



NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES EARLY CARE & EDUCATION STATE BUDGET ACTIONS, FY 2013 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

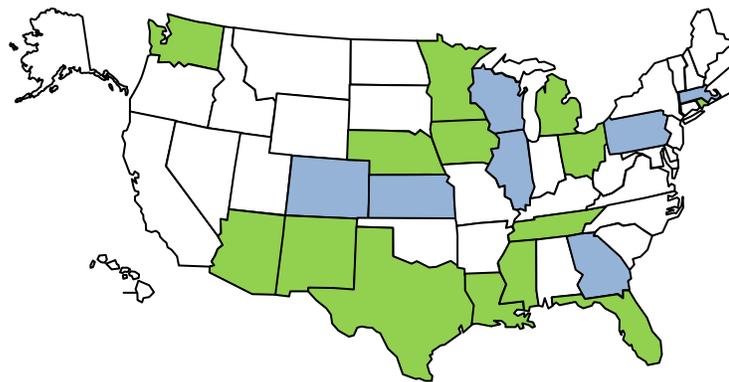
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NCSL surveyed 21 state legislative fiscal offices in December 2012 on their FY 2013 state appropriations for early care and education programs. **Overall, state appropriations to early care and education increased slightly by \$127 million (1.5 percent) compared to FY 2012.**

Although the number of states surveyed limits drawing national conclusions, budget actions in these states do provide insight into the diversity of approaches that states take to fund early care and education. Budget actions also show how legislatures most effectively use available federal, state, local and private resources.

The full report and state appropriation tables are available at <http://www.ncsl.org/issues-research/human-services/state-budget-actions-in-ecce.aspx>. For state budget tables, analyses, trends and profiles from previous years (FY 2008 to FY 2013), contact phuonglan.nguyen@ncsl.org.

STATES INCLUDED IN FY 2013 SURVEY AND REPORT



Increase: 14 States

Decrease: 7 States

Source: NCSL Early Care and Education State Budget Survey, December 2012.

FINDINGS BY CATEGORY

CHILD CARE: Appropriations decreased by \$60 million (1.1 percent) in FY 2013. Twelve states reported increases, seven reported reductions and one maintained its funding level. Considering the deep cuts that were made in FY 2012—with just two states reporting increases, 15 states reporting decreases and three states that remained stable—child care funding is on a slow upward path. Iowa, Nebraska, New Mexico and Texas increased child care funding through state general funds, while Arizona, Illinois, Minnesota, Mississippi, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Washington increased appropriations in TANF transfer funds. The largest reductions in child care were made in Florida, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

PREKINDERGARTEN: Appropriations increased by \$65.6 million (2.8 percent). Ten states reported increases, five reported decreases and three reported no change. Across all states in this category, increases were heaviest in general and school finance appropriations (Colorado, Louisiana and New Mexico), while decreases were more evenly spread across various funding sources.

HOME VISITING: Appropriations increased by \$48.9 million (16.8 percent). Fourteen states reporting increases, four reporting decreases and three reporting level funding. In some cases, overall increases for home visiting can be attributed to the infusion of federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grants. However, home visiting programs in states such as Georgia, Nebraska, New Mexico and Tennessee also received increased general fund state appropriations.

OTHER RELATED EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION INITIATIVES: Appropriations increased by \$72 million (9.6 percent) in FY 2013. Thirteen states increased appropriations for these initiatives, four decreased them and two maintained similar levels of funding. Several states increased appropriations to fund activities under the auspices of the State Early Childhood Advisory Councils, for which federal funds are expected to end in FY 2013. Other states increased appropriations for early childhood social and emotional health, early intervention services, and other infant and toddler services. State appropriations for parent and family education and public private partnerships also increased, while state supplemental funding of Early Head Start decreased in several states.

CHANGES IN STATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION (FY 2012 - 2013)

STATE	Child Care		Prekindergarten		Home Visiting		Other	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Arizona	\$10,473,200	9.4%	NA	NA	\$0	0.0%	\$36,207,200	25.6%
Colorado	\$4,535,137	5.4%	-\$2,082,888	-3.1%	\$3,701,338	29.3%	-\$6,686,486	-20.8%
Florida	-\$19,683,447	-3.3%	\$25,307,761	6.4%	\$315,455	29.1%	\$2,114,390	7.4%
Georgia	\$22,275	0.0%	-\$2,088,755	-0.7%	-\$866,851	-8.3%	NA	NA
Illinois	-\$62,350,373	-6.5%	NA	NA	\$178,963	0.7%	\$1,859,139	244.4%
Iowa	\$3,844,310	3.0%	\$2,034,782	2.9%	\$6,345,523	48.4%	-\$1,998	0.0%
Kansas	-\$6,875,476	-8.4%	\$0	0.0%	\$7,421,358	34.4%	-\$8,845,304	-32.0%
Louisiana	\$5,994,652	7.7%	\$3,705,416	4.1%	\$7,599,665	48.7%	\$6,838,518	4.2%
Massachusetts	-\$7,678,299	-1.7%	-\$67,617	-0.9%	\$0	0.0%	\$428,257	1.4%
Michigan	-\$303,630	-0.2%	\$5,000,000	4.8%	\$3,992,900	15.0%	\$2,048,200	4.5%
Minnesota	\$16,670,113	8.6%	-\$3,838,000	-11.9%	\$7,850,000	42.0%	\$0	0.0%
Mississippi	\$10,435,244	15.0%	NA	NA	-\$1,769,606	-100.0%	\$6,313	1.6%
Nebraska	\$4,322,214	4.6%	\$0	0.0%	\$270,251	32.4%	\$2,626,637	65.6%
New Mexico	\$3,416,600	4.2%	\$4,407,900	33.5%	\$2,744,200	86.7%	-\$1,000,000	-6.4%
Ohio	NA	NA	\$100,000	0.4%	\$2,600,000	10.0%	NA	NA
Pennsylvania	-\$43,079,00	-5.7%	\$2,600,000	3.2%	\$0	0.0%	\$1,864,000	5.3%
Rhode Island	\$1,101,969	2.3%	-\$84,400	-1.1%	\$125,130	2.2%	\$101,096	49.5%
Tennessee	\$28,097,000	15.0%	\$3,671,300	4.4%	-\$69,400	-0.6%	\$7,923,900	160.2%
Texas	\$10,700,000	2.0%	\$18,000,000	2.4%	\$3,900,000	20.7%	\$26,100,000	19.2%
Washington	\$4,359,000	1.8%	\$0	0.0%	\$4,521,000	18.7%	\$852,000	253.6%
Wisconsin	-\$23,902,70	-8.5%	\$8,900,000	5.9%	-\$5,000	-0.1%	-\$93,000	-1.4%

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