



2025 CA Update

Summary of Key Priority Area 1



Demographics

Key Priority Area One

- 1-1 Geographic Locations
- 1-2 Racial/Ethnic Composition
- 1-3 Estimated Numbers
- 1-4 Estimated Languages Spoken

SUMMARY



POPULATION HAS DECREASED FOR 2nd YEAR



145,920 PEOPLE LIVE IN THE SERVICE AREA



79.63% OF SERVICE AREA IS RURAL AND 20.37% IS URBAN



12.15% POPULATION IS HISPANIC (OVER .31% DECREASE)



5.61% OF THE POPULATION IS UNDER 4 YRS OF AGE (.31 Decrease)



41.1 IS THE MEDIAN AGE IN THE SERVICE AREA (5 year decrease)

3.31%
5+ Population with
Limited English Proficiency

50.83%
Service Area
Female Population

5.40%
of Population
Foreign Born

26.5
Median Age of
Hispanic Population

30.06%
Service Area
Households w/Children

69.73%
Households w/
Access to High Speed
Internet

Fast Fact
**CSNT Service Area
Population Density
Estimated at 62 persons per
square mile (less than Texas
at 112 and the United States
at 94 persons)**



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Summary of Key Priority Area 2



HOMELESSNESS

Key Priority Area Two

2-1 Homelessness

SUMMARY

- ➡ In 2024, AT ANY POINT-IN-TIME, TEXAS HAD 21,648 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
- ➡ AN ESTIMATED 6,339 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WERE HOMELESS IN TEXAS IN 2024
- ➡ 9 IN EVERY 10,000 PEOPLE WERE HOMELESS⁹⁹ IN TEXAS DURING 2024
- ➡ 1,355 ESTIMATED HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH
- ➡ 4,886 ESTIMATED CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN TEXAS
- ➡ 1,837 ESTIMATED HOMELESS VETERANS IN TEXAS

2.2%
Increase in Homeless
Individuals

1.14%
Region 8 ESC Students
Experienced Homelessness

5.6%
Head Start Children
Experienced Homelessness

1.6%
Homeless Children
in Service Area 2024

Over 20% of the Texas
homeless population suffered
from Mental Health Issues

76,060
Students in Texas
were considered
Homeless

Fast Fact
On a Single Night in 2024, an
estimated 771,480 people in
the United States were
experiencing homelessness



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Summary of Key Priority Area 3



Foster Care Information

Key Priority Area Three

3-1 Children In Service Area

SUMMARY

	36 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SERVICE AREA WERE IN FOSTER CARE
	722 CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD PARENTS CONNECTED TO THE MILITARY
	72% OF THE CHILDREN IN SERVICE AREA WERE CONSIDERED ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED
	2,298 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE DYSLLEXIC IN THE SERVICE AREA
	3,856 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD A DIAGNOSED DISABILITY
	92.77% OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE ELIGIBLE UNDER TITLE 1

36
Children in Foster Care
Bowie & Cass Counties

570
Bowie County Military
Families

5,411
Children in Cass County
Eligible Under Title 1

360
Morris County English
Language Learners

1,743
Children in Service Area
Gifted & Talented

Region 8 Had 101
Children in Foster Care
In the Service Area

Fast Fact

According to the Texas
Education Agency the State of
Texas had 11,497 Children In
the Foster Care System in the
2023-2024 School Year.



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Summary of Key Priority

Area 4



Children With Disabilities

Key Priority Area Four

4-1 Children with Disabilities

SUMMARY



10.6% OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CSNT
HAD A DISABILITY 2023-2024



15.9% SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
WITH A DISABILITY 2023-2024



17.9% OF THE POPULATION
IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD A DISABILITY



5.6% OF THE POPULATION IN THE
SERVICE AREA UNDER 18 HAD A DISABILITY



4.6% OF CHILDREN UNDER 18
IN TEXAS HAD A DISABILITY



15.2% OF STUDENTS IN
REGION VIII ESC HAD A DISABILITY

3,856 Students In
Service Area Diagnosed
with a Disability

3,000 Students
Diagnosed With a
Learning Disability

1,741 Students
Diagnosed With a
Speech Impairment

1,097 Students
Diagnosed With
Autism

389 Students
Diagnosed With
Emotional Disturbance

937 Students
Diagnosed With
Intellectual Disability

Fast Fact

**CSNT Head Start works with
Local Education Agencies in
the Service Area to provide
Disability Services to Head
Start Children.**



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Summary of Key Priority Area 5



Socio-Economic Factors

Key Priority Area Five

- 5-1 Education Levels
- 5-2 Health Statistics
- 5-3 Nutrition Information
- 5-4 Social Service Needs

