



# Public Hearing

Local Child Care and Development Planning Council  
Local Funding Priorities  
for  
California Early Care and Education Programs

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# LOCAL FUNDING PRIORITIES

## What is it?

- Compares the number of LA County children income eligible\* for subsidized early care and education services, to the number of children enrolled in subsidized/publicly funded early care and education
- Separated by zip code & age group

## How is it used?

- State departments consider the report when distributing funding to promote equal access to child development services
- Local Planning Councils elevate for strategic planning
- Early care and education providers utilize to apply for funding
- Programs prioritize services based on report
- Excel and PDF reports are available at [childcare.lacounty.gov/lpc/#activities](https://childcare.lacounty.gov/lpc/#activities)

Local Planning Council (LPC) Local Funding Priorities Background Data - FY 2022-2023  
Infant and Toddler (Birth to 35 Months)

Service Planning Area (SPA)	Supervisory District	Zip Code	Estimated Number of Infants & Toddlers Eligible for Subsidized Care	Number of Children Served in Subsidized Spaces	Number of Children NOT Served in Subsidized Spaces	Percentage of Children NOT Served in Subsidized Spaces	2022-2023 Priority
6	2	90001	2924	204	2720	93%	1
6	2	90002	2548	187	2361	93%	1
6	2	90003	3218	201	3017	94%	1
4	2	90004	1356	121	1235	91%	2
4	1	90005	909	32	877	96%	3
4	2	90006	1647	155	1492	91%	2
6	2	90007	1205	248	957	79%	2
6	2	90008	506	85	421	83%	3
5	4	90009	0	0	0	No unmet need	No unmet need
4	2	90010	87	3	84	97%	3
6	2	90011	4853	236	4617	95%	1
4	1	90012	1096	46	1050	96%	2
4	1	90013	434	5	429	99%	3
4	1	90014	259	1	258	100%	3
4	1	90015	580	215	365	63%	3
4	1	90016	773	86	687	89%	3
6	2	90017	606	89	517	85%	3
6	2	90018	1133	204	929	82%	2
4	2	90019	977	87	890	91%	2
4	2	90020	955	46	909	95%	2
4	1	90021	145	37	108	74%	3
7	1	90022	2080	190	1890	91%	1
4	1	90023	1593	140	1453	91%	2
5	3	90024	278	1	277	100%	3
5	3	90025	248	8	240	97%	3
4	1	90026	1700	337	1363	80%	2
4	3	90027	878	28	850	97%	2
4	3	90028	518	65	453	87%	3
7	4	90029	717	32	685	96%	3
4	1	90030	0	0	0	No unmet need	No unmet need
7	4	90031	1005	182	823	82%	2
8	2	90032	772	223	549	71%	3
4	1	90033	1801	192	1609	89%	1
8	2	90034	539	61	478	89%	3
5	2	90035	364	12	352	97%	3
4	3	90036	473	7	466	99%	3
6	2	90037	2733	169	2564	94%	1
4	3	90038	520	115	405	78%	3
4	1	90039	471	5	466	99%	3
7	1	90040	465	84	381	82%	3

LPC Local Funding Priorities Background Data Approved by the Child Care Planning Committee (LPC) on May 3, 2023.

\*Management Bulletin 15-04. Local Child Care and Development Planning Council Funding Priority Setting Process. June 2015. Available at <https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-care-and-development/quality-improvement-initiatives/local-child-care-and-development-planning-councils/management-bulletin-15-04>

## Previous Data Collection

- American Institute of Research collected data in ELNAT for every county
- ENAT has been discontinued

## New Data Collection in LA County

- Created LA County ECE Data Collaborative
  - LA County Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education
  - LA County Public Health Center for Health Impact Evaluation
  - Universal Preschool UC Berkeley Equity & Excellence in Early Childhood
  - Los Angeles County Office of Education
  - Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
  - First 5 LA

# SNAPSHOT OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED



## Summary of Unmet Need for Child Care and Development Services in Los Angeles County (2020 and 2025)

Age Group	Eligible Children		Children Served		% Unserved		% Difference
	2020	2025	2020	2025	2020	2025	
Infants & Toddlers	209,964	159,909	17,871	22,090	91.5%	86.2%	-5.3%
Preschool	162,563	125,673	70,562	81,264	56.6%	35.3%	-21.3%
School Age	636,529	498,825	26,081	27,154	95.9%	94.6%	-1.3%
Total	1,009,056	784,407	114,515	130,508	88.7%	83.4%	-5.3%

# PRIMARY ELEMENTS OF CHILD CARE FUNDING PRIORITY ASSESSMENT

- ⚙ **Zip Code-level populations of eligible children by age group**
  - ⚙ Total child population estimates by age group
  - ⚙ Percent of children eligible for age-specific programs
- ⚙ **Zip Code-level numbers of children enrolled in ECE programs**
  - ⚙ Annual point-in-time enrollment data from providers
- ⚙ **Zip Code-level unmet need for ECE by age group**
  - ⚙ Subtract enrollment numbers from estimated numbers of eligible children; calculate percent of eligible children not enrolled (unmet need)
- ⚙ **Assign funding priority levels to Zip Codes based on State Criteria**
  - ⚙ Zip Codes with highest unmet need are assigned highest funding priority level

- ✿ Why we use birth data rather than US Census American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year population data
  - ✚ LA County Birth Rates have been declining rapidly over the past 5 years
    - ✚ So, ACS five-year averages overestimate the true population
  - ✚ The Census typically undercounts lower-income and other hard to reach households (birth records count all births)
    - ✚ Based on actual comparison, ACS population estimates for ages 3-4 are higher than birth-based estimates in higher income Zip Codes. So, using birth data promotes equity in the prioritization process

# INCOME ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLDS

- ⚙️ California State Median Income for a family of 4 is \$122,993

## California uses State Median Income (SMI) as primary criterion

- ‡  $\leq 100\%$  SMI for California State Preschool Program (CSPP)
- ‡  $\leq 85\%$  SMI for other programs
- ‡ TK is free but we only count enrollees who are socioeconomically disadvantaged

- ⚙️ Using Census data for Zip Code population eligibility requires SMI conversion to Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

- ‡  $\leq 100\%$  SMI  $\approx \leq 400\%$  FPL;  $\leq 85\%$  SMI  $\approx \leq 335\%$  FPL  
Based on family size of 4

So.....

