

Early Learning Funding

Federal

- In North Carolina – and in most states – the federal government is a significant source of early learning funding
- Federal funds typically flow to a state agency or directly to a local provider (Head Start)

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Federal

| Federal Program | Purpose | Administrator | Flow |
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| Child Care and Development Block Grant | Child care subsidies Quality improvement | US Dept. Health & Human Services | NC Dept. of Health & Human Services |
| Head Start | Preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds | US Dept. Health & Human Services | Local grantees |
| Early Head Start | Supports infant and toddlers | US Dept. Health & Human Services | Local grantees |
| Temporary Assistance for Needy Families | Some funds go to child care subsidy and NC Pre-K | US Dept. Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Services | NC Dept. of Health & Human Services |

Learn more at <http://financingtools.buildthefoundation.org/funding-streams/federal/>

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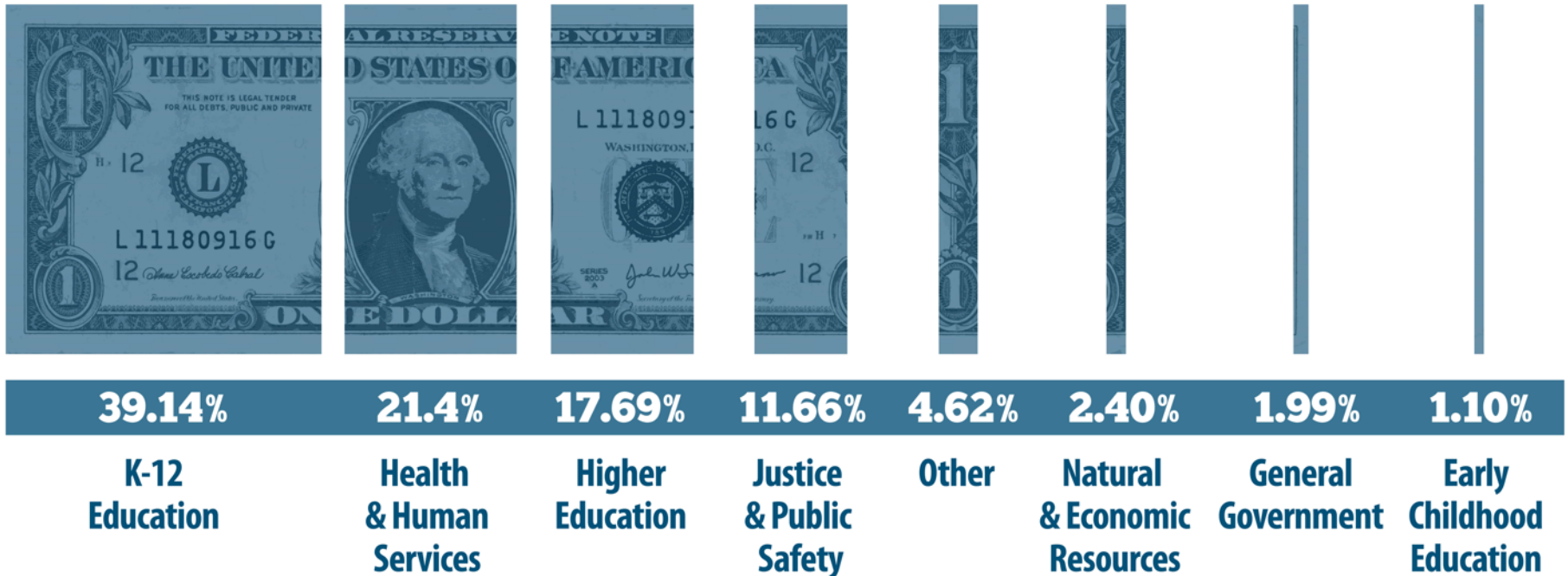
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| IDEA Section 619 (Special Education Preschool) | Special education and related services for 3- to 5- year-old children with disabilities | US Department of Education | NC Dept. of Public Instruction |
| IDEA Part C (Infants and Toddlers) | Early intervention services for children with disabilities from birth through age 2 | US Department of Education | NC Dept. of Health & Human Services |
| Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program | Evidence-based home visiting | US Dept. Health & Human Services | NC Dept. of Health & Human Services |
| NEW! Every Student Succeeds Act | Provide opportunity to receive equitable, high-quality education, and close achievement gaps | US Department of Education | NC Dept. of Public Instruction |

