

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Rhode Island, **\$0.10 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.18 on preschool-aged children.**

Rhode Island invested over \$145 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$129 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$16 million – or 12% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

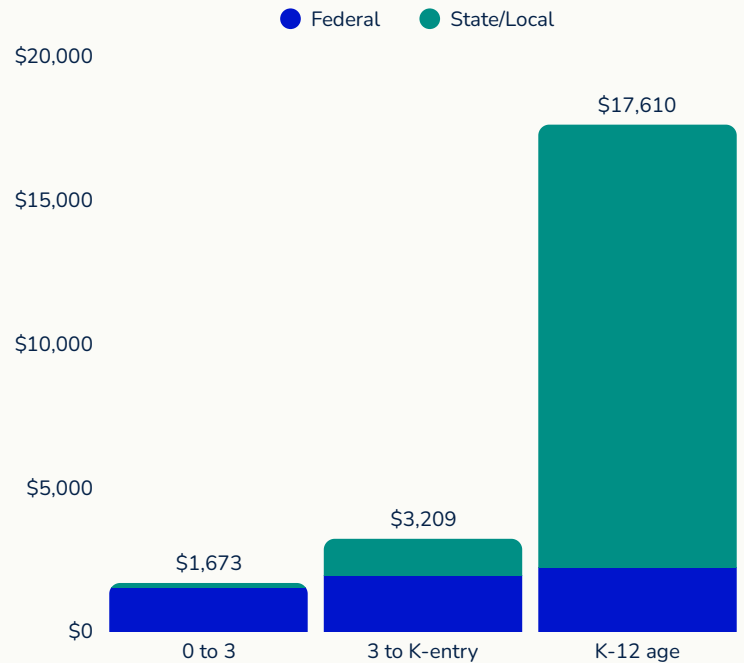
- 35% supported infants and toddlers
- 65% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 71% came from federal sources
- 29% came from state funds

In 2022, Rhode Island supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Rhode Island Works/Child Care Program and Rhode Island State Pre-Kindergarten. Continued investments, such as Enhancing the RI Start Early System (RISES), will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Rhode Island's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#35 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#44 / 50 in 0-3

#31 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Rhode Island by Age Group

30k

0-3

29k

3- K-Entry

157k

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	\$56,003,363	\$15,532,516	\$20,976,263	\$24,036,327	\$26,523,288	\$71,535,879
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$30,727,245	\$ -	\$30,727,245	\$ -	\$30,727,245
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$7,288,625	\$ -	\$6,268,218	\$1,020,408	\$ -	\$7,288,625
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$4,231,974	\$101,445	\$2,534,928	\$1,798,491	\$ -	\$4,333,419
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$1,190,000	\$ -	\$1,190,000	\$ -	\$1,190,000
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$2,413,057,488	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,413,057,488	\$2,413,057,488
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$61,833,729	\$ -	\$20,896,959	\$35,747,452	\$5,189,318	\$61,833,729
Total	\$129,357,691	\$2,460,608,694	\$50,676,368	\$94,519,923	\$2,444,770,094	\$2,589,966,385

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