



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)**



2025 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 2









HOMELESSNESS

Key Priority Area Two

2-1 Homelessness

SUMMARY

-  In 2023, AT ANY POINT-IN-TIME, TEXAS HAD 21,022 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
-  AN ESTIMATED 6,355 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WERE HOMELESS IN TEXAS IN 2023
-  8 IN EVERY 10,000 PEOPLE WERE HOMELESS IN TEXAS DURING 2023
-  1,385 ESTIMATED HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH
-  4,886 ESTIMATED CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN TEXAS
-  2,036 ESTIMATED HOMELESS VETERANS IN TEXAS

11.6% Increase in Homeless Individuals
1.25% Region 8 ESC Students Experienced Homelessness
7.7% Head Start Children Experienced Homelessness
1.7% Homeless Children in Service Area 2024
Homelessness in Texas rose after COVID Pandemic
77,942 Students in Texas were considered Homeless
Fast Fact On a Single Night in 2023, an estimated 635,100 people in the United States were experiencing homelessness (3 in 10 were families)



2025 CA Update 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 DYSLEXIC 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.



2025 CA Update 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.



2025 CA Update 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 (7 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 NO 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 .



2025 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 9

SURVEY



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.