Early Learning Funding State

- State funding for early childhood initiatives is provided largely through three programs—NC Pre-K Smart Start, and child care subsidy.
- NC has made smaller state appropriations for programs such as Maternal and Infant Health, Nurse Family Partnership, and Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

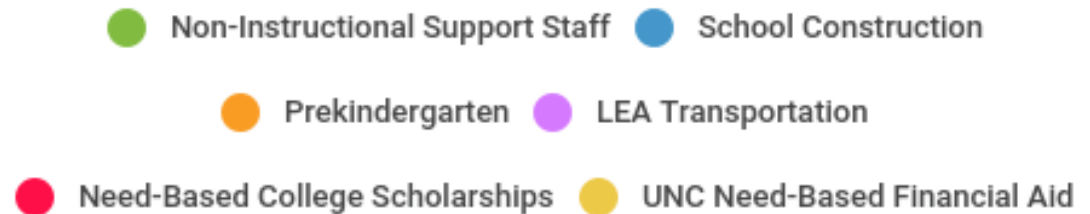
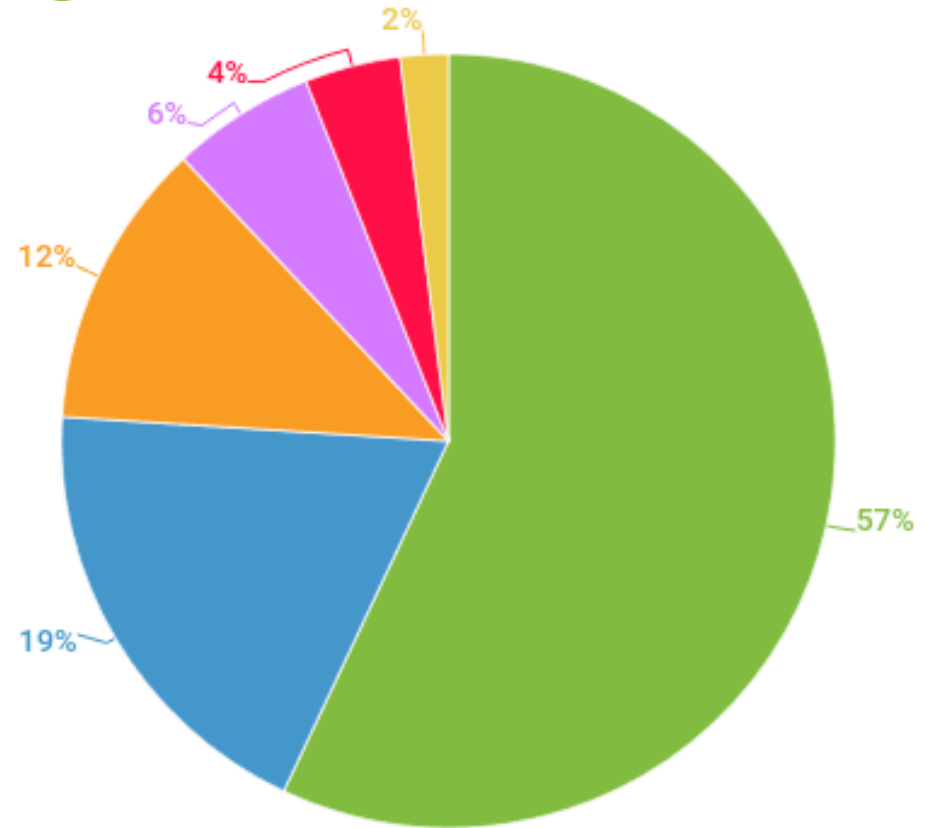
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Source: NC Budget and Tax Center

Early Learning Funding Lottery

The legislature can adjust how lottery dollars are allocated in each budget. Changes for the fiscal year 2018 budget went into effect on July 1, 2017.



