Texas

The period of life from prenatal through age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and can have long-term consequences. Early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness on child development, and connect families to housing and services. These data profiles are intended to create greater awareness of the prevalence of infant and toddler homelessness, and gaps in access to early childhood development programs.

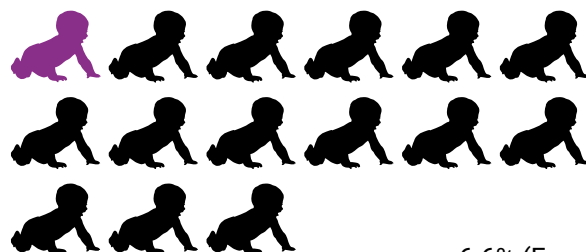Total Population Birth Through Age Three:
1,509,643

Estimated Total Population Birth Through Age Three Experiencing Homelessness:
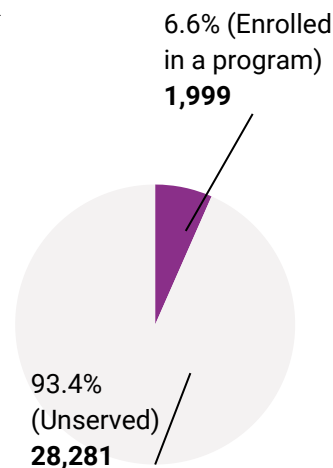**30,280, or 2.01% of all infants and toddlers**

Total population Birth Through Age Three experiencing homelessness enrolled in a program:
1,999

Only 1 in 15 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness is enrolled in a program.

Among the 30,280 infants and toddlers identified, only 1,999, which accounts for a mere 6.6%, are currently enrolled in a program.

6.6% (Enrolled in a program)
1,999

93.4% (Unserved)
28,281

Prioritizing Children Experiencing Homelessness through State Policies

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	NO
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	NO
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation?	90 Days
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

Estimated Total Population of Children Birth Through Age Three Experiencing Homelessness Enrolled in an Early Childhood Program:

Home Visiting (297)

Early Head Start (1,183)

Identified & Served by an LEA (519)

Unserved (28,281)