

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Missouri, **\$0.14** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.27** on preschool-aged children.

Missouri invested almost \$893 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$607 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving over \$285 million – or 47% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

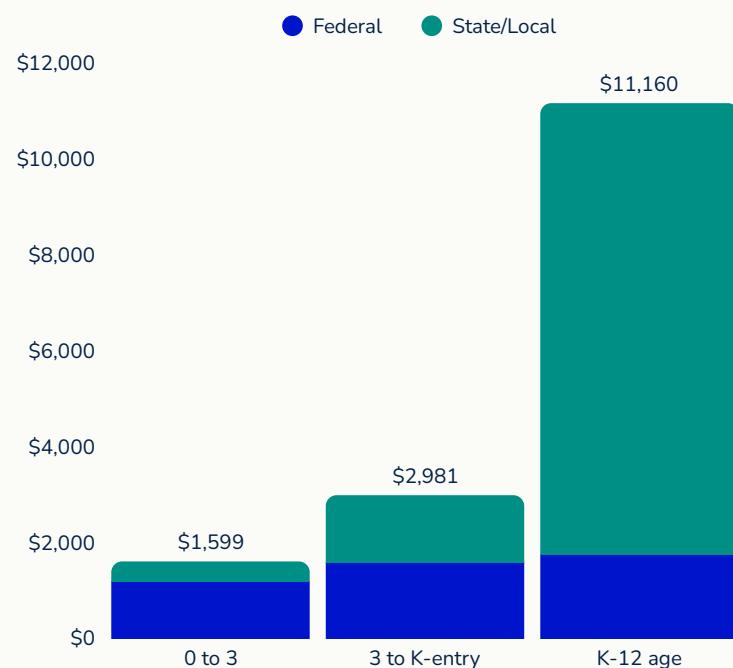
- 38% supported infants and toddlers
 - 60% came from federal sources
- 62% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
 - 40% came from state funds

In 2022, Missouri supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Child Care Subsidy Program, The Missouri Pre-K Foundation Formula, First Steps, and Early Childhood Special Education. Future reports will reflect continued investments, including the launch of the Missouri Quality Pre-K (MOQPK) program and increased funding for the Pre-K Foundation Formula.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Missouri's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#10 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#11 / 50 in 0-3

#09 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Missouri by Age Group

211k
0-3

186k
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	\$231,659,157	\$56,584,137	\$112,058,100	\$100,196,364	\$75,988,830	\$288,243,294
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$26,392,965	\$ -	\$26,392,965	\$ -	\$26,392,965
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$3,677,419	\$27,592,130	\$26,891,812	\$4,377,737	\$ -	\$31,269,549
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$15,382,725	\$257,369,853	\$52,769,391	\$219,983,187	\$ -	\$272,752,578
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$9,584,909,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$9,584,909,819	\$9,584,909,819
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$379,271,997	\$ -	\$145,390,202	\$204,505,940	\$29,375,855	\$379,271,997
Total	\$629,991,298	\$9,952,848,904	\$337,109,505	\$555,456,193	\$9,690,274,504	\$10,582,840,202

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