

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Iowa, **\$0.09** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.21** on preschool-aged children.

Iowa invested over \$374 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$335 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$39 million – or 12% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

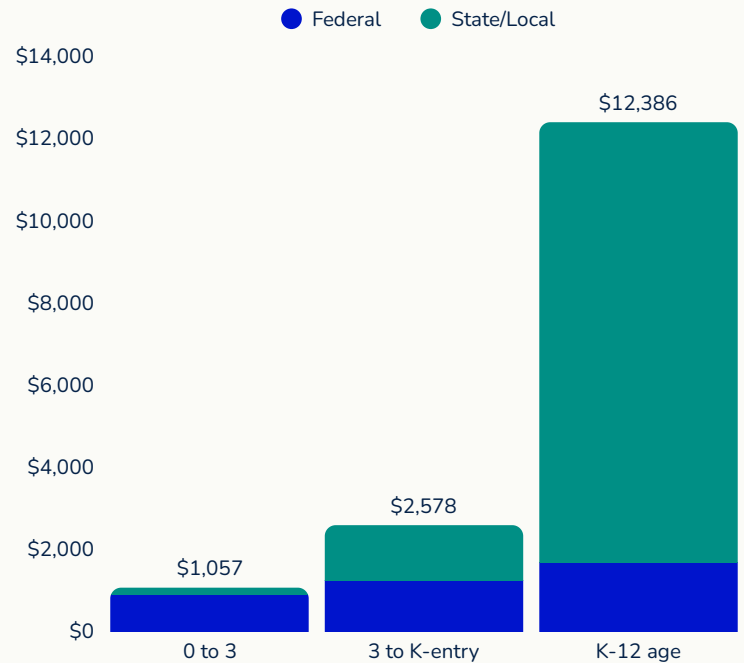
- 31% supported infants and toddlers
- 59% came from federal sources
- 69% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 41% came from state funds

In 2022, Iowa supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Shared Visions (SV), the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP), and the Child Care Assistance Program. Continued investments, such as the LETRS for Early Childhood Educators Professional Learning Courses, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Iowa's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#21 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#37 / 50 in 0-3

#17 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Iowa by Age Group

110k
0-3

100k
3- K-Entry

545k
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	\$109,630,285	\$51,961,293	\$53,101,487	\$54,478,211	\$54,011,880	\$161,591,578
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$116,536,314	\$ -	\$116,536,314	\$ -	\$116,536,314
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$5,725,407	\$ -	\$4,923,850	\$801,557	\$ -	\$5,725,407
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$8,924,614	\$1,721,400	\$6,351,164	\$4,294,850	\$ -	\$10,646,014
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$574,500	\$574,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$574,500
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$5,826,440,073	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,826,440,073	\$5,826,440,073
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$151,855,318	\$ -	\$51,295,382	\$81,834,695	\$18,725,241	\$151,855,318
Total	\$276,135,624	\$5,997,233,580	\$116,246,383	\$257,945,627	\$5,899,177,194	\$6,273,369,204

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