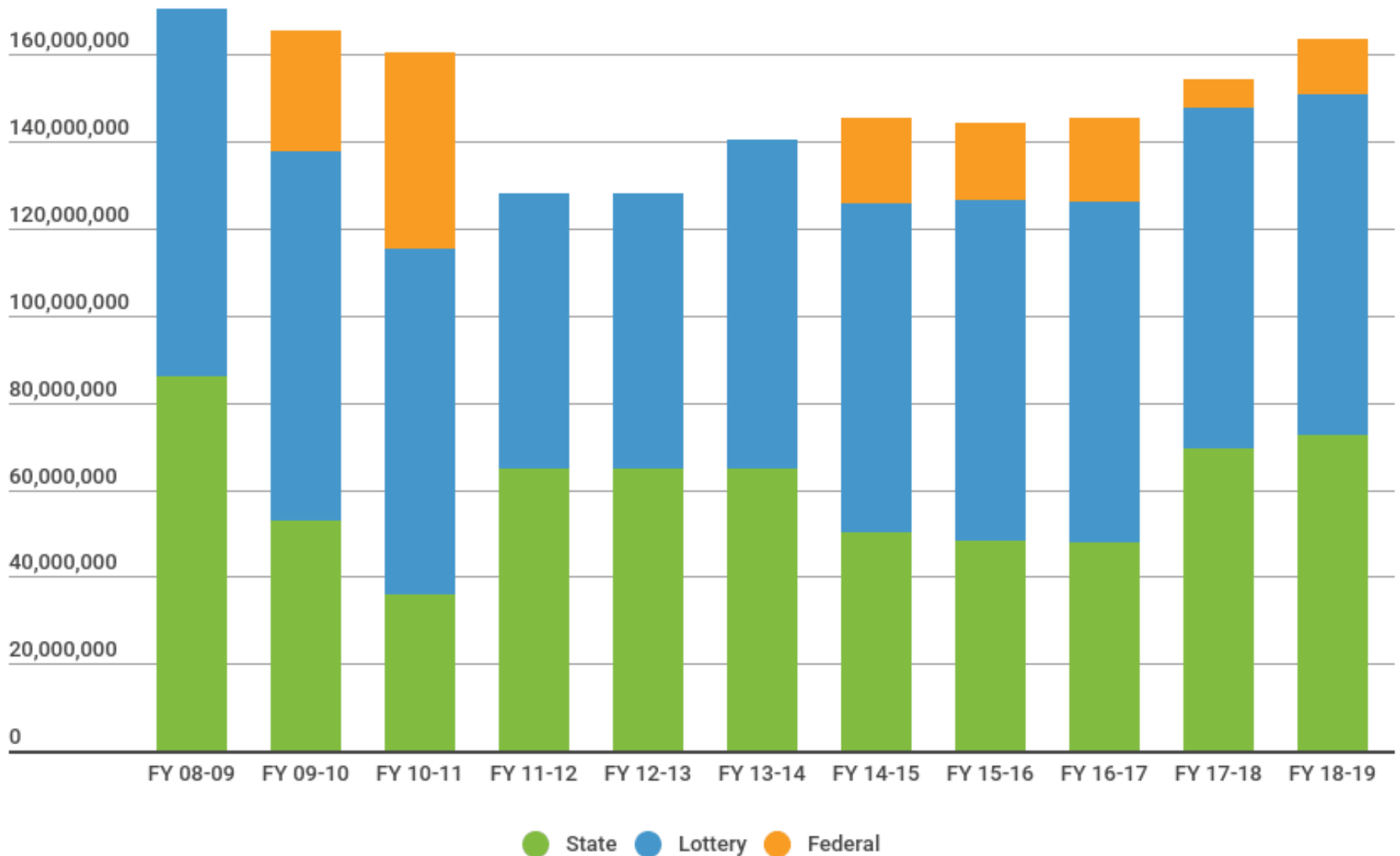
See lottery distributions by county at <http://www.nc-educationlottery.org/beneficiary.aspx#>

