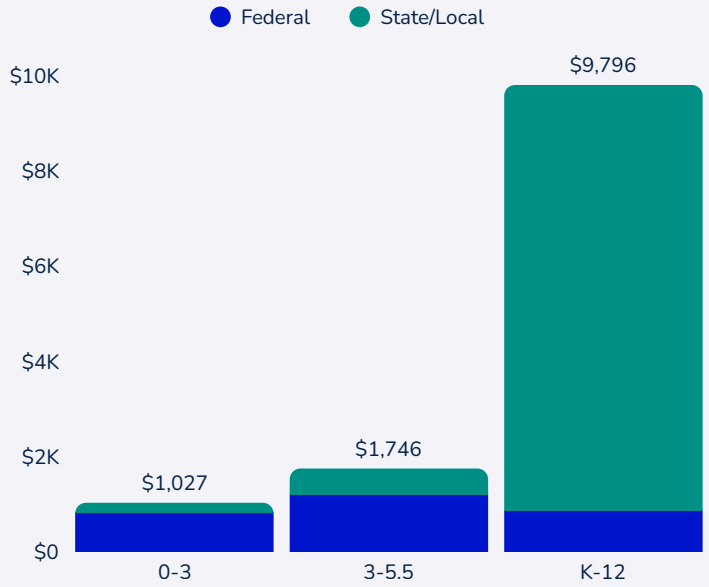


Between 2023 and 2024, Utah increased state-specific spending on children from birth through kindergarten-entry by more than $66.5 million.

In 2024, Utah supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Expanded Student Access To High Quality School Readiness Programs (ESA). 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



Utah's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#40 /50 in 0-5.5

#34 /50 in 0-3

#38 /50 in 3-5.5

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Utah by Age Group

0-3	3-5.5	School-Aged
129k	**121k**	713k

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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	$147,386,723	$22,917,247	$54,483,113	$56,409,931	$59,410,926	$170,303,970
State Preschool/ Early Education	$ -	$7,031,408	$ -	$7,031,408	$ -	$7,031,408
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	$4,449,254	$746,100	$4,468,004	$727,350	$ -	$5,195,354
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	$10,307,547	$68,160,100	$23,431,878	$55,035,769	$ -	$78,467,647
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	$546,847,473	$6,365,757,919	$ -	$ -	$6,912,605,392	$6,912,605,392
Other Federal Funding Streams	$154,844,851	$ -	$50,366,743	$91,707,127	$12,770,980	$154,844,851
Total	$863,835,848	$6,464,612,774	$132,749,739	$210,911,585	$6,984,787,298	$7,328,448,622

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