

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Tennessee, **\$0.15** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.23** on preschool-aged children.

Tennessee invested over \$805 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$750 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$55 million – or 7% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

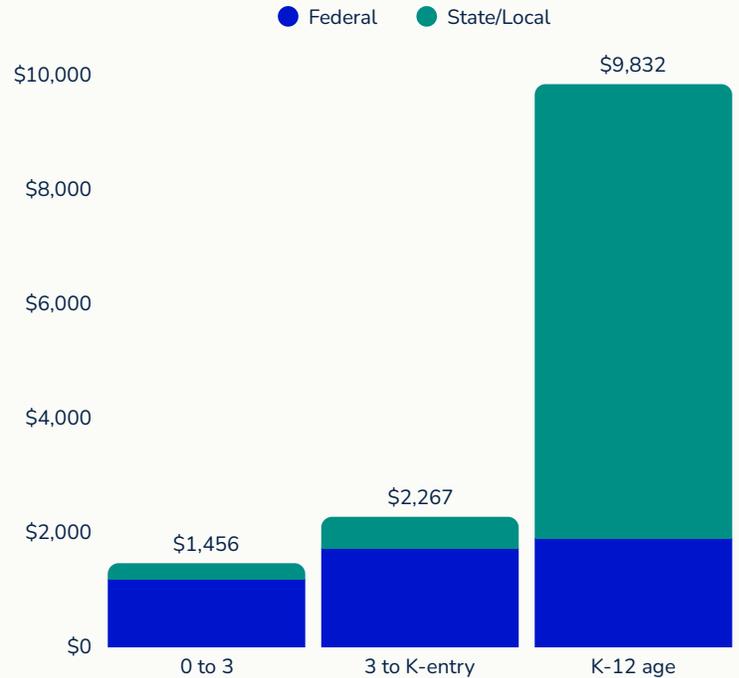
- 43% supported infants and toddlers
- 57% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 78% came from federal sources
- 22% came from state funds

In 2022, Tennessee supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Tennessee Voluntary Pre-K and Healthy Start. Continued investments will be reflected in future reports.



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## Per Capita Spending by Age Group



## Tennessee's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#33 / 50** in 0 to K-entry

**#18 / 50** in 0-3

**#33 / 50** in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

## Children in Tennessee by Age Group

<b>239k</b>	<b>201k</b>	<b>1.1M</b>
0-3	3- K-Entry	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	\$318,464,473	\$42,935,225	\$172,296,711	\$153,756,949	\$35,346,038	\$361,399,698
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$91,154,500	\$ -	\$91,154,500	\$ -	\$91,154,500
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$11,095,804	\$4,480,203	\$13,395,366	\$2,180,641	\$ -	\$15,576,007
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$18,468,328	\$42,952,300	\$53,962,135	\$7,458,493	\$ -	\$61,420,628
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$74,618	\$74,618	\$ -	\$ -	\$74,618
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$8,977,981,639	\$ -	\$ -	\$8,977,981,639	\$8,977,981,639
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$320,825,547	\$ -	\$108,962,957	\$202,157,434	\$9,705,156	\$320,825,547
<b>Total</b>	\$668,854,152	\$9,159,578,485	\$348,691,788	\$456,708,017	\$9,023,032,833	\$9,828,432,638

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