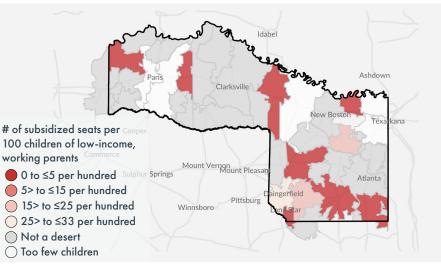


House District <mark>#1</mark> Rep. Gary VanDeaver



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HD #1	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	102	57 (-56%)
Subsidy providers	45	13 (-29%)
Total capacity	5,161	2,342 (-45%)
Subsidy seats	1,140	139 (-12%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #1

6,469 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,036** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,001** children are receiving subsidy, 49% of those eligible.

# PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #1

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,506** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,434** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District #2 **Rep. Bryan Slaton**  # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents O to ≤5 per hundred 5> to ≤15 per hundred ○ 15> to ≤25 per hundred O 25> to ≤33 per hundred Not a desert ○ Too few children

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HD #2	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	102	45 (-44%)
Subsidy providers	61	19 (-31%)
Total capacity	6,635	2,548 (-38%)
Subsidy seats	1,100	46 (-4%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #2

9,406 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

2,641 children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

1,054 children are receiving subsidy, 40% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #2

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

4,950 economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

#### 3,688 economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

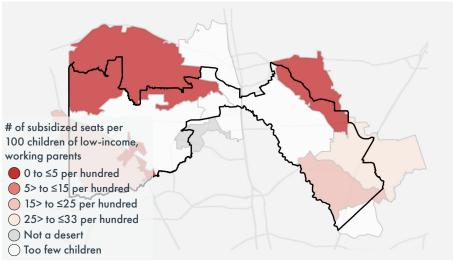
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House District <mark>#3</mark> Rep. Cecil Bell



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HD #3	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	118	57 (-48%)
Subsidy providers	48	18 (-38%)
Total capacity	12,068	4,130 (-34%)
Subsidy seats	729	+164 (+22%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #3

12,729 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,215** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**893** children are receiving subsidy, 40% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #3

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**8,308** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,146** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District #4 Rep. Keith Bell

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HD #4	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	100	41 (-41%)
Subsidy providers	46	10 (-22%)
Total capacity	6,440	2,007 (-31%)
Subsidy seats	906	+156 (+17%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #4

**9,257** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

3,008 children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

1,062 children are receiving subsidy, 35% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #4

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,836** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

#### 2,456 economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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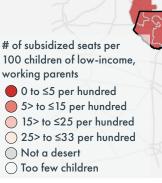
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House District #5 **Rep. Cole Hefner** 



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HD #5	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	83	29 (-35%)
Subsidy providers	48	11 (-23%)
Total capacity	3,930	1,182 (-30%)
Subsidy seats	725	35 (-5%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #5

**8,834** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

2,965 children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

690 children are receiving subsidy, 23% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #5

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

6,504 economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

#### **3,922** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#6</mark> Rep. Matt Schaefer # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #6	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	96	47 (-49%)
Subsidy providers	49	17 (-35%)
Total capacity	6,407	2,216 (-35%)
Subsidy seats	1,197	125 (-10%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #6

9,858 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,073** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,072** children are receiving subsidy, 35% of those eligible.

# PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #6

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,738** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **1,818** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

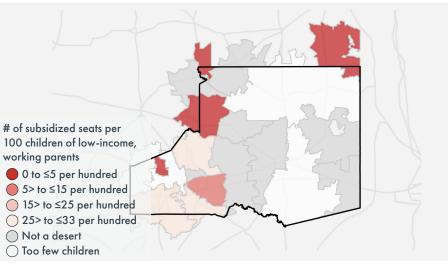
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House District <mark>#7</mark> Rep. Jay Dean



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HD #7	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	108	40 (-37%)
Subsidy providers	65	7 (-11%)
Total capacity	6,573	1,672 (-25%)
Subsidy seats	1,489	+86 (+6%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #7

8,149 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,069** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,575** children are receiving subsidy, 51% of those eligible.

# PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #7

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,914** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,862** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#8</mark> Rep. Cody Harris # of subsidized seats per
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HD #8	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	75	36 (-48%)
Subsidy providers	49	19 (-39%)
Total capacity	4,797	1,808 (-38%)
Subsidy seats	949	51 (-5%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #8

8,117 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,352** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**898** children are receiving subsidy, 27% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #8

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**4,772** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,610** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District #9 **Rep. Trent Ashby**  # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents O to ≤5 per hundred 5> to ≤15 per hundred I5> to ≤25 per hundred O 25> to ≤33 per hundred Not a desert ○ Too few children

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HD #9	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	88	50 (-57%)
Subsidy providers	55	24 (-44%)
Total capacity	5,147	2,681 (-52%)
Subsidy seats	1,605	123 (-8%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #9

6,741 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

2,653 children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

1,482 children are receiving subsidy, 56% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #9

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,850** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

#### 2,656 economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District #10 Rep. Brian Harrison

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HD #10	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	138	68 (-49%)
Subsidy providers	88	45 (-51%)
Total capacity	8,383	3,990 (-48%)
Subsidy seats	1,166	334 (-29%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #10

11,175 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,076** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**832** children are receiving subsidy, 40% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #10

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**2,798** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **1,814** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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HD #11	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	88	56 (-64%)
Subsidy providers	40	17 (-42%)
Total capacity	4,521	2,557 (-57%)
Subsidy seats	897	177 (-20%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #11

8,957 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,540** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**720** children are receiving subsidy, 20% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #11

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,626** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,502** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #12	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	169	81 (-48%)
Subsidy providers	76	14 (-18%)
Total capacity	7,979	3,281 (-41%)
Subsidy seats	918	40 (-4%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #12

**10,997** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,897** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**878** children are receiving subsidy, 30% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #12

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,328** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,714** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District #13 Rep. Angelia Orr # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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# STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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# **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #13	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	172	87 (-51%)
Subsidy providers	90	38 (-42%)
Total capacity	6,950	3,570 (-51%)
Subsidy seats	1,397	150 (- 11%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #13

9,358 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,774** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,247** children are receiving subsidy, 33% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #13

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**6,056** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,264** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District #14 Rep. John Raney # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #14	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	133	75 (-56%)
Subsidy providers	67	28 (-42%)
Total capacity	6,210	3,582 (-58%)
Subsidy seats	801	65 (-8%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #14

8,342 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,209** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**736** children are receiving subsidy, 33% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #14

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**2,854** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **1,818** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#15</mark> Rep. Steve Toth # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #15	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	113	67 (-59%)
Subsidy providers	37	19 (-51%)
Total capacity	12,269	3,801 (-31%)
Subsidy seats	476	26 (-5%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #15

8,527 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**649** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**450** children are receiving subsidy, 69% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #15

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**4,394** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,236** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#16</mark> Rep. Will Metcalf # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred ● 5> to ≤15 per hundred ● 15> to ≤25 per hundred ● 25> to ≤33 per hundred ● Not a desert ● Too few children

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HD #16	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	64	27 (-42%)
Subsidy providers	30	6 (-20%)
Total capacity	5,866	1,128 (-19%)
Subsidy seats	745	+32 (+4%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #16

**10,130** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,912** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**777** children are receiving subsidy, 27% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #16

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,980** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,852** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District #17 Rep. Stan Gerdes # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #17	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	145	61 (-42%)
Subsidy providers	75	21 (-28%)
Total capacity	6,827	2,270 (-33%)
Subsidy seats	927	48 (-5%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #17

**10,970** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,127** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**879** children are receiving subsidy, 28% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #17

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,194** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,052** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#18</mark> Rep. Ernest Bailes # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #18	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	77	35 (-45%)
Subsidy providers	44	12 (-27%)
Total capacity	4,848	1,951 (-40%)
Subsidy seats	640	147 (-23%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #18

8,668 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,448** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**493** children are receiving subsidy, 20% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #18

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**6,650** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,506** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

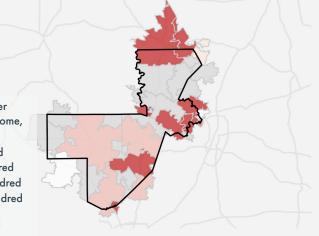
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House District <mark>#19</mark> Rep. Ellen Troxclair # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #19	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	211	43 (-20%)
Subsidy providers	145	64 (-44%)
Total capacity	23,562	9,248 (-39%)
Subsidy seats	1,417	77 (-5%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #19

**20,182** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,291** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,340** children are receiving subsidy, 31% of those eligible.

# PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #19

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,510** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **1,904** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District #20 **Rep. Terry Wilson** 

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HD #20	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	81	+6 (+7%)
Subsidy providers	71	39 (-55%)
Total capacity	14,441	5,022 (-35%)
Subsidy seats	529	101 (-19%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #20

12,159 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

1,333 children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**428** children are receiving subsidy, 32% of those eligible.

# PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #20

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

2,824 economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

#### 1,344 economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#21</mark> Rep. Dade Phelan # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #21	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	120	71 (-59%)
Subsidy providers	56	18 (-32%)
Total capacity	7,078	3,405 (-48%)
Subsidy seats	1,191	85 (-7%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #21

9,696 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,941** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,106** children are receiving subsidy, 38% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #21

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**6,360** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,100** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District #22 Rep. Christian "Manuel" Hayes

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HD #22	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	108	62 (-57%)
Subsidy providers	63	21 (-33%)
Total capacity	6,591	3,298 (-50%)
Subsidy seats	1,702	237 (-14%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #22

8,601 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,239** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,465** children are receiving subsidy, 45% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #22

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**4,242** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,616** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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HD #23	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	155	60 (-39%)
Subsidy providers	94	28 (-30%)
Total capacity	15,256	5,319 (-35%)
Subsidy seats	1,612	199 (-12%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #23

**16,134** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,968** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

1,413 children are receiving subsidy, 36% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #23

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

9,490 economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

#### 4,550 economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

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House District #24 Rep. Greg Bonnen # of subsidized seats per
100 children of low-income, working parents
0 to ≤5 per hundred
5> to ≤15 per hundred
15> to ≤25 per hundred
25> to ≤33 per hundred
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# STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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Highpoint: 99.5% of providers that received stabilization dollars from the Texas Workforce Commission remained open.

# **POLICY PRIORITIES**

- Increase partnerships between school districts and high quality child care providers by removing barriers to offer more Pre-K and child care capacity to working families.
- Ensure providers receive reimbursement based on quality rate, not what they can charge families.
- Increase access to quality child care across Texas for working parents by increasing state investment in child care.
- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #24	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	145	61 (-42%)
Subsidy providers	71	18 (-25%)
Total capacity	14,976	4,976 (-33%)
Subsidy seats	1,248	57 (-5%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #24

13,210 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,555** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,191** children are receiving subsidy, 47% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #24

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,382** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,330** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District <mark>#25</mark> Rep. Cody Vasut # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #25	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	161	62 (-39%)
Subsidy providers	60	1 (-2%)
Total capacity	11,584	1,640 (-14%)
Subsidy seats	888	+308 (+35%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #25

13,199 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**1,183** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,196** children are receiving subsidy, 101% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #25

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**4,758** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,248** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District <mark>#26</mark> Rep. Jacey Jetton # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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# **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Ensure providers receive reimbursement based on quality rate, not what they can charge families.
- Increase access to quality child care across Texas for working parents by increasing state investment in child care.
- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #26	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	162	52 (-32%)
Subsidy providers	68	19 (-28%)
Total capacity	21,335	6,229 (-29%)
Subsidy seats	607	+47 (+8%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #26

18,678 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**1,688** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**654** children are receiving subsidy, 39% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #26

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**8,648** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,492** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

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House District <mark>#27</mark> Rep. Ron Reynolds # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred

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# **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

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HD #27	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	126	7 (-6%)
Subsidy providers	83	4 (-5%)
Total capacity	12,735	3,285 (-26%)
Subsidy seats	1,220	+1 (+0%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #27

11,597 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,242** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,221** children are receiving subsidy, 54% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #27

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,840** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,366** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District <mark>#28</mark> Rep. Gary Gates # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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# **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #28	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	242	93 (-38%)
Subsidy providers	93	14 (-15%)
Total capacity	27,042	7,838 (-29%)
Subsidy seats	1,193	+126 (+11%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #28

21,089 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,017** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,319** children are receiving subsidy, 44% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #28

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**8,936** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,594** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District #29 Rep. Ed Thompson # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #29	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	182	67 (-37%)
Subsidy providers	71	3 (-4%)
Total capacity	15,144	2,027 (-13%)
Subsidy seats	1,084	+283 (+26%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #29

16,293 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**1,735** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,367** children are receiving subsidy, 79% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #29

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,446** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,490** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children <mark>at Risk</mark>



House District <mark>#30</mark> Rep. Geanie W. Morrison

# of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #30	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	164	60 (-37%)
Subsidy providers	69	16 (-23%)
Total capacity	6,773	1,339 (-20%)
Subsidy seats	1,139	95 (-8%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #30

8,567 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,545** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,044** children are receiving subsidy, 41% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #30

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,276** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,308** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District <mark>#31</mark> Rep. Ryan Guillen # of subsidized seats per
100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #31	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	143	48 (-34%)
Subsidy providers	61	14 (-23%)
Total capacity	4,575	1,071 (-23%)
Subsidy seats	791	69 (-9%)

### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #31

8,449 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,676** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**722** children are receiving subsidy, 27% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #31

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,230** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,580** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District **#32** Rep. Todd Hunter # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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25> to ≤33 per hundred
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# **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #32	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	165	62 (-38%)
Subsidy providers	86	31 (-36%)
Total capacity	5,771	952 (-16%)
Subsidy seats	1,582	443 (-28%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #32

11,340 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,074** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,139** children are receiving subsidy, 28% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #32

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,094** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **1,810** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

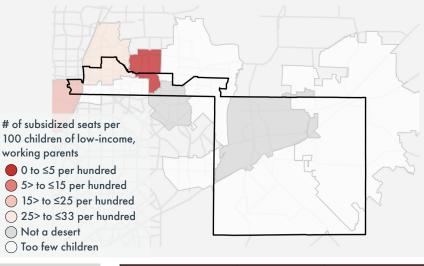
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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#33</mark> Rep. Justin Holland



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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #33	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	161	66 (-41%)
Subsidy providers	66	23 (-35%)
Total capacity	14,378	1,944 (-14%)
Subsidy seats	1,314	68 (-5%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #33

15,694 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**1,941** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,246** children are receiving subsidy, 64% of those eligible.

# PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #33

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,356** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,160** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District #34 Rep. Abel Herrero # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #34	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	158	62 (-39%)
Subsidy providers	85	29 (-34%)
Total capacity	5,838	957 (-16%)
Subsidy seats	1,830	456 (-25%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #34

8,224 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,170** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,374** children are receiving subsidy, 43% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #34

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,730** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,204** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District <mark>#35</mark> Rep. Oscar Longoria

# of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred ● 5> to ≤15 per hundred ● 15> to ≤25 per hundred ● 25> to ≤33 per hundred ● Not a desert ● Too few children

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HD #35	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	360	76 (-21%)
Subsidy providers	243	32 (-13%)
Total capacity	16,570	2,527 (-15%)
Subsidy seats	6,910	2,375 (-34%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #35

**24,007** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**10,093** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**4,535** children are receiving subsidy, 45% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #35

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**20,920** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **18,520** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# childrenatRisk



House District <mark>#36</mark> Rep. Sergio Muñoz Jr.

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HD #36	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	190	27 (-14%)
Subsidy providers	137	5 (-4%)
Total capacity	9,035	941 (-10%)
Subsidy seats	4,334	1,749 (-40%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #36

8,226 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,450** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,585** children are receiving subsidy, 75% of those eligible.

# PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #36

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**12,718** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **13,326** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

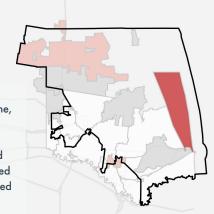
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# children at Risk



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HD #37	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	264	64 (-24%)
Subsidy providers	170	49 (-29%)
Total capacity	11,624	4,235 (-36%)
Subsidy seats	4,986	1,616 (-32%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #37

14,600 children ages 0.5 with working parents.

**5,628** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**3,370** children are receiving subsidy, 60% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #37

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**10,420** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **9,588** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

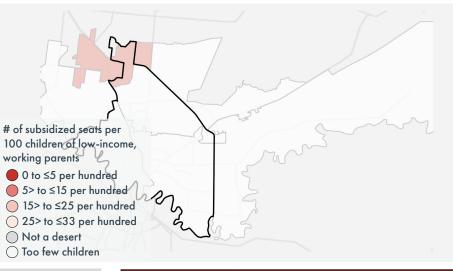
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## childrenatRisk



House District <mark>#38</mark> Rep. Erin Gamez



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HD #38	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	117	28 (-24%)
Subsidy providers	89	23 (-26%)
Total capacity	6,042	1,975 (-33%)
Subsidy seats	2,747	762 (-28%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #38

6,791 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,365** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,985** children are receiving subsidy, 84% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #38

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**4,892** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **4,890** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

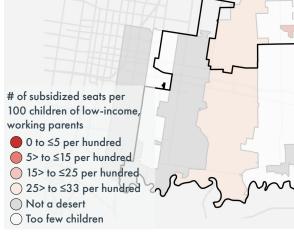
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## children at Risk



House District <mark>#39</mark> Rep. Armando "Mando" Martinez



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HD #39	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	205	44 (-21%)
Subsidy providers	138	10 (-7%)
Total capacity	8,580	538 (-6%)
Subsidy seats	3,985	1,294 (-32%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #39

6,732 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,182** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,691** children are receiving subsidy, 123% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #39

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**8,916** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **9,422** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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## children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District <mark>#40</mark> Rep. Terry Canales # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred

