

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Mississippi, **\$0.15 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.29 on preschool-aged children.**

In 2022, Mississippi invested almost \$403 million in early care and education, yet more than \$1 million of those dollars were not reflected in national reports, leaving some state and local investments uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

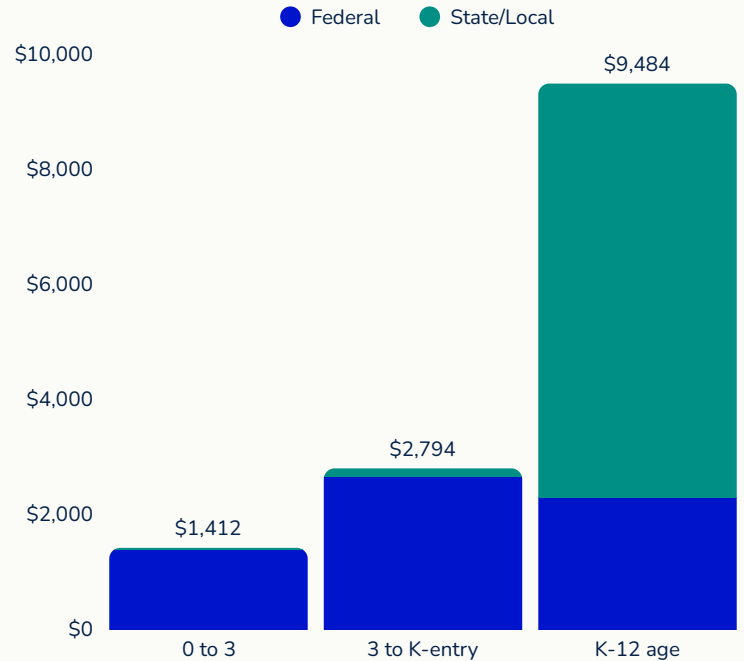
- 36% supported infants and toddlers
- 64% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 96% came from federal sources
- 4% came from state funds

Mississippi supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Division of Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD), the State Invested Pre-K (SIP) Program, and the Mississippi Early Learning Collaborative (ELC). Future reports will reflect a shift in funding from the SIP program to the ELC.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Mississippi's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#48 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#50 / 50 in 0-3

#44 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Mississippi by Age Group

103k
0-3

92k
3- K-Entry

520k
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 | \$129,177,358 | \$8,114,203 | \$44,814,888 | \$45,926,923 | \$46,549,750 | \$137,291,561 |
| State Preschool/ Early Education | \$ - | \$9,516,538 | \$ - | \$9,516,538 | \$ - | \$9,516,538 |
| Home Visiting/ Parent Education | \$3,038,018 | \$ - | \$2,612,695 | \$425,323 | \$ - | \$3,038,018 |
| Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed | \$8,962,337 | \$ - | \$4,417,559 | \$4,544,778 | \$ - | \$8,962,337 |
| Other 0 to 3 Expenditures | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| K - 12 Expenditures | \$ - | \$3,738,473,803 | \$ - | \$ - | \$3,738,473,803 | \$3,738,473,803 |
| Other Federal Funding Streams | \$309,435,367 | \$ - | \$93,628,407 | \$196,998,639 | \$18,808,321 | \$309,435,367 |
| Total | \$450,613,080 | \$3,756,104,544 | \$145,473,549 | \$257,412,200 | \$3,803,831,874 | \$4,206,717,624 |

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