

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Washington, **\$0.10 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.17 on preschool-aged children.**

Washington invested over \$1 billion in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$795 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving over \$208 million – or 26% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

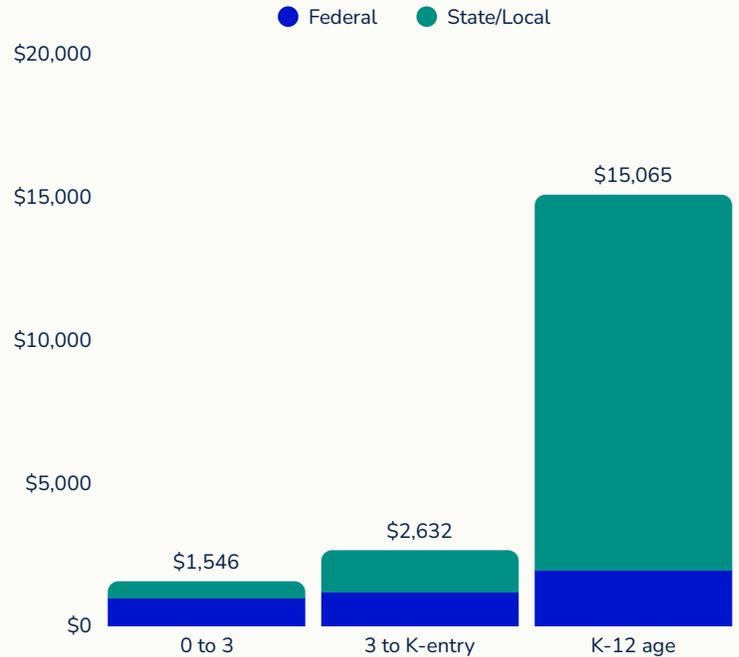
- 39% supported infants and toddlers
- 61% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 51% came from federal sources
- 49% came from state funds

In 2022, Washington supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as Working Connections Child Care and the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP). Continued investments, such as the Transition to Kindergarten Program (TK), will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



Washington's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#14 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#14 / 50 in 0-3

#18 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in Washington by Age Group

251k

0-3

234k

3- K-Entry

1.2M

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	\$319,677,984	\$102,500,914	\$139,878,384	\$143,349,321	\$138,951,193	\$422,178,898
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$180,090,368	\$ -	\$180,090,368	\$ -	\$180,090,368
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$17,455,249	\$10,740,000	\$24,247,914	\$3,947,335	\$ -	\$28,195,249
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$19,576,324	\$228,125,448	\$113,836,999	\$133,864,773	\$ -	\$247,701,772
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$16,050,014,678	\$ -	\$ -	\$16,050,014,678	\$16,050,014,678
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$291,855,565	\$ -	\$110,044,729	\$154,526,585	\$27,284,251	\$291,855,565
Total	\$648,565,122	\$16,571,471,407	\$388,008,027	\$615,778,381	\$16,216,250,122	\$17,220,036,529

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