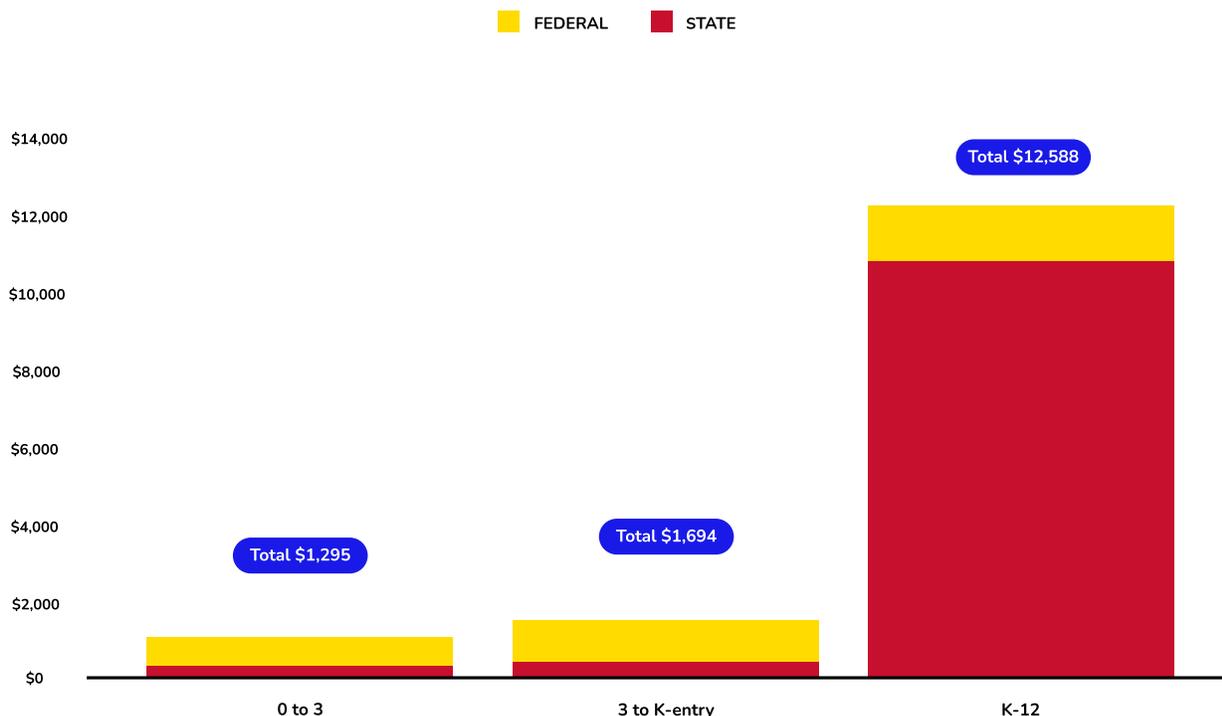


COLORADO: ECE PUBLIC SPENDING 2022

ECE and K-12

For every dollar spent on K-12 in Colorado, 10 cents are spent on 0 to 3-year-olds, and 13 cents on 3 to 5.5-year-olds.

Per Child Spending by Age Group (2022)



Total Number of Children Age 0 to 3: 182,775

Total Number of Children Age 3 to K-entry: 165,309

Total Number of Children K-entry & up: 932,929

Expenditures by Source

Total ECE Spending: \$516.8 Million
Total Federal Spending: \$329.7 Million
Total State Spending: \$187.1 Million

Total Expenditures by Age

0 to 3 Spending: \$236.7 Million
3 to K-entry Spending: \$280.1 Million
K-12 Spending: \$11.7 Billion

Expenditures Captured in National Reports vs. Actual Expenditures

ECE Expenditures Captured in National Report: \$475.4 Million
Actual State & Federal Expenditures: \$516.8 Million
Difference Not Captured: \$41.4 Million (9%)

Colorado Dedicated Programs 2022*:

Child Care Assistance Program
Early Childhood Mental Health Services

*Colorado has continued to invest in ECE since 2022. The following examples will be captured in future reports: Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC), Colorado Universal Preschool Program