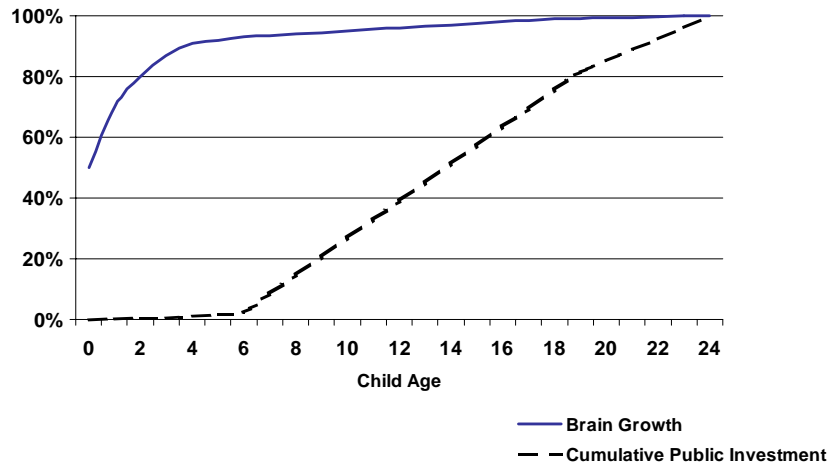


Brain Growth and Cumulative Public Investments by Child Age



Total and Per Child Spending by Child Age

Child Age	total in millions of dollars			2003 Number of Children	per child spending in dollars		
	State and Local	Federal	Total		Per Child State and Local	Per Child Federal	Per Child Total
Infants and Toddlers (0-2)	\$19.6	\$77.3	\$96.9	292,144	\$67	\$264	\$332
Preschoolers (3-5)	\$41.3	\$173.4	\$214.7	291,720	\$142	\$594	\$736
School-aged Children (6-18)	\$9,327.5	\$696.0	\$10,023.5	1,309,492	\$7,123	\$531	\$7,654
College-aged Youth (19-23)	\$2,147.2	\$182.9	\$2,330.1	519,742	\$4,131	\$352	\$4,483

Characteristics of Young Children and Families with Young Children (2000 Census)

	Both/Only Parent			% Parents Working		% in Poverty	% <185 % of Poverty
	Total	Working	% Parents Working				
Children 0-5 with Two Parents	394,729	225,049	57.0%	Families with Child 0-4	12.3%	29.4%	
Children 0-5 with One Parent	136,401	104,919	76.9%	Families with Child 5-17 Only	8.9%	22.2%	
All Children 0-5	531,130	329,968	62.1%				

Early Childhood Services Information

2003 Mean Wage Rates	Hourly	Annual		# of Children	% of Age Population
All Jobs	\$17.96	\$37,360	Infants and Toddlers Enrolled in Part C Early Intervention as % of 0-2 year-olds	5,228	1.75%
Child Care Workers	\$8.22	\$17,100	Children Enrolled in Early Head Start as % of 0-2 year-olds	1,269	0.5%
Pre-school Teachers	\$11.51	\$23,950	Children Enrolled in Head Start, State Pre-Kindergarten, or Special Education Pre-School as % of 3-4 year-olds	26,278	14%
Child Care Subsidy Eligibility Cut- Off for family of three		\$23,400 (43% of median income)			
Weekly Subsidy Payment for Pre-Schooler		\$161.00			

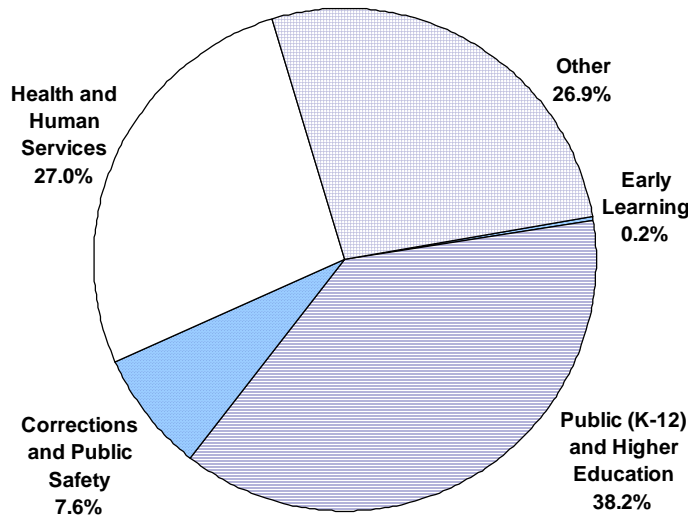
For every \$1.00 invested in a school-aged child...

58.6¢ is invested in a college-aged youth (19-23), but only

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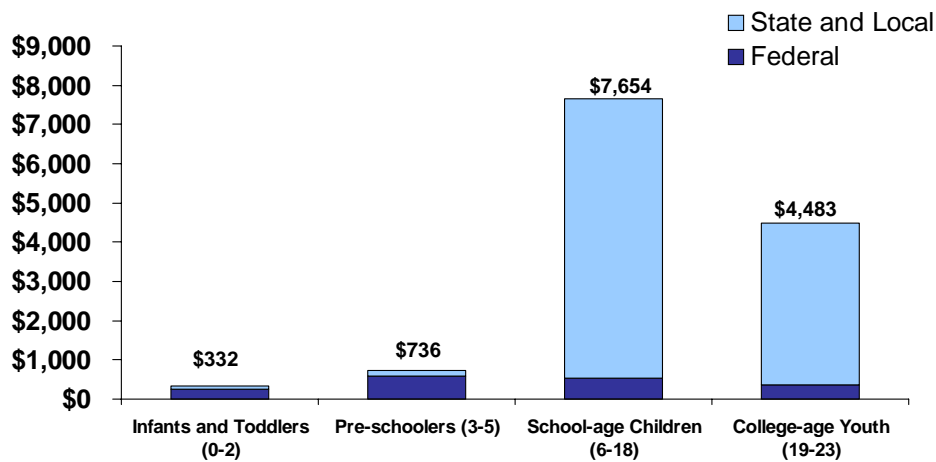
Virginia 2003 General Fund Expenditures



State spending on early learning is 0.2% of total general fund expenditures.

0-5 year-olds make up 9.3% of the total state population.

Virginia per Child Investment by Age



Virginia was one of 17 states selected to participate in the School Readiness Indicators Initiative sponsored by the Ford, Kauffman, and Packard Foundations. During the period from 2001-2004, public and private lenders worked together to develop a set of indicators to track the well-being of Virginia's children, publishing the data in *No Time to Waste*, available online at www.vakids.org. In addition, Virginia took steps to expand early learning services in 2004 and 2005, with an increase of funding for this pre-school initiative for low-income four-year-olds from \$18.9 million in 2003 to \$47.4 million in 2004, and designation of child care block grant funds (CCDF) for the establishment of a comprehensive school readiness early care and education public-private partnership grant program in 2005, with \$500,000 grants to three sites. The addition of \$30 million in pre-school funding in 2004 raises the per child investment in pre-school children from the \$736.09 shown in the chart shown above to \$838.95 for 2004. Voices for Virginia's Children (www.vakids.org) served as the state data partner in completing the state information.

Virginia data were compiled for *Early Learning Left Out* by Voices for Virginia's Children, and are estimates.

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