

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Florida, **\$0.13** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.24** on preschool-aged children.

In 2022, Florida invested over \$2.1 billion in early care and education, yet more than \$60 million – about 3% of total spending – was not reflected in national reports, leaving some state and local investments uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

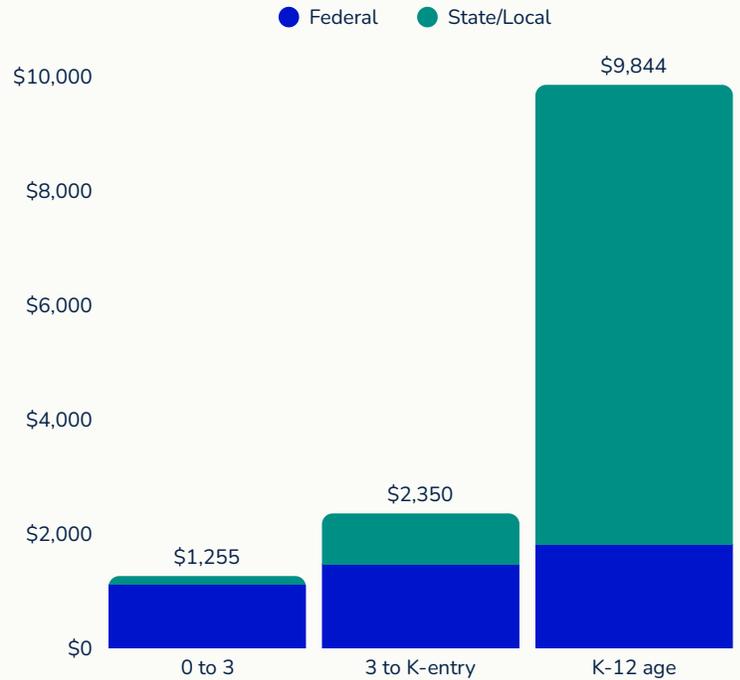
- 37% supported infants and toddlers
- 63% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 72% came from federal sources
- 28% came from state funds

In 2022, Florida supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the School Readiness (SR) Program, Florida Voluntary Pre-K, and the Brain Bag Early Literacy Program. Continued investments, such as the New Worlds Reading Initiative, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Florida's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#26 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#34 / 50 in 0-3

#19 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Florida by Age Group

638k

0-3

576k

3- K-Entry

3.2M

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	\$746,582,060	\$246,899,019	\$362,227,228	\$383,925,662	\$247,328,189	\$993,481,079
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$412,508,049	\$ -	\$412,508,049	\$ -	\$412,508,049
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$8,756,146	\$50,000	\$7,573,286	\$1,232,860	\$ -	\$8,806,146
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$47,391,996	\$ -	\$27,393,990	\$19,998,006	\$ -	\$47,391,996
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$2,487,516	\$1,207,589	\$1,279,927	\$ -	\$2,487,516
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$25,276,666,361	\$ -	\$ -	\$25,276,666,361	\$25,276,666,361
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$1,034,641,243	\$ -	\$402,229,215	\$533,559,417	\$98,852,611	\$1,034,641,243
Total	\$1,837,371,445	\$25,938,610,945	\$800,631,307	\$1,352,503,922	\$25,622,847,161	\$27,775,982,390

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