

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Delaware, **\$0.13** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.16** on preschool-aged children.

Delaware invested over \$146 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$124 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving almost \$22 million – or 18% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

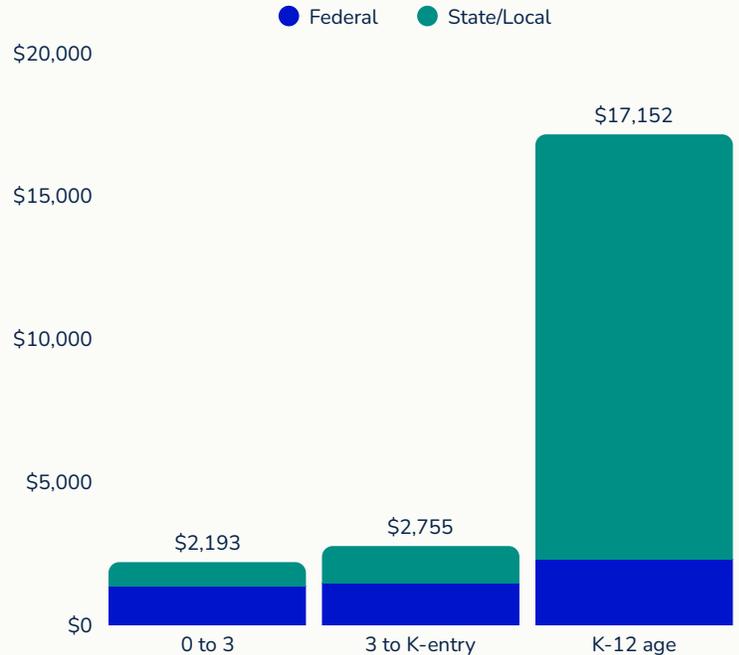
- 45% supported infants and toddlers
- 57% came from federal sources
- 55% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 43% came from state funds

In 2022, Delaware supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP) and the Child Development Watch Program. Continued investments, such as the State-Funded Early Care and Education Program (SFECEP) and a revised Quality Improvement System, will be reflected in future reports.



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## Per Capita Spending by Age Group



## Delaware's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#19 / 50** in 0 to K-entry

**#05 / 50** in 0-3

**#28 / 50** in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

## Children in Delaware by Age Group

**30k**  
0-3

**29k**  
3- K-Entry

**155k**  
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	\$48,002,125	\$68,355,300	\$40,643,933	\$38,446,539	\$37,266,953	\$116,357,425
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$15,668,300	\$ -	\$15,668,300	\$ -	\$15,668,300
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$3,684,909	\$37,200	\$3,201,014	\$521,095	\$ -	\$3,722,109
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$3,787,497	\$845,100	\$3,278,583	\$1,354,014	\$ -	\$4,632,597
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$2,279,391,008	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,279,391,008	\$2,279,391,008
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$49,228,599	\$ -	\$18,259,947	\$24,852,738	\$6,115,914	\$49,228,599
<b>Total</b>	\$104,703,130	\$2,364,296,908	\$65,383,477	\$80,842,686	\$2,322,773,875	\$2,469,000,038

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