

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Massachusetts, **\$0.10** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.15** on preschool-aged children.

Massachusetts invested over \$947 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$734 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$213 million – or 29% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

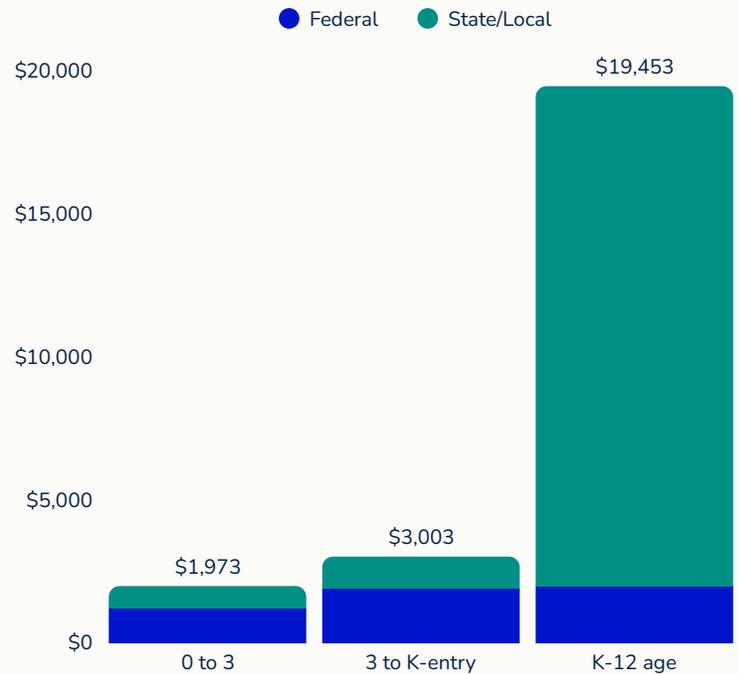
- 43% supported infants and toddlers
- 57% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 62% came from federal sources
- 38% came from state funds

In 2022, Massachusetts supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative, Parent-Child Plus Program, and Reach Out and Read. Continued investments, such as the Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) Operational Grants, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Massachusetts's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#32 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#13 / 50 in 0-3

#34 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Massachusetts by Age Group

207k
0-3

179k
3- K-Entry

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	\$415,995,984	\$330,854,284	\$251,572,879	\$269,005,076	\$226,272,313	\$746,850,268
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$64,752,956	\$ -	\$64,752,956	\$ -	\$64,752,956
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$6,738,446	\$4,815,506	\$9,936,399	\$1,617,553	\$ -	\$11,553,952
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$19,171,863	\$44,708,450	\$53,236,554	\$10,643,759	\$ -	\$63,880,313
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,000,000
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$15,000,000	\$ -	\$15,000,000	\$ -	\$15,000,000
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$17,957,833,829	\$ -	\$ -	\$17,957,833,829	\$17,957,833,829
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$303,341,528	\$ -	\$93,614,256	\$177,067,191	\$32,660,081	\$303,341,528
Total	\$745,247,821	\$18,418,965,025	\$409,360,088	\$538,086,536	\$18,216,766,222	\$19,164,212,846

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