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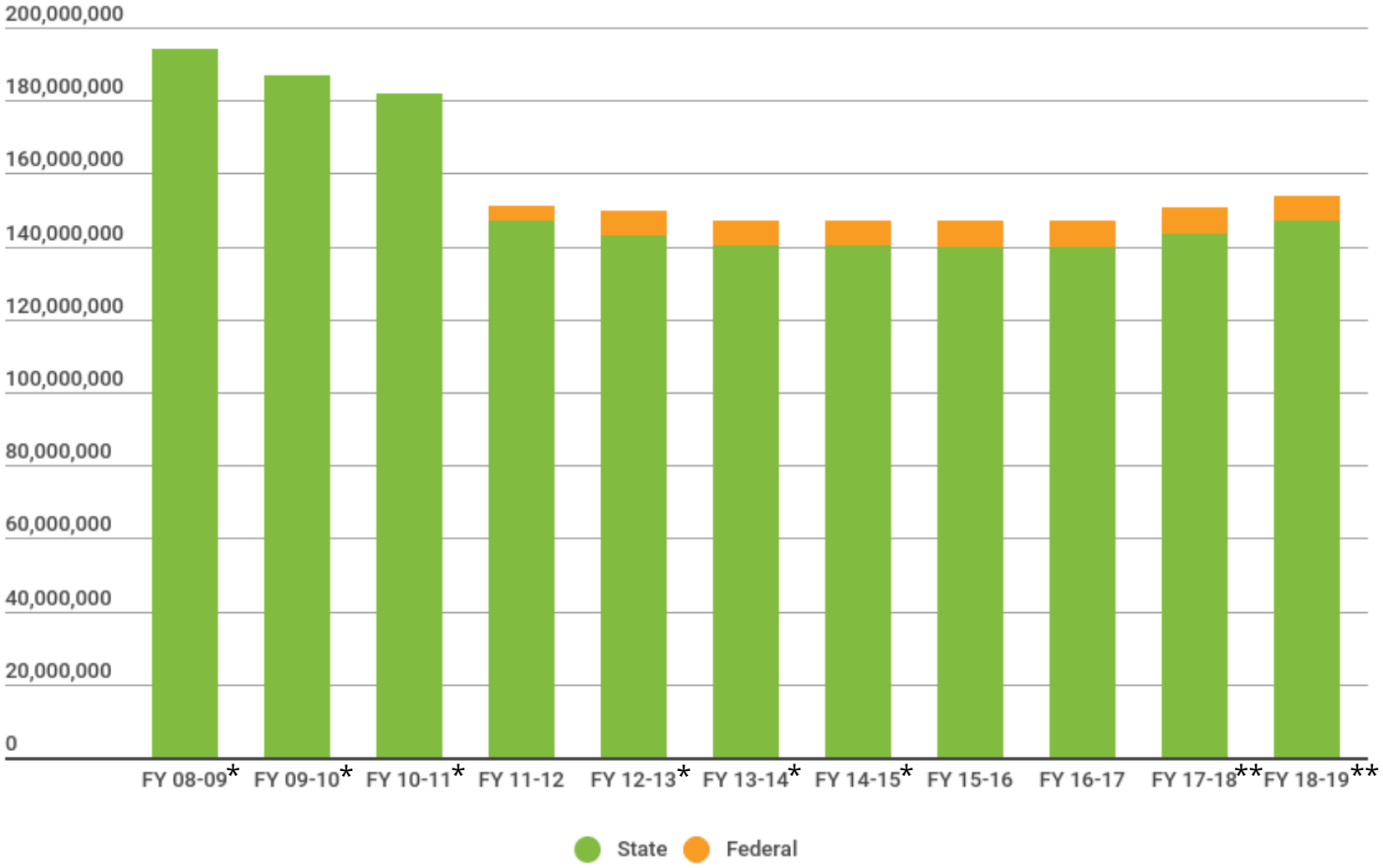
| State Program | Purpose | Administrator | Flow |
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| NC Pre-K | Prekindergarten for at-risk 4-year-olds | NC Dept. of Health & Human Services | Local Administrators (Smart Start/LEA) |
| Smart Start | Birth through five child development | NC Partnership for Children | Smart Start Local Partnerships |
| Child Care Subsidy | Affordable child care for working families | NC Dept. of Health & Human Services | Local Departments of Social Services |
| NC Infant-Toddler Program | Supports for children birth through 3 with special needs | NC Dept. of Health & Human Services | Local Children's Development Services Agencies |

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NC Pre-K Funding History (rounded to millions)



