

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Oklahoma, **\$0.16 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.29 on preschool-aged children.**

Oklahoma invested over \$634 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$611 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$23 million – or 4% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

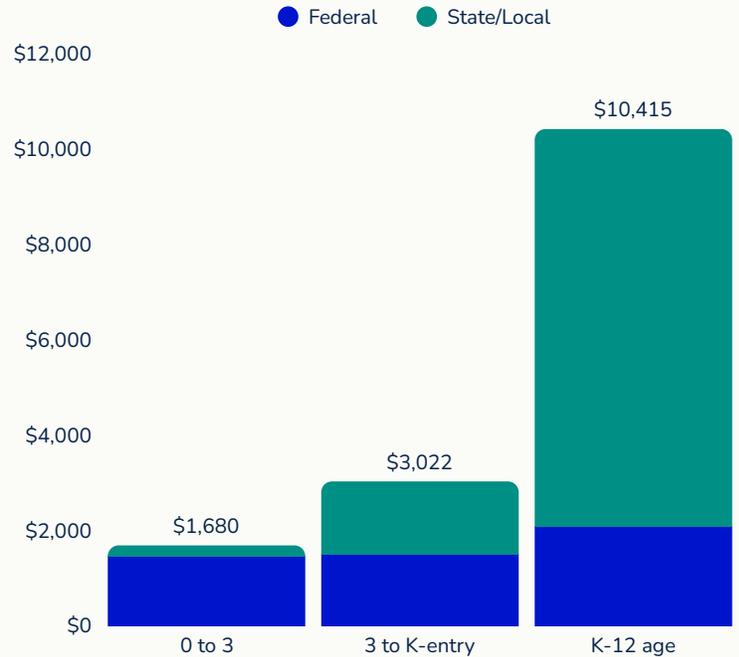
- 38% supported infants and toddlers
- 62% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 63% came from federal sources
- 37% came from state funds

In 2022, Oklahoma supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Oklahoma Early Childhood Four-Year-Old Program and Sooner Start. Continued investments, such as the Leading Early Childhood Achievement and Development (LEAD) Project and the Early Learning Inventory (ELI) assessment tool, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Oklahoma's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#08 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#22 / 50 in 0-3

#08 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Oklahoma by Age Group

143k
0-3

130k
3- K-Entry

705k
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	\$226,701,949	\$32,764,922	\$104,666,869	\$87,927,718	\$66,872,284	\$259,466,871
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$184,734,990	\$ -	\$184,734,990	\$ -	\$184,734,990
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$6,789,148	\$7,108,162	\$11,951,686	\$1,945,623	\$ -	\$13,897,310
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$10,004,947	\$14,400,340	\$20,475,440	\$3,929,847	\$ -	\$24,405,287
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$1,806,005	\$ -	\$1,806,005	\$ -	\$1,806,005
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$5,874,524,066	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,874,524,066	\$5,874,524,066
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$230,984,575	\$ -	\$103,017,387	\$113,919,654	\$14,047,534	\$230,984,575
Total	\$474,480,619	\$6,115,338,484	\$240,111,382	\$394,263,838	\$5,955,443,884	\$6,589,819,103

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