SUMMARY

➡ 11.9% OF PERSONS LIVING IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

➡ 68 DIRECT CARE PHYSICIANS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA

➡ 21% OF ADULTS REPORTED FAIR OR POOR HEALTH

➡ 19% OF ADULTS IN SERVICE AREA HAD FREQUENT MENTAL DISTRESS

➡ 20% OF ADULTS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA SMOKED

➡ 18% OF ADULTS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA DRANK EXCESSIVELY

12.2%
SNAP Recipients in
the Service Area

56.8%
Students Eligible
For Free Lunches

72.8%
of Children Under 18
Receiving Medicaid

19.0%
of Adults in the Service
Area were Obese

9.1%
Low-Birth Weights
In Service Area

10.5%
Population Under 18
With No Health Insurance

Fast Fact
**27.3% of population under
age 4 in the service area
are living at or below the
Federal Poverty Level.**



2025 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 6



Other Child Care Providers

Key Priority Area Six

- 6-1 Private Child Care Providers
- 6-2 Publicly Funded Pre-K

SUMMARY

	37 LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS IN THE SERVICE AREA
	903 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE
	2,275 CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN CHILD CARE
	2,118 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SCHOOL PROGRAM
	1,973 CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL PROGRAM
	2,810 CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA BIRTH TO 2 YEARS Not Enrolled in Child Care

7
ISD Partnerships

1
Early Head
Start Program

448
Students Enrolled in
ISD Partnerships

2%
Single-parent Male
Households

4,414
pre-kindergarten aged
children in Service Area

47.9%
Students Considered
At-Risk by ISDs

Fast Fact
**CSNT Service Area has 23
Independent School
Districts (6 are in
partnership with CSNT Head
Start).**



2025 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 7



Housing Needs

Key Priority Area Seven

1-1 Housing Resources

SUMMARY

	65,053 HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA
	14.3% OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA ARE VACANT
	\$821 MEDIAN RENT IN THE SERVICE AREA
	27% OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN SERVICE AREA WERE SUBSTANDARD
	42.6% OF RENTAL PAYMENTS AT OR ABOVE 30% TOTAL INCOME
	14 SUBSIDIZED HOUSING LOCATIONS IN THE SERVICE AREA

17,599
Households Renting
in Service Area

\$1,251
Average Median
Rent In Texas

306
Housing Units with
no plumbing facilities

14,872
Housing Units Are
Substandard

4,389
Housing Units Lacking
Complete Kitchens

9,308
Vacant Rental Housing
Units in Service Area

Fast Fact
**16.75% of Housing Units in
the Service Area were built
before 1960**



2025 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 8



General Information

Key Priority Area Eight

- 8-1 Transportation
- 8-2 Preferred Services
- 8-3 Program Schedule
- 8-4 Barriers to Participation
- 8-5 School Readiness

SUMMARY

	LITTLE OR NOT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE SERVICE AREA
	3,599 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD NO MOTOR VEHICLE
	HEAD START SCHEDULES MIRROR THE PARTNERSHIP ISDs
	66% PARENTS SURVEYED REQUESTED EARLY HEAD START SERVICES
	RURAL LOCATIONS AND LANGUAGE CAN BE BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION
	14 OUT OF 23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAD A DECREASE IN ENROLLMENT

23
School Districts
in the Service Area

CSNT Head Start
Partners With
Region 8 ESC

Texas Public Schools
Implement the
STAAR Assessment

26 More Students Enrolled
in Service Area 2023/2024

CSNT Follows CDC
Guidelines When
Encountering Viruses

All CSNT Partner School
Districts Ranked at or
Above "B" Rating

Fast Fact
**CSNT IS Researching Ways to
Bring More Early Head Start
Slots To The Service Area in
the Future .**



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Summary of Key Priority Area 9



Program Survey Information

Key Priority Area Nine

9-1 Impacts To Service Area

9-2 Impacts To Children & Families

SUMMARY

IMPACTS TO SERVICE AREA

34.43% LACK OF JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT

10.66% COST OF LIVING/RISING PRICES

9.84% LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

7.38% NEW BUSINESSES/NEW JOBS/NEW HOUSING

4.10% LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

4.10% FAMILIES MOVING TO FIND JOBS

HIGHLIGHTS

IMPACTS ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

52.14%

Poor Parenting Skills/
Young Parents

9.40%

Substance Abuse/
Addictive Behaviors

6.84%

Child Behaviors /
Children Acting Out

5.98%

Children Raised by Other
Family Members

5.13%

Lack of Jobs/Job
Training/Lack of Skills

Fast Fact

COVID did not place on this year's survey. This was the first time in four years that it did not make either list. No one listed it as having an impact on the area or the Campuses.