Children 0-2 and 5-12: our eligibility threshold is  $\leq 335\%$  of FPL

Children 3-4: our eligibility threshold is  $\leq 400\%$  of FPL



# ENROLLMENT DATA

- † OAECE Survey of Contracted Licensed Providers (Spring 2025)  
Contracted provider enrollments in HS/EHS, CFCC, CCTR and CSPP by setting, age, and length of day
- † Data Provided by the Child Care Alliance of LA (Spring 2025)  
Voucher-based enrollments in CalWORKS Stages 1,2, and 3 and CAPP, by setting (Center-based and FCCH) and age
- † TK Data from California Department of Education  
TK enrollment data for children with socioeconomic disadvantage

## ⚙️ **Note on ZIP CODE-Level Enrollment Data**

- † Only a Few Programs Provide Enrollment Data by Zip Code of *Child Residence*; All Provide Data by Zip Code of *Provider Site*
  - † For comparability we report by provider site, but population data is based on residence
  - † Thus, a few Zip Codes show more enrollees than eligible children (negative unmet need). All coded as “No unmet need”.



# NEGATIVE UNMET NEED

## Infants and Toddlers

3 Zip Codes with negative unmet need; none have 500+ children 0-2.

## Preschool Age

42 Zip Codes with negative unmet need; 4 have 500+ children 3-4.

91340 (San Fernando); 90043 (View Park/Windsor); 90806 (Long Beach); 91770 (Rosemead)

## School Age

2 Zip Code with negative unmet need; none have 500+ children 5-12.



# FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR CARE

- † CCALA has provided data on voucher-based FFN care at provider zip code level
- † Many families using vouchers for FFN care ALSO use other types of care  
So, including FFN numbers would double-count some children served and lower priority levels for some zip codes
- † Difficult to separate those ONLY using FFN for unduplicated counts
- † Zip Code-level data on FFN care are available for those interested

**Priority 1:** Zip code qualifies when there are 50% or more eligible children unserved AND more than 1,500 eligible children unserved

**Priority 2:** Zip code qualifies when there are 50% or more eligible children unserved AND more than 750 eligible children unserved

**Priority 3:** Zip code qualifies when there are 50% or more eligible children unserved AND more than 500 eligible children unserved

Another option is to count all other Zip Codes with any unmet need as priority 3

# OVERVIEW OF FINDINGS: INFANTS AND TODDLERS

	Programs Serving Infants and Toddlers				
Service Planning Area	Number of Zip Codes with Priority Ratings				
	1	2	3	Prioritized Zip Codes	Total Zip Codes
SPA 1 (Antelope Valley)	1	3	1	5	15
SPA 2 (San Fernando)	3	6	9	18	71
SPA 3 (San Gabriel Valley)	2	7	5	14	54
SPA 4 (Metro)	0	8	2	10	34
SPA 5 (West)	0	0	0	0	30
SPA 6 (South)	7	5	4	16	22
SPA 7 (East)	4	5	5	14	34
SPA 8 (South Bay)	1	8	9	18	45
<b>Totals</b>	18	42	35	95	305

# OVERVIEW OF FINDINGS: PRESCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

	Programs Serving Preschool-Aged Children				
Service Planning Area	Number of Zip Codes with Priority Ratings				
	1	2	3	Prioritized Zip Codes	Total Zip Codes
SPA 1 (Antelope Valley)	0	1	0	1	15
SPA 2 (San Fernando)	0	1	1	2	71
SPA 3 (San Gabriel Valley)	0	0	3	3	54
SPA 4 (Metro)	0	0	1	1	34
SPA 5 (West)	0	0	0	0	30
SPA 6 (South)	0	3	0	3	22
SPA 7 (East)	0	0	1	1	34
SPA 8 (South Bay)	0	0	1	1	45
<b>Totals</b>	0	5	7	<b>12</b>	305

# OVERVIEW OF FINDINGS: SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

	Programs Serving School-Age Children				
Service Planning Area	Number of Zip Codes with Priority Ratings				
	1	2	3	Prioritized Zip Codes	Total Zip Codes
SPA 1 (Antelope Valley)	5	2	0	<b>7</b>	15
SPA 2 (San Fernando)	18	13	16	<b>47</b>	71
SPA 3 (San Gabriel Valley)	19	18	7	<b>44</b>	54
SPA 4 (Metro)	13	10	1	<b>24</b>	34
SPA 5 (West)	0	4	1	<b>5</b>	30
SPA 6 (South)	18	2	0	<b>20</b>	22
SPA 7 (East)	15	10	5	<b>30</b>	34
SPA 8 (South Bay)	17	9	3	<b>29</b>	45
<b>Totals</b>	105	68	33	<b>206</b>	305

# LA County Service Planning Areas



# PUBLIC COMMENT

## Comments, Questions, and Reflections

