

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Virginia, **\$0.07 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.13 on preschool-aged children.**

Virginia invested almost \$709 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$686 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving over \$22 million – or 3% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

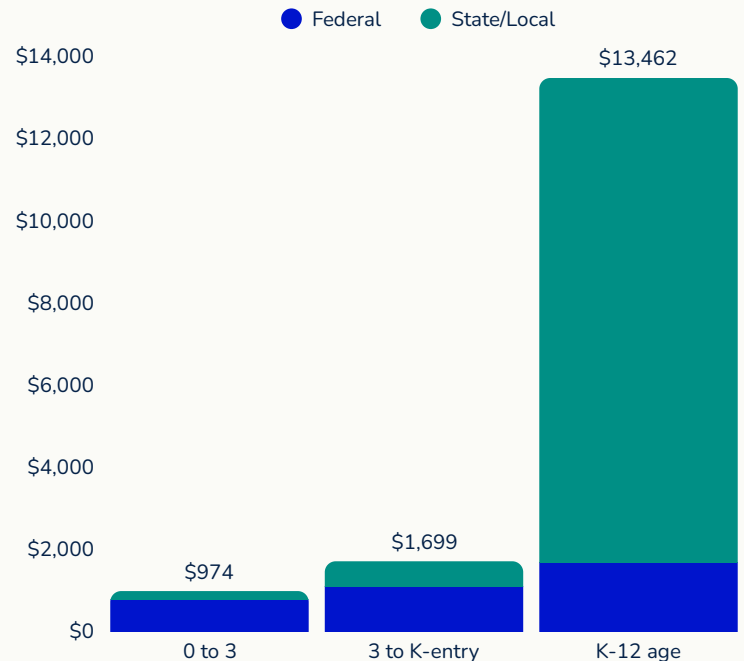
- 40% supported infants and toddlers
- 60% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 71% came from federal sources
- 29% came from state funds

In 2022, Virginia supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Virginia Preschool Initiative and Families Forward Virginia. Continued investments, such as Virginia's quality measurement and improvement system (VQB5) and a significant increase in state child care funding, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Virginia's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#40 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#36 / 50 in 0-3

#38 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Virginia by Age Group

291k
0-3

251k
3- K-Entry

1.4M
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	\$246,334,740	\$94,986,000	\$127,100,376	\$121,814,650	\$92,405,715	\$341,320,740
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$117,422,318	\$ -	\$117,422,318	\$ -	\$117,422,318
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$8,707,561	\$832,946	\$8,204,836	\$1,335,671	\$ -	\$9,540,507
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$22,073,754	\$21,379,450	\$33,572,902	\$9,880,302	\$ -	\$43,453,204
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$16,462,499,530	\$ -	\$ -	\$16,462,499,530	\$16,462,499,530
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$324,614,927	\$ -	\$114,241,220	\$175,193,546	\$35,180,161	\$324,614,927
Total	\$601,730,982	\$16,697,120,244	\$283,119,334	\$425,646,487	\$16,590,085,406	\$17,298,851,226

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