

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Louisiana, **\$0.14** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.21** on preschool-aged children.

Louisiana invested over \$696 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$678 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$18 million – or 3% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

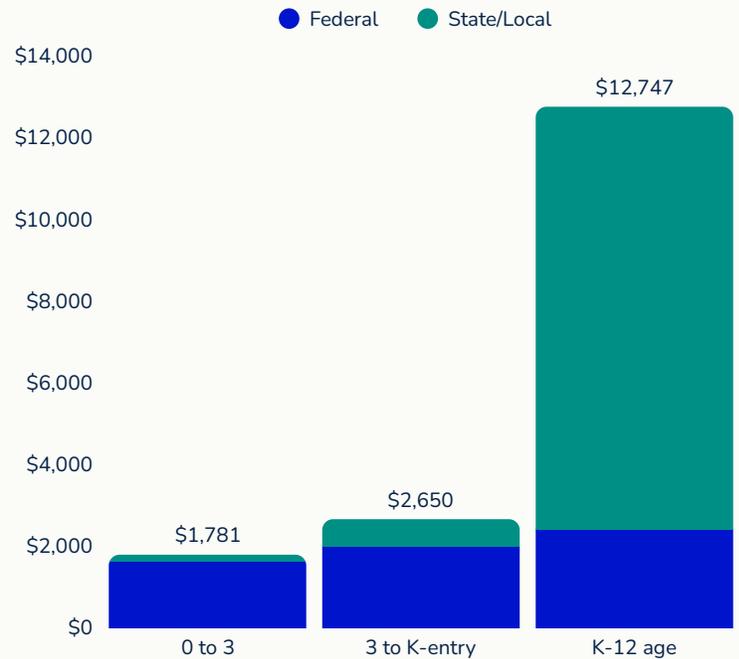
- 43% supported infants and toddlers
- 57% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 82% came from federal sources
- 18% came from state funds

In 2022, Louisiana supported early care and education through programs like the Child Care Assistance Program, the Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program (LA 4), and the Nonpublic Schools Early Childhood Development Program. Future reports will reflect continued investments, including increased state general funds that expanded capacity for LA 4.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Louisiana's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#39 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#38 / 50 in 0-3

#35 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Louisiana by Age Group

169k
0-3

149k
3- K-Entry

795k
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	\$199,890,987	\$20,147,384	\$110,937,939	\$74,175,114	\$34,925,318	\$220,038,371
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$90,651,835	\$ -	\$90,651,835	\$ -	\$90,651,835
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$12,959,225	\$2,600,000	\$13,380,934	\$2,178,292	\$ -	\$15,559,225
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$14,075,504	\$15,558,912	\$22,682,476	\$6,951,940	\$ -	\$29,634,416
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$8,227,800,223	\$ -	\$ -	\$8,227,800,223	\$8,227,800,223
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$390,714,272	\$ -	\$154,229,619	\$220,933,954	\$15,550,699	\$390,714,272
Total	\$617,639,988	\$8,356,758,354	\$301,230,968	\$394,891,135	\$8,278,276,239	\$8,974,398,342

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