

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in North Carolina, **\$0.13** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.21** on preschool-aged children.

In 2022, North Carolina invested over \$1.1 billion in early care and education, yet almost \$64 million – about 6% of total spending – was not reflected in national reports, leaving some state and local investments uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

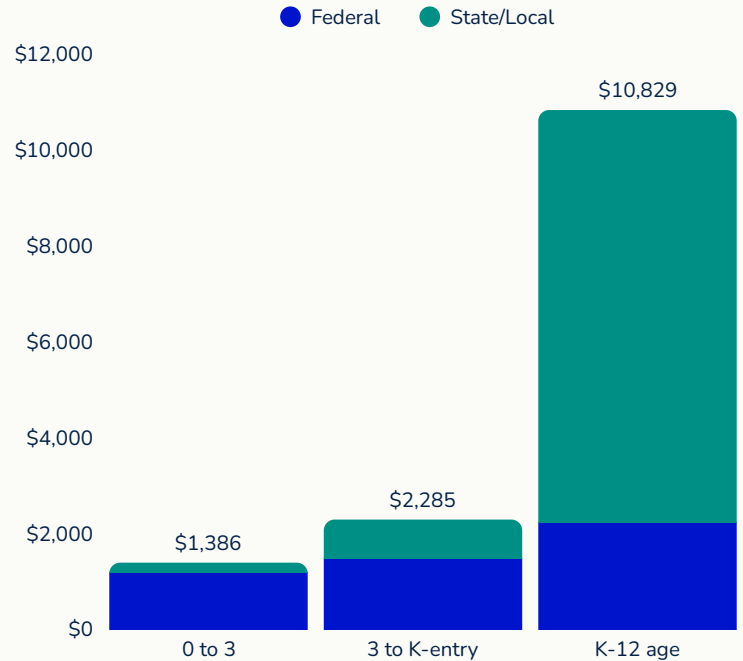
- 40% supported infants and toddlers
- 60% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 73% came from federal sources
- 27% came from state funds

In 2022, North Carolina supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Subsidized Child Care Program and North Carolina Pre-K. Continued investments in these programs will be reflected in future reports.



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## Per Capita Spending by Age Group



## North Carolina's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#29 / 50** in 0 to K-entry

**#28 / 50** in 0-3

**#27 / 50** in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

## Children in North Carolina by Age Group

**341k**

0-3

**307k**

3- K-Entry

**1.7M**

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	\$560,854,977	\$199,168,532	\$269,166,341	\$278,973,517	\$211,883,652	\$760,023,509
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$174,200,929	\$ -	\$174,200,929	\$ -	\$174,200,929
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$3,704,693	\$ -	\$3,186,036	\$518,657	\$ -	\$3,704,693
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$26,951,131	\$ -	\$14,699,610	\$12,251,521	\$ -	\$26,951,131
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$14,677,080,184	\$ -	\$ -	\$14,677,080,184	\$14,677,080,184
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$464,240,533	\$ -	\$185,076,349	\$236,736,115	\$42,428,069	\$464,240,533
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,055,751,334</b>	<b>\$15,050,449,646</b>	<b>\$472,128,336</b>	<b>\$702,680,739</b>	<b>\$14,931,391,905</b>	<b>\$16,106,200,980</b>

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