

Values-Based ECE 0-5 Budget Estimates, By State

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State	Total Cost: Lower-Bound Estimate	Total Cost: Upper-Bound Estimate	Cost per Child: Lower-Bound Estimate	Cost per Child: Upper-Bound Estimate
Alabama	\$4.7B	\$6.4B	\$27,000	\$29,000
Alaska	\$1.2B	\$1.6B	\$36,000	\$38,000
Arizona	\$6.3B	\$8.6B	\$24,000	\$26,000
Arkansas	\$2.9B	\$4.0B	\$25,000	\$27,000
California	\$29.7B	\$75.4B	\$30,000	\$39,000
Colorado	\$5.6B	\$7.6B	\$27,000	\$30,000
Connecticut	\$4.4B	\$6.0B	\$39,000	\$42,000
Delaware	\$1.0B	\$1.4B	\$31,000	\$34,000
District of Columbia	\$862.3M	\$1.2B	\$33,000	\$36,000
Florida	\$17.2B	\$23.5B	\$26,000	\$27,000
Georgia	\$11.1B	\$15.1B	\$28,000	\$30,000
Hawaii	\$1.7B	\$2.3B	\$30,000	\$32,000
Idaho	\$1.6B	\$2.3B	\$24,000	\$26,000
Illinois	\$14.8B	\$20.2B	\$31,000	\$34,000
Indiana	\$6.7B	\$9.2B	\$26,000	\$28,000
Iowa	\$3.1B	\$4.3B	\$26,000	\$28,000
Kansas	\$3.1B	\$4.2B	\$26,000	\$28,000
Kentucky	\$4.7B	\$6.4B	\$28,000	\$30,000
Louisiana	\$4.2B	\$5.8B	\$22,000	\$24,000
Maine	\$979.8M	\$1.3B	\$25,000	\$27,000
Maryland	\$8.0B	\$10.9B	\$36,000	\$39,000

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Massachusetts	\$7.4B	\$10.1B	\$33,000	\$36,000
Michigan	\$11.4B	\$15.5B	\$33,000	\$36,000
Minnesota	\$6.7B	\$9.1B	\$31,000	\$34,000
Mississippi	\$2.7B	\$3.6B	\$23,000	\$25,000
Missouri	\$5.6B	\$7.6B	\$24,000	\$26,000
Montana	\$980.8M	\$1.3B	\$26,000	\$28,000
Nebraska	\$2.2B	\$3.0B	\$28,000	\$30,000
Nevada	\$2.9B	\$3.9B	\$26,000	\$28,000
New Hampshire	\$1.1B	\$1.5B	\$27,000	\$30,000
New Jersey	\$11.3B	\$15.4B	\$35,000	\$38,000
New Mexico	\$2.2B	\$3.0B	\$27,000	\$29,000
New York	\$26.1B	\$35.7B	\$36,000	\$40,000
North Carolina	\$9.1B	\$12.4B	\$25,000	\$27,000
North Dakota	\$854.0M	\$1.2B	\$27,000	\$29,000
Ohio	\$12.6B	\$17.2B	\$30,000	\$32,000
Oklahoma	\$3.4B	\$4.6B	\$21,000	\$23,000
Oregon	\$3.9B	\$5.3B	\$28,000	\$30,000
Pennsylvania	\$13.4B	\$18.3B	\$31,000	\$34,000
Rhode Island	\$1.2B	\$1.6B	\$35,000	\$38,000
South Carolina	\$4.5B	\$6.1B	\$25,000	\$27,000
South Dakota	\$843.5M	\$1.2B	\$23,000	\$25,000

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Tennessee	\$6.6B	\$9.0B	\$27,000	\$29,000
Texas	\$34.6B	\$47.2B	\$29,000	\$31,000
Utah	\$3.9B	\$6.0B	\$28,000	\$30,000
Vermont	\$507.3M	\$689.8M	\$27,000	\$30,000
Virginia	\$10.2B	\$14.0B	\$33,000	\$36,000
Washington	\$9.4B	\$12.9B	\$34,000	\$37,000
West Virginia	\$1.5B	\$2.0B	\$24,000	\$26,000
Wisconsin	\$5.3B	\$7.2B	\$26,000	\$28,000
Wyoming	\$706.9M	\$959.3M	\$30,000	\$32,000

Source: Jointly produced by the Center for the Study of Child Care Employment and the Economic Policy Institute, see Gould, E., Whitebook, M., Mokhiber, Z., & Austin, L.J.E. (2020). Financing Early Educator Quality: A Values-Based Budget for Every State. Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, University of California, Berkeley. <https://cscce.berkeley.edu/financing-early-educator-quality-a-values-based-budget-for-every-state/>.

Note: These figures were originally published in 2020 and have not since been updated to account for increasing costs in the intervening years.