

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Texas, **\$0.10 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.19 on preschool-aged children.**

In 2022, Texas invested over \$3.4 billion in early care and education, yet more than \$86 million – about 3% of total spending – was not reflected in national reports, leaving some state and local investments uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

- **36%** supported infants and toddlers
- **64%** supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- **68%** came from federal sources
- **32%** came from state funds

In 2022, Texas supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Local Child Care Solutions, Texas Public School Prekindergarten, and the Texas Home Visiting Program. Continued investments will be reflected in future reports.



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## Per Capita Spending by Age Group



## Texas's ECE Investment Rankings

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

**#30 / 50** in 0 to K-entry

**#41 / 50** in 0-3

**#23 / 50** in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

## Children in Texas by Age Group



## 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	\$1,228,169,969	\$195,311,178	\$535,756,052	\$481,314,480	\$406,410,615	\$1,423,481,147
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$871,371,254	\$ -	\$871,371,254	\$ -	\$871,371,254
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$32,736,101	\$4,465,218	\$31,993,134	\$5,208,185	\$ -	\$37,201,319
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$71,735,477	\$45,975,441	\$93,013,512	\$24,697,406	\$ -	\$117,710,918
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$1,102,296	\$1,102,296	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,102,296
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$23,605,089	\$12,434,309	\$11,170,780	\$ -	\$23,605,089
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$51,611,541,548	\$ -	\$ -	\$51,611,541,548	\$51,611,541,548
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$1,528,200,068	\$ -	\$575,223,686	\$798,481,100	\$154,495,282	\$1,528,200,068
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,860,841,615</b>	<b>\$52,753,372,024</b>	<b>\$1,249,522,989</b>	<b>\$2,192,243,205</b>	<b>\$52,172,447,445</b>	<b>\$55,614,213,639</b>

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