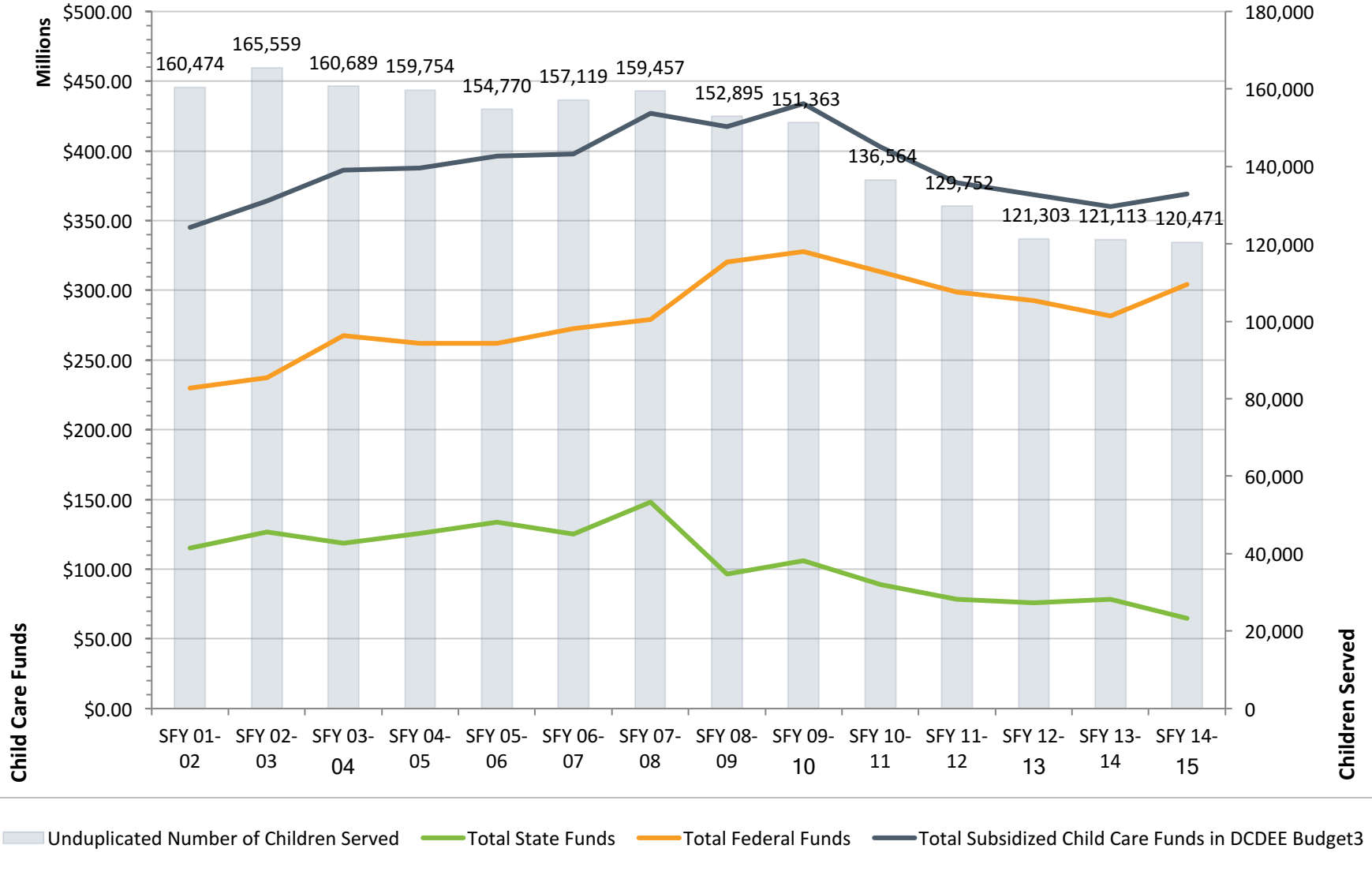
Smart Start Funding History (rounded to millions)



* The amount shown reflects mid-year cuts, and therefore is less than the amount appropriated by the General Assembly.
** Includes funding earmarked for Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Child Care Subsidy Expenditure History

(includes subsidy paid for with Smart Start funding)



Source: Division of Child Development and Early Education, NC Department of Health and Human Services

Sources of Funding – FY 2015-16

