

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Hawaii, **\$0.07** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.14** on preschool-aged children.

Hawaii invested almost \$127 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$116 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving over \$10 million – or 9% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

- 36% supported infants and toddlers
- 64% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 75% came from federal sources
- 25% came from state funds

In 2022, Hawaii supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Child Care, the Executive Office on Early Learning Public Prekindergarten Program, and the State Public Charter School Early Learning Program. Continued investments, such as the Ready Keiki Initiative, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Hawaii's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#42 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#43 / 50 in 0-3

#40 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Hawaii by Age Group

49k
0-3

43k
3- K-Entry

220k
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	\$46,660,586	\$20,838,440	\$21,296,153	\$34,041,686	\$12,161,187	\$67,499,026
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$13,985,057	\$ -	\$13,985,057	\$ -	\$13,985,057
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$6,128,060	\$652,087	\$5,830,926	\$949,221	\$ -	\$6,780,147
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$3,504,771	\$ -	\$2,433,483	\$1,071,288	\$ -	\$3,504,771
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$2,573,177,843	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,573,177,843	\$2,573,177,843
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$49,433,215	\$ -	\$15,708,732	\$31,283,931	\$2,440,552	\$49,433,215
Total	\$105,726,632	\$2,608,653,427	\$45,269,295	\$81,331,182	\$2,587,779,582	\$2,714,380,059

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