

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in New Mexico, **\$0.22 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.35 on preschool-aged children.**

New Mexico invested almost \$414 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$300 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$114 million – or 38% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

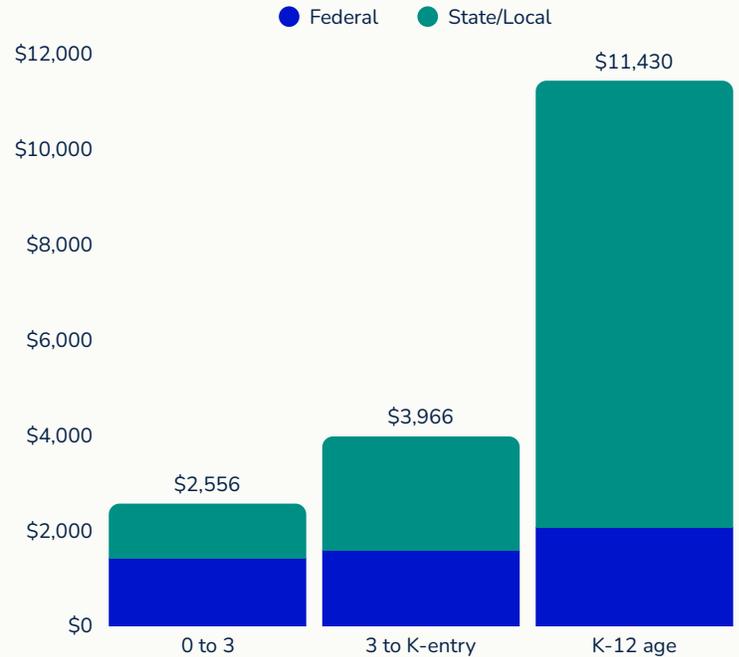
- 41% supported infants and toddlers
- 59% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 46% came from federal sources
- 54% came from state funds

In 2022, New Mexico supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Child Care Assistance Program and New Mexico PreK. Continued investments, such as the Universal Child Care program, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



New Mexico's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#01 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#01 / 50 in 0-3

#01 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in New Mexico by Age Group

67k
0-3

61k
3- K-Entry

360k
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	\$93,438,152	\$57,623,000	\$54,360,330	\$49,661,536	\$47,039,286	\$151,061,152
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$103,932,565	\$ -	\$103,932,565	\$ -	\$103,932,565
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$8,288,800	\$ -	\$7,128,368	\$1,160,432	\$ -	\$8,288,800
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$6,269,504	\$44,839,408	\$32,039,482	\$19,069,430	\$ -	\$51,108,912
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$16,835,000	\$16,835,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$16,835,000
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$3,368,839,095	\$ -	\$ -	\$3,368,839,095	\$3,368,839,095
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$118,973,071	\$ -	\$50,499,703	\$61,203,670	\$7,269,698	\$118,973,071
Total	\$226,969,527	\$3,592,069,068	\$160,862,883	\$235,027,633	\$3,423,148,079	\$3,819,038,594

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