

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Nebraska, **\$0.11 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.15 on preschool-aged children.**

Nebraska invested almost \$238 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$216 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving almost \$22 million – or 10% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

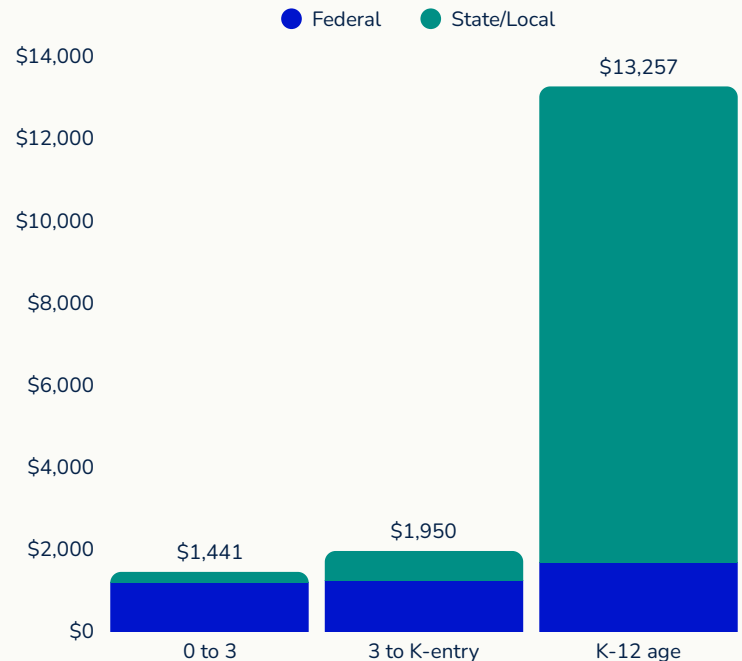
- 44% supported infants and toddlers
- 56% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 71% came from federal sources
- 29% came from state funds

In 2022, Nebraska supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Nebraska Early Childhood Education Program and the Child Care Subsidy Program. Continued investments will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Nebraska's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#37 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#30 / 50 in 0-3

#36 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Nebraska by Age Group

73k
0-3

68k
3- K-Entry

354k
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	\$72,813,720	\$53,905,088	\$43,827,433	\$40,911,937	\$41,979,438	\$126,718,808
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$30,903,375	\$ -	\$30,903,375	\$ -	\$30,903,375
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$2,641,528	\$1,100,000	\$3,217,714	\$523,814	\$ -	\$3,741,528
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$5,542,744	\$ -	\$3,099,276	\$2,443,468	\$ -	\$5,542,744
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$4,084,568,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$4,084,568,338	\$4,084,568,338
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$126,329,664	\$ -	\$54,502,455	\$58,274,541	\$13,552,668	\$126,329,664
Total	\$207,327,656	\$4,170,476,801	\$104,646,879	\$133,057,135	\$4,140,100,444	\$4,377,804,457

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