

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Arizona, **\$0.14** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.19** on preschool-aged children.

Arizona invested over \$702 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$540 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$162 million – or 30% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

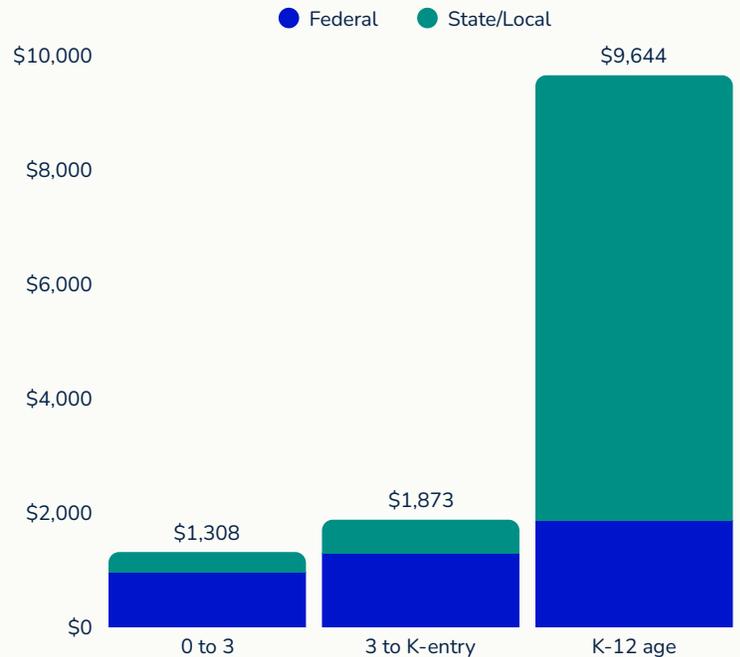
- 43% supported infants and toddlers
- 71% came from federal sources
- 57% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 29% came from state funds

In 2022, Arizona supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Qualify First Scholarships Program and the First Things First Board. Continued investments, such as a revision to the Quality First (QIRS) model, will be reflected in future reports.



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## Per Capita Spending by Age Group



## Arizona's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#27 / 50** in 0 to K-entry

**#12 / 50** in 0-3

**#32 / 50** in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

## Children in Arizona by Age Group

**231k**  
0-3

**214k**  
3- K-Entry

**1.2M**  
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	\$268,570,625	\$33,377,843	\$108,341,231	\$108,595,877	\$85,011,359	\$301,948,468
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$51,032,640	\$ -	\$51,032,640	\$ -	\$51,032,640
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$10,779,975	\$ -	\$9,270,779	\$1,509,197	\$ -	\$10,779,975
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$15,940,131	\$6,319,000	\$16,482,304	\$5,776,827	\$ -	\$22,259,131
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$125,082,860	\$62,468,017	\$62,614,843	\$ -	\$125,082,860
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$9,333,667,388	\$ -	\$ -	\$9,333,667,388	\$9,333,667,388
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$301,154,398	\$ -	\$105,889,215	\$170,625,373	\$24,639,810	\$301,154,398
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$596,445,129</b>	<b>\$9,549,479,731</b>	<b>\$302,451,546</b>	<b>\$400,154,757</b>	<b>\$9,443,318,558</b>	<b>\$10,145,924,860</b>

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