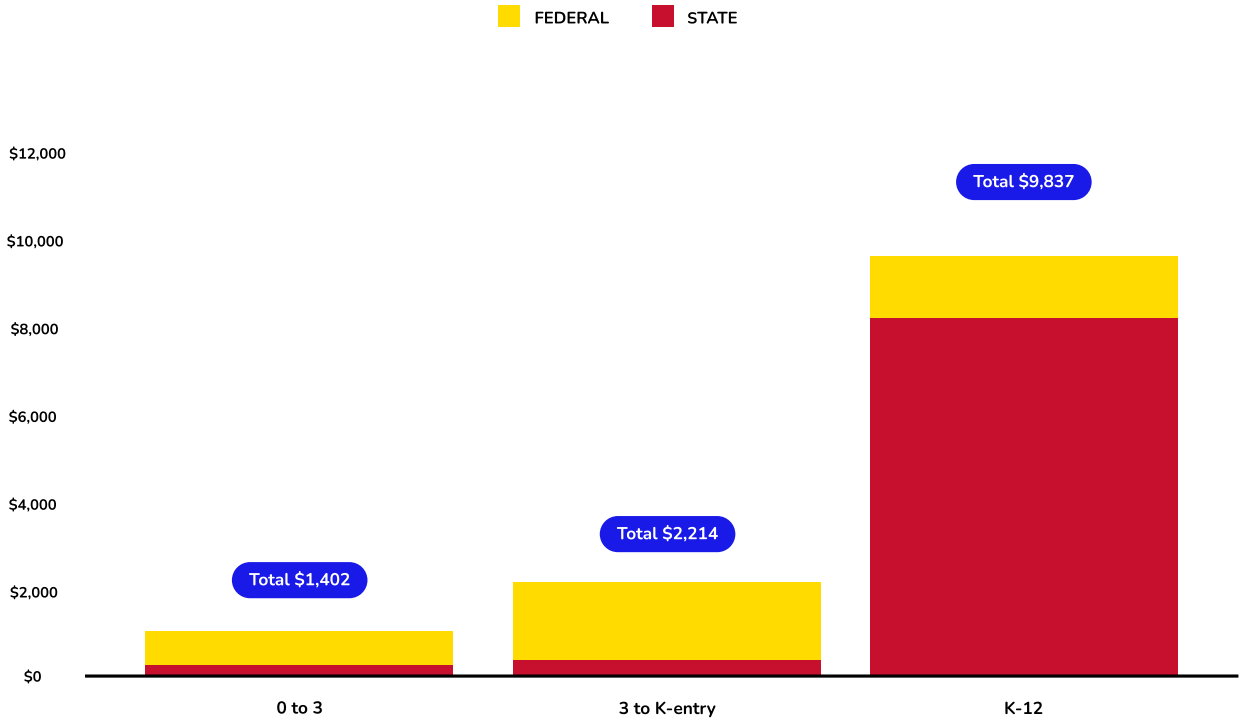
TENNESSEE: ECE PUBLIC SPENDING 2022

ECE and K-12

For every dollar spent on K-12 in South Dakota, 14 cents are spent on 0 to 3-year-olds, and 23 cents on 3 to 5.5-year-olds.

Per Child Spending by Age Group (2022)



Total Number of Children Age 0 to 3: 239,482
Total Number of Children Age 3 to K-entry: 201,450
Total Number of Children K-entry & up: 1.1 Million

Expenditures by Source

Total ECE Spending: $781.8 Million
Total Federal Spending: $627.9 Million
Total State Spending: $153.9 Million

Total Expenditures by Age

0 to 3 Spending: $335.8 Million
3 to K-entry Spending: $445.9 Million
K-12 Spending: $11.1 Billion

Expenditures Captured in National Reports vs. Actual Expenditures

ECE Expenditures Captured in National Report: $804.7 Million
Actual State & Federal Expenditures: $781.8 Million

Tennessee Dedicated Programs 2022:

Child Care Benefits
Governor's Early Literacy Foundation
Healthy Start

*Tennessee has continued to invest in ECE since 2022. The following examples will be captured in future reports: ECERS and CLASS Environment quality assessment observations