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ALABAMA:
ECE PUBLIC SPENDING 2022

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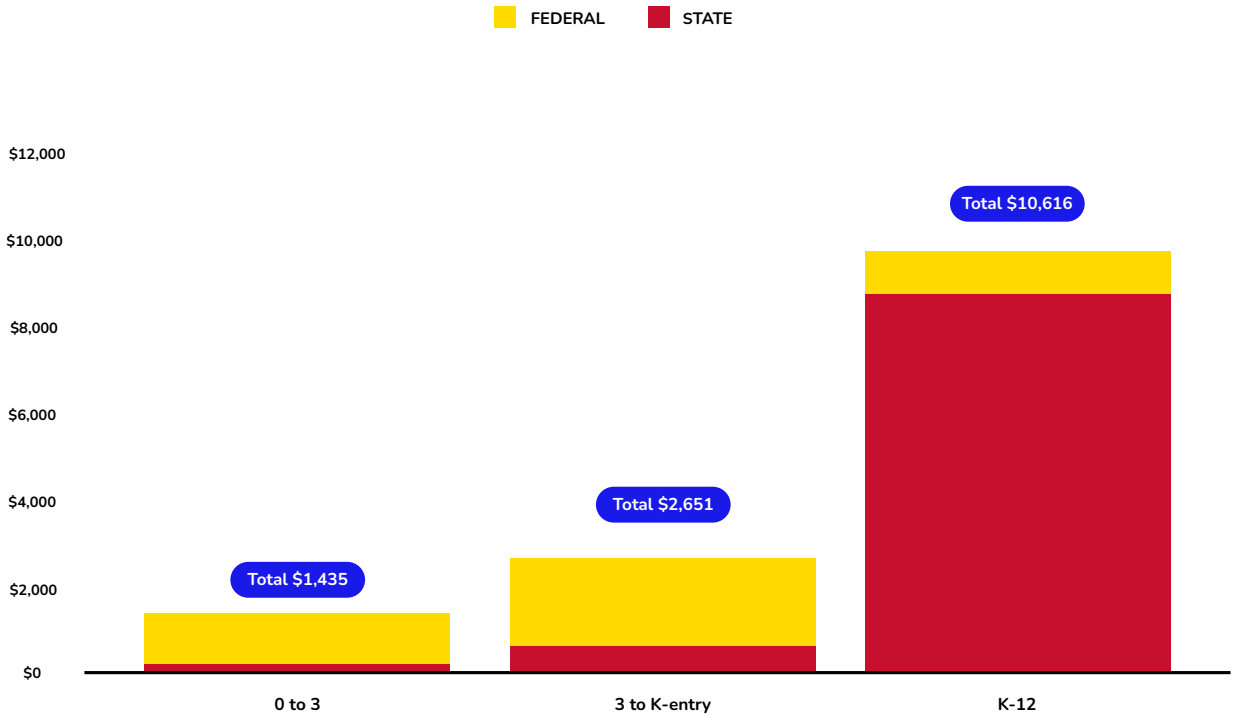
ECE and K-12

For every dollar spent on K-12 in Alabama, 14 cents are spent on 0 to 3-year-olds, and 25 cents on 3 to 5.5-year-olds.

Per Child Spending by Age Group (2022)



Total Number of Children Age 0 to 3: 166,897

Total Number of Children Age 3 to K-entry: 152,846

Total Number of Children K-entry & up: 827,595

Expenditures by Source

Total ECE Spending: $645 Million
Total Federal Spending: $444 Million
Total State Spending: $201 Million

Total Expenditures by Age

0 to 3 Spending: $239.5 Million
3 to K-entry Spending: $405 Million
K-12 Spending: $8.79 Billion

Expenditures Captured in National Reports vs. Actual Expenditures

ECE Expenditures Captured in National Report: $635 Million
Actual State Expenditures: $644.6 Million
Difference Not Captured: $9.6 Million (2%)

Alabama State Dedicated Programs 2022*:

Preschool Program Function
Early Intervention
Early Childhood Classroom Assessment

*Alabama has continued to invest in ECE since 2022. The following examples will be captured in future reports: First Class Pre-K, First Teacher Home Visiting, Mental Health Services