

Pre-K and K-12 per Pupil Spending, By State and Territory, 2023

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State	Pre-K Spending	K-12 Spending	Pre-K Spending as % of K-12 Spending
NATIONAL	\$8,294	\$18,426	45%
Alabama	\$10,881	\$15,694	69%
Alaska	\$4,839	\$22,668	21%
Arizona	\$5,413	\$13,232	41%
Arkansas	\$13,117	\$13,781	95%
California	\$15,554	\$20,557	76%
Colorado	\$6,458	\$19,039	34%
Connecticut	\$10,895	\$25,928	42%
Delaware	\$22,207	\$35,695	62%
District of Columbia	\$9,229	\$19,872	46%
Florida	\$3,142	\$13,845	23%
Georgia	\$5,646	\$13,987	40%
Hawaii	\$10,676	\$20,874	51%
Idaho	\$0	\$12,013	0%
Illinois	\$7,858	\$23,613	33%
Indiana	\$0	\$14,460	0%
Iowa	\$3,831	\$16,107	24%
Kansas	\$4,183	\$16,541	25%
Kentucky	\$11,420	\$15,576	73%
Louisiana	\$5,915	\$15,852	37%
Maine	\$9,063	\$21,136	43%

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Maryland	\$11,772	\$18,769	63%
Massachusetts	\$4,038	\$24,627	16%
Michigan	\$11,854	\$16,814	71%
Minnesota	\$6,735	\$19,787	34%
Mississippi	\$8,573	\$12,934	66%
Missouri	\$4,333	\$14,090	31%
Montana	\$0	\$16,832	0%
Nebraska	\$11,634	\$15,218	76%
Nevada	\$9,897	\$15,121	65%
New Hampshire	\$0	\$21,719	0%
New Jersey	\$16,302	\$27,011	60%
New Mexico	\$8,008	\$16,506	49%
New York	\$6,101	\$34,492	18%
North Carolina	\$8,504	\$13,591	63%
North Dakota	\$4,776	\$20,185	24%
Ohio	\$4,000	\$17,095	23%
Oklahoma	\$11,046	\$12,865	86%
Oregon	\$16,132	\$19,737	82%
Pennsylvania	\$8,433	\$22,743	37%
Rhode Island	\$9,497	\$22,641	42%
South Carolina	\$4,147	\$17,556	24%
South Dakota	\$0	\$14,715	0%

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Tennessee	\$6,211	\$13,926	45%
Texas	\$4,235	\$14,605	29%
Utah	\$4,817	\$12,973	37%
Vermont	\$9,639	\$27,995	34%
Virginia	\$9,480	\$17,058	56%
Washington	\$13,096	\$21,925	60%
West Virginia	\$10,446	\$17,003	61%
Wisconsin	\$6,953	\$17,302	40%
Wyoming	\$0	\$21,219	0%

Territories	Pre-K Spending	K-12 Spending	Pre-K Spending as % of K-12 Spending
Guam	\$8,170	Not Available	Not Available
Northern Mariana Islands	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Puerto Rico	\$0	Not Available	Not Available
U.S. Virgin Islands	\$0	Not Available	Not Available

Source: Pre-K and K-12 spending data compiled from Friedman-Krauss, A.H., Barnett, W.S., Hodges, K.S., Garver, K.A., Jost, T.M., Weisenfeld, G., & Duer J. (2024). The State of Preschool 2023: State Preschool Yearbook. National Institute for Early Education Research. <https://nieer.org/yearbook/2023>.

Note: The State of Preschool Yearbooks are the most comprehensive source on pre-K spending by state but may underestimate sources of federal and local funding. Furthermore, they do not include special education funding, which may represent a not-insignificant proportion of total K-12 spending, depending on the state. However, there is no recent state-by-state data on K-12 special education funding that could be used to adjust these totals to more adequately assess differences in pre-K and K-12 spending, excluding special education funding.