

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Utah, **\$0.09** was spent on infants and toddlers, and **\$0.16** on preschool-aged children.

Utah invested over \$309 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$242 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$67 million – or 28% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

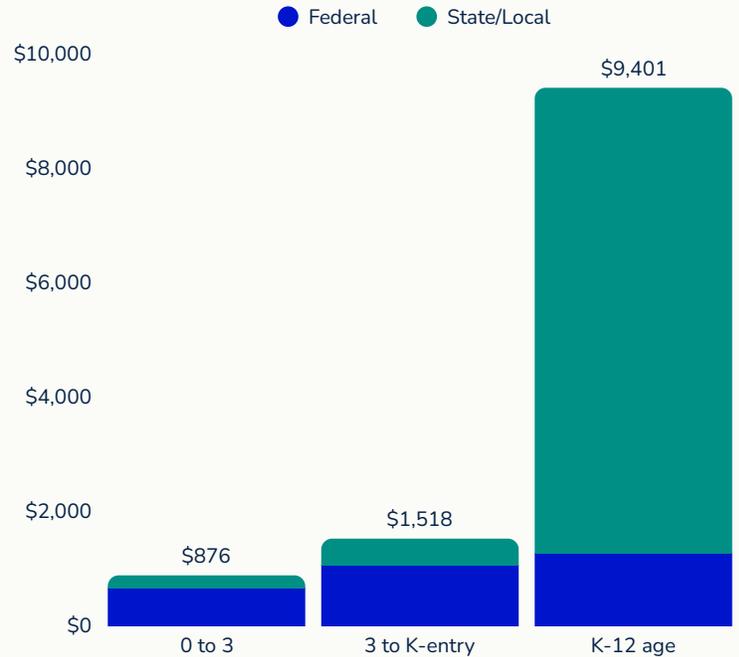
- 40% supported infants and toddlers
- 60% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 72% came from federal sources
- 28% came from state funds

In 2022, Utah supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Early Intervention and the Expanded Student Access to High Quality School Readiness Program (ESA). Continued investments, such as amendments to the School Readiness (SR) Program, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Utah's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#38 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#23 / 50 in 0-3

#37 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Utah by Age Group

141k

0-3

122k

3- K-Entry

702k

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	\$147,249,687	\$22,917,247	\$51,809,595	\$56,547,551	\$61,809,788	\$170,166,934
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$6,206,636	\$ -	\$6,206,636	\$ -	\$6,206,636
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$3,129,808	\$ -	\$2,691,635	\$438,173	\$ -	\$3,129,808
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$9,669,128	\$67,216,800	\$30,022,836	\$46,863,092	\$ -	\$76,885,928
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$5,703,405,628	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,703,405,628	\$5,703,405,628
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$127,278,992	\$ -	\$39,210,302	\$75,424,035	\$12,644,655	\$127,278,992
Total	\$287,327,615	\$5,799,746,311	\$123,734,368	\$185,479,487	\$5,777,860,071	\$6,087,073,926

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