

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Alaska, **\$0.06** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.09** on preschool-aged children.

Alaska invested over \$80 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$64.5 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving almost \$16 million – or 24% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

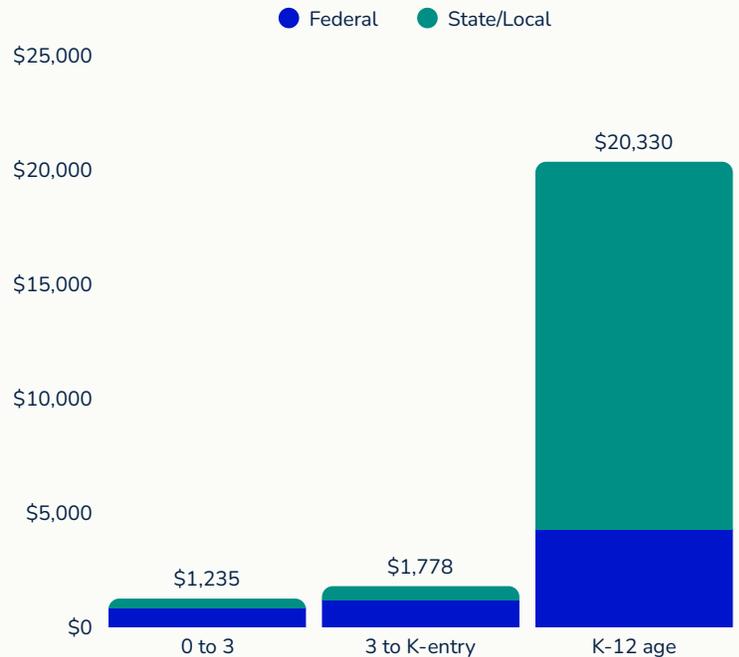
- 44% supported infants and toddlers
- 56% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 66% came from federal sources
- 34% came from state funds

In 2022, Alaska supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Alaska Pre-Elementary Program, Child Care Benefits Program, and Early Intervention/Infant Learning Programs. Continued investments, such as funding from the Alaska Reads Act, the Alaska Early Education Program Grant (EEP), and the Alaska .5 ADM Approval Pre-K Program will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Alaska's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#41 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#24 / 50 in 0-3

#42 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Alaska by Age Group

29k

0-3

25k

3- K-Entry

130k

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	\$23,319,004	\$12,409,318	\$12,925,729	\$12,040,996	\$10,761,598	\$35,728,322
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$11,247,123	\$ -	\$11,247,123	\$ -	\$11,247,123
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$1,693,983	\$ -	\$1,456,825	\$237,158	\$ -	\$1,693,983
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$3,793,971	\$7,700,600	\$10,134,083	\$1,360,488	\$ -	\$11,494,571
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$2,080,077,490	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,080,077,490	\$2,080,077,490
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$33,599,722	\$ -	\$10,753,626	\$20,100,117	\$2,745,979	\$33,599,722
Total	\$62,406,680	\$2,111,434,531	\$35,270,263	\$44,985,882	\$2,093,585,067	\$2,173,841,211

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