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South Carolina 2022

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in South Carolina, **$0.11 was spent on infants and toddlers, and $0.19 on preschool-aged children.**

South Carolina invested almost $581 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only $522 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving $59 million – or 11% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

- **40%** supported infants and toddlers
- **60%** supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- **70%** came from federal sources
- **30%** came from state funds

In 2022, South Carolina supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as BabyNet and the South Carolina Child Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP). Continued investments, such as the Language & Literacy Enhancement Program, will be reflected in future reports.

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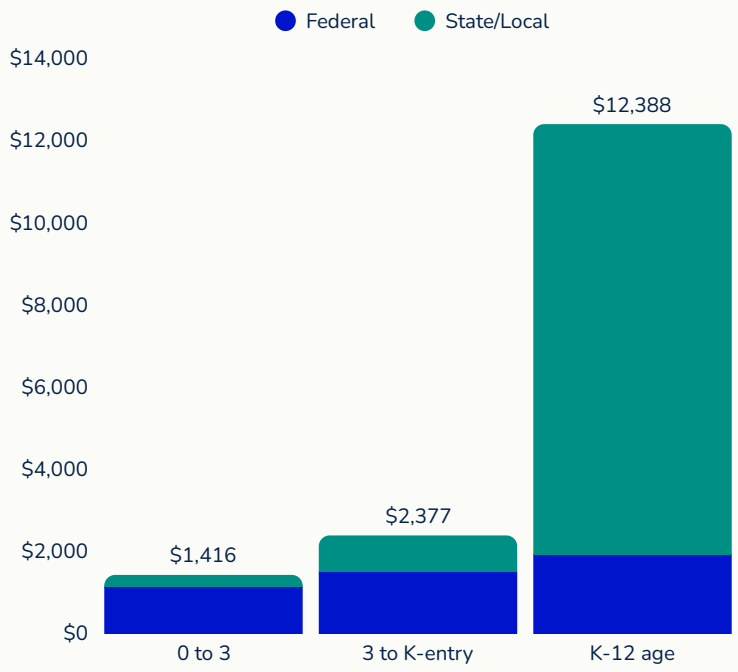
Per Capita Spending by Age Group



South Carolina's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#31 /50 in 0 to K-entry

#26 /50 in 0-3

#30 /50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in South Carolina by Age Group

164k	147k	831k
0-3	3- K-Entry	K-12 age

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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	$198,228,361	$22,376,361	$94,076,113	$82,944,286	$43,584,323	$220,604,722
State Preschool/ Early Education	$ -	$97,166,139	$ -	$97,166,139	$ -	$97,166,139
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	$8,220,943	$ -	$7,070,011	$1,150,932	$ -	$8,220,943
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	$14,713,851	$38,168,915	$31,355,119	$21,527,647	$ -	$52,882,766
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	$ -	$20,875,676	$11,094,215	$9,781,461	$ -	$20,875,676
K - 12 Expenditures	$ -	$8,702,243,786	$ -	$ -	$8,702,243,786	$8,702,243,786
Other Federal Funding Streams	$239,437,816	$ -	$88,570,572	$136,060,572	$14,806,672	$239,437,816
Total	$460,600,971	$8,880,830,877	$232,166,030	$348,631,037	$8,760,634,781	$9,341,431,848

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