

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Kentucky, **\$0.14 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.24 on preschool-aged children.**

Kentucky invested over \$628 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$567 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving almost \$62 million – or 11% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

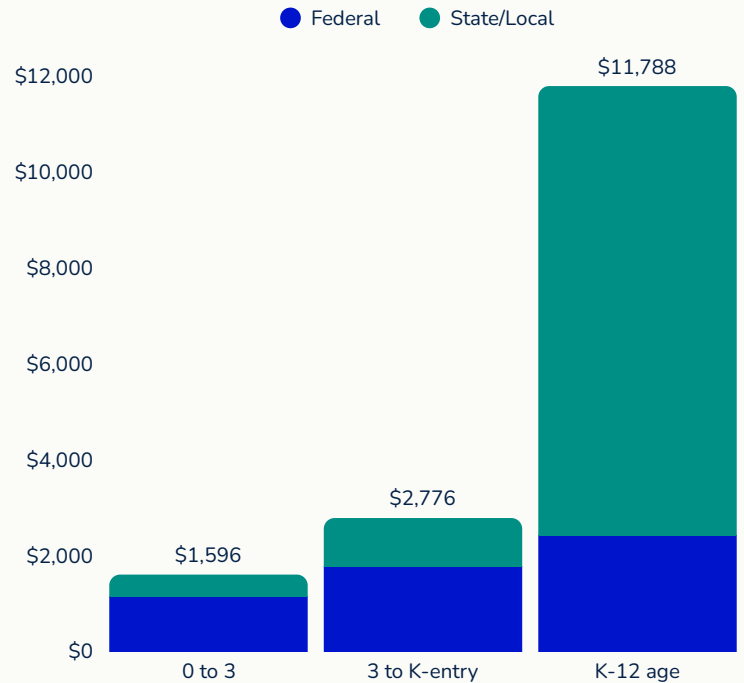
- 39% supported infants and toddlers
- 67% came from federal sources
- 61% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 33% came from state funds

In 2022, Kentucky supported early care and education through programs like the Early Childhood Development Scholarships, the Kentucky Preschool Program, and the Child Care Assistance Program. Continued investments, such as the Adaptive Kindergarten Readiness Pilot and the Preschool Quality Partnership (PQP) Grants Initiative, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Kentucky's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#15 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#09 / 50 in 0-3

#20 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Kentucky by Age Group

155k
0-3

137k
3- K-Entry

750k
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	\$200,907,027	\$37,541,260	\$94,026,655	\$84,073,609	\$60,348,023	\$238,448,287
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$120,736,365	\$ -	\$120,736,365	\$ -	\$120,736,365
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$3,642,891	\$ -	\$3,132,886	\$510,005	\$ -	\$3,642,891
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$17,548,159	\$ -	\$6,558,761	\$10,989,398	\$ -	\$17,548,159
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$54,699,150	\$54,699,150	\$ -	\$ -	\$54,699,150
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$6,077,683	\$ -	\$6,077,683	\$ -	\$6,077,683
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$7,023,266,710	\$ -	\$ -	\$7,023,266,710	\$7,023,266,710
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$260,952,716	\$ -	\$88,501,607	\$159,169,333	\$13,281,776	\$260,952,716
Total	\$483,050,793	\$7,242,321,168	\$246,919,059	\$381,556,393	\$7,096,896,509	\$7,725,371,961

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