

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Illinois, **\$0.16** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.21** on preschool-aged children.

Illinois invested over \$2.4 billion in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$1.8 billion of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$660 million – or 37% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

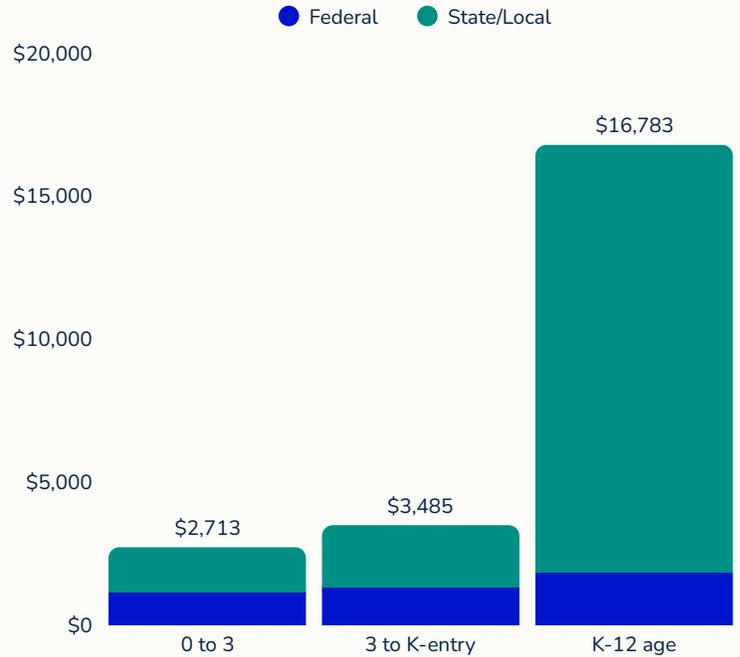
- 47% supported infants and toddlers
- 53% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 40% came from federal sources
- 60% came from state funds

In 2022, Illinois supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Illinois Preschool for All and Preschool Expansion, Parents Too Soon, Healthy Families and the Prevention Initiative. Continued investments, such as the new Illinois Department of Early Childhood (IDEC), will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Illinois's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#04 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#03 / 50 in 0-3

#10 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Illinois by Age Group

420k
0-3

374k
3- K-Entry

2.1M
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	\$471,056,506	\$1,212,690,591	\$560,149,029	\$526,653,938	\$596,944,130	\$1,683,747,097
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$421,811,400	\$ -	\$421,811,400	\$ -	\$421,811,400
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$8,049,837	\$16,247,152	\$20,895,411	\$3,401,578	\$ -	\$24,296,989
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$37,536,840	\$108,891,900	\$127,455,234	\$18,973,506	\$ -	\$146,428,740
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$130,523,254	\$130,523,254	\$ -	\$ -	\$130,523,254
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$31,204,142,106	\$ -	\$ -	\$31,204,142,106	\$31,204,142,106
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$702,426,985	\$ -	\$300,289,596	\$331,370,326	\$70,767,063	\$702,426,985
Total	\$1,219,070,168	\$33,094,306,403	\$1,139,312,524	\$1,302,210,748	\$31,871,853,298	\$34,313,376,571

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