

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Maine, **\$0.12** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.20** on preschool-aged children.

Maine invested over \$178 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$130 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving almost \$49 million – or 37% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

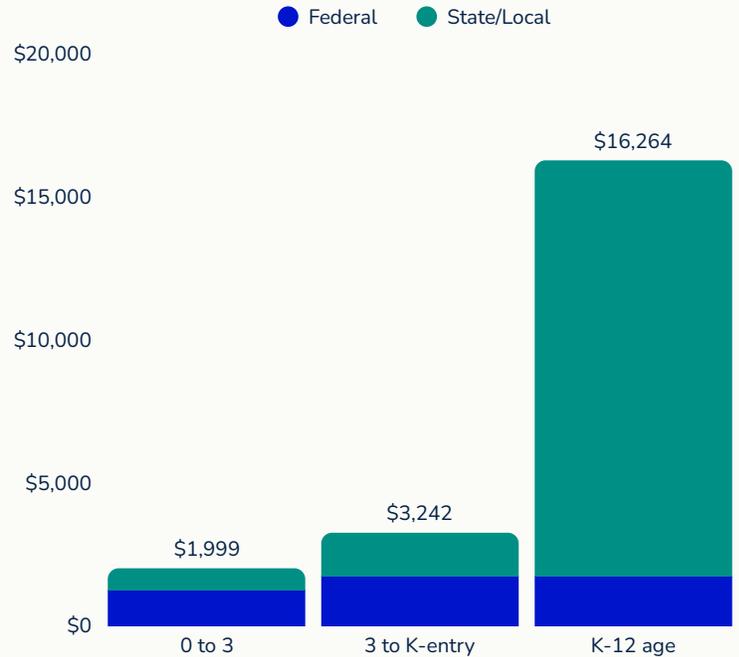
- 41% supported infants and toddlers
- 57% came from federal sources
- 59% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 43% came from state funds

In 2022, Maine supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Early Childhood Consultation Program and the Maine Public Preschool Program. Continued investments, such as the Early Childhood Educator Salary Supplement Program, will be reflected in future reports.



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## Per Capita Spending by Age Group



## Maine's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#16 / 50** in 0 to K-entry

**#07 / 50** in 0-3

**#21 / 50** in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

## Children in Maine by Age Group

**37k**  
0-3

**32k**  
3- K-Entry

**189k**  
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	\$38,759,363	\$7,764,784	\$16,714,005	\$16,567,146	\$13,242,996	\$46,524,147
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$23,099,701	\$ -	\$23,099,701	\$ -	\$23,099,701
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$6,069,458	\$5,338,042	\$9,810,450	\$1,597,050	\$ -	\$11,407,500
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$5,137,810	\$ -	\$2,433,483	\$2,704,327	\$ -	\$5,137,810
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$500	\$500	\$ -	\$ -	\$500
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$3,087,734	\$ -	\$3,087,734	\$ -	\$3,087,734
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$39,711,000	\$19,943,116	\$19,767,884	\$ -	\$39,711,000
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$2,754,998,172	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,754,998,172	\$2,754,998,172
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$67,996,101	\$ -	\$24,234,600	\$38,402,230	\$5,359,271	\$67,996,101
<b>Total</b>	\$117,962,732	\$2,833,999,933	\$73,136,154	\$105,226,072	\$2,773,600,440	\$2,951,962,665

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