

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in West Virginia, **\$0.11 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.35 on preschool-aged children.**

West Virginia invested almost \$271 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$262 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$9 million – or 3% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

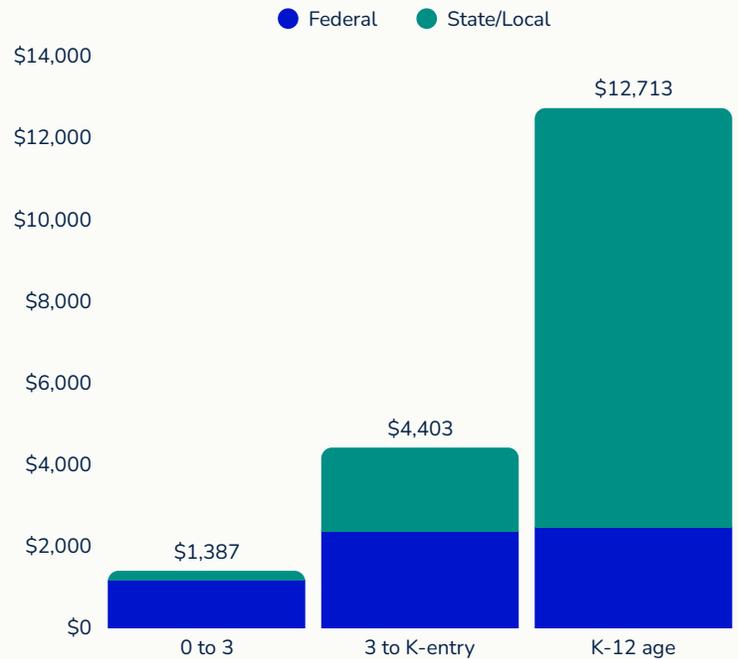
- 28% supported infants and toddlers
- 62% came from federal sources
- 72% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 38% came from state funds

In 2022, West Virginia supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as West Virginia Universal Pre-K and the In Home Family Education Program. Continued investments, such as the Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher Authorization (ECCAT) pathway, will be reflected in future reports.



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Per Capita Spending by Age Group



West Virginia's ECE Investment Rankings

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

#09 / 50 in 0 to K-entry

#32 / 50 in 0-3

#05 / 50 in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

Children in West Virginia by Age Group

55k

0-3

44k

3- K-Entry

273k

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	\$91,081,578	\$9,489,620	\$34,941,919	\$32,790,682	\$32,838,597	\$100,571,198
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$86,922,185	\$ -	\$86,922,185	\$ -	\$86,922,185
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$5,856,049	\$1,000,000	\$5,896,202	\$959,847	\$ -	\$6,856,049
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$6,182,049	\$8,134,060	\$10,567,543	\$3,748,566	\$ -	\$14,316,109
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$2,802,790,162	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,802,790,162	\$2,802,790,162
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$99,290,245	\$ -	\$24,940,614	\$69,907,470	\$4,442,161	\$99,290,245
Total	\$202,409,921	\$2,908,336,027	\$76,346,279	\$194,328,749	\$2,840,070,920	\$3,110,745,948

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