

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Ohio, **\$0.11** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.21** on preschool-aged children.

Ohio invested almost \$1.6 billion in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$1.3 billion of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$312 million – or 25% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

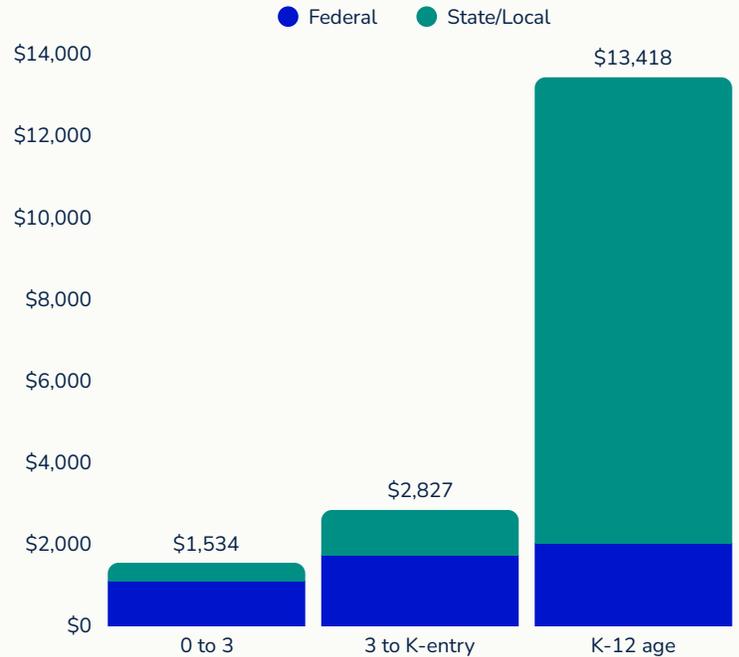
- 38% supported infants and toddlers
- 62% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 64% came from federal sources
- 36% came from state funds

In 2022, Ohio supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Ohio Early Childhood Education (ECE) and the Step Up to Quality Program. Continued investments, such as a funding increase to the Ohio ECE Program, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Ohio's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#24 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#17 / 50 in 0-3

#25 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Ohio by Age Group

397k

0-3

346k

3- K-Entry

1.9M

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	\$672,826,041	\$376,360,617	\$365,467,212	\$345,708,409	\$327,520,667	\$1,038,696,288
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$86,986,950	\$ -	\$86,986,950	\$ -	\$86,986,950
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$7,510,274	\$33,992,340	\$35,692,248	\$5,810,366	\$ -	\$41,502,614
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$30,027,388	\$187,847,643	\$37,586,561	\$180,288,470	\$ -	\$217,875,031
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$21,927,057,306	\$ -	\$ -	\$21,927,057,306	\$21,927,057,306
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$564,756,327	\$ -	\$167,648,113	\$357,648,425	\$39,459,789	\$564,756,327
Total	\$1,275,120,030*	\$22,612,244,856	\$606,394,134	\$976,442,620	\$22,294,037,761	\$23,876,874,515

*There is a small discrepancy in the Ohio totals because 1% of Ohio's 2022 CCDF data was invalid or not reported.

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