

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Alabama, **\$0.14** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.25** on preschool-aged children.

Alabama invested almost \$664 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$616 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$48 million – or 8% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

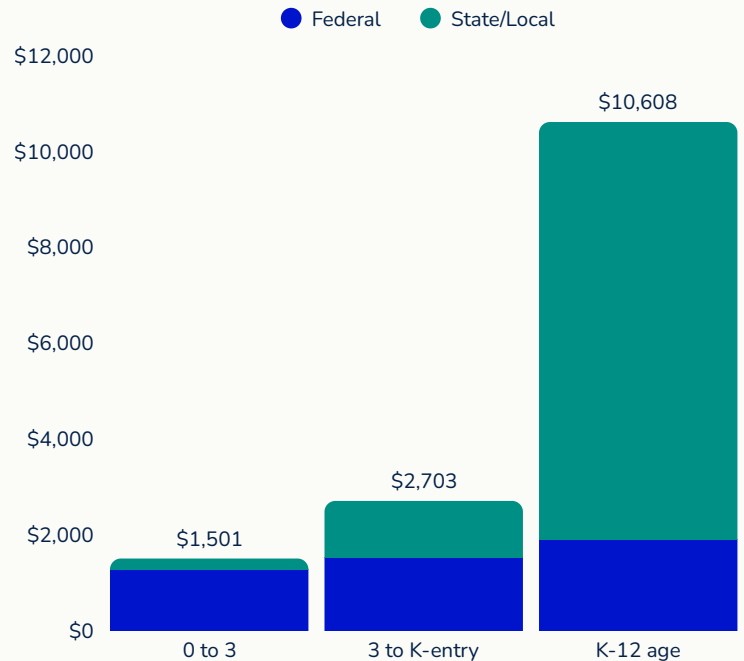
- **38%** supported infants and toddlers
- **62%** supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- **67%** came from federal sources
- **33%** came from state funds

In 2022, Alabama supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the First Class Pre-K and the Early Childhood Classroom Assessment program. Continued investments, such as the First Teacher Home Visiting Program, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Alabama'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 to K-entry

#25 / 50 in 0-3

#13 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Alabama by Age Group

167k
0-3

153k
3- K-Entry

828k
K-12 age

Total Funding by Spending Category and Age

Category	Nationally Reported Federal Dollars	State and Local Actual Dollars	Nationally Reported Federal + State Actual			
			0 to 3	3 to 5.5	K - 12	Total
Child Care	\$206,469,678	\$25,021,858	\$96,554,909	\$77,732,690	\$57,203,937	\$231,491,536
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$172,623,047	\$ -	\$172,623,047	\$ -	\$172,623,047
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$8,137,703	\$21,251	\$7,016,700	\$1,142,254	\$ -	\$8,158,954
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$13,106,174	\$27,988,911	\$35,051,384	\$6,043,701	\$ -	\$41,095,085
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$7,194,813,674	\$ -	\$ -	\$7,194,813,674	\$7,194,813,674
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$287,952,358	\$ -	\$111,967,853	\$155,669,962	\$20,314,543	\$287,952,358
Total	\$515,665,913	\$7,420,468,741	\$250,590,846	\$413,211,653	\$7,272,332,154	\$7,936,134,654

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