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HD #40	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	233	31 (-13%)
Subsidy providers	173	1 (-1%)
Total capacity	11,402	1,467 (-13%)
Subsidy seats	5,617	2,356 (-42%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #40

11,768 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,503** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**3,261** children are receiving subsidy, 72% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #40

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**8,232** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **8,970** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#41</mark> Rep. Bobby Guerra



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HD #41	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	208	25 (-12%)
Subsidy providers	149	+6 (+4%)
Total capacity	11,674	2,990 (-26%)
Subsidy seats	4,534	1,971 (-43%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #41

9,187 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,045** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,563** children are receiving subsidy, 84% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #41

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**7,132** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **7,594** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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## children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District #42 Rep. Richard Peña Raymond

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HD #42	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	123	57 (-46%)
Subsidy providers	67	6 (-9%)
Total capacity	4,298	1,234 (-29%)
Subsidy seats	1,655	409 (-25%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #42

6,413 children ages 0.5 with working parents.

2,197 children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

1,246 children are receiving subsidy, 57% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #42

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8,360 economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

#### 5,096 economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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## children at Risk



House District #43 Rep. J. M. Lozano # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #43	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	133	34 (-26%)
Subsidy providers	55	9 (-16%)
Total capacity	3,949	216 (-5%)
Subsidy seats	988	+1 (+0%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #43

8,042 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,505** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**989** children are receiving subsidy, 39% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #43

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**4,338** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,684** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

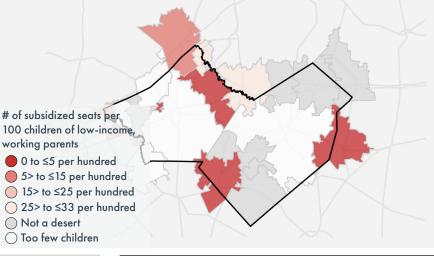
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HD #44	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	130	35 (-27%)
Subsidy providers	87	37 (-43%)
Total capacity	9,067	2,660 (-29%)
Subsidy seats	998	104 (-10%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #44

13,933 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,131** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**894** children are receiving subsidy, 29% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #44

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**4,516** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,344** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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## children at Risk



House District <mark>#45</mark> Rep. Erin Zwiener # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #45	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	124	82 (-66%)
Subsidy providers	51	32 (-63%)
Total capacity	5,344	2,505 (-47%)
Subsidy seats	459	85 (-19%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #45

9,351 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,125** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**374** children are receiving subsidy, 18% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #45

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**2,494** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **1,370** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

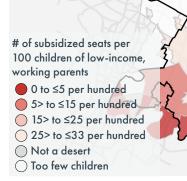
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House District <mark>#46</mark> Rep. Sheryl Cole



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HD #46	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	233	125 (-54%)
Subsidy providers	150	90 (-60%)
Total capacity	16,419	9,376 (-57%)
Subsidy seats	1,772	327 (-18%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #46

16,950 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,767** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,445** children are receiving subsidy, 38% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #46

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**11,452** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **8,046** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#47</mark> Rep. Vikki Goodwin

# of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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### STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Ensure providers receive reimbursement based on quality rate, not what they can charge families.
- Increase access to quality child care across Texas for working parents by increasing state investment in child care.
- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #47	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	251	172 (-69%)
Subsidy providers	107	80 (-75%)
Total capacity	24,338	15,218 (-63%)
Subsidy seats	693	275 (-40%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #47

20,436 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,696** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**418** children are receiving subsidy, 16% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #47

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**10,624** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **6,966** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#48</mark> Rep. Donna Howard

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #48	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	242	180 (-74%)
Subsidy providers	117	86 (-74%)
Total capacity	16,913	12,447 (-74%)
Subsidy seats	921	130 (-14%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #48

15,778 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,709** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**791** children are receiving subsidy, 29% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #48

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**6,626** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **5,368** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#49</mark> Rep. Gina Hinojosa # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Ensure providers receive reimbursement based on quality rate, not what they can charge families.
- Increase access to quality child care across Texas for working parents by increasing state investment in child care.
- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #49	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	229	181 (-79%)
Subsidy providers	105	76 (-72%)
Total capacity	16,606	12,899 (-78%)
Subsidy seats	1,144	202 (-18%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #49

13,204 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,896** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**942** children are receiving subsidy, 33% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #49

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**6,626** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **5,368** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#50</mark> Rep. James Talarico # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #50	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	254	176 (-69%)
Subsidy providers	128	83 (-65%)
Total capacity	14,003	8,279 (-59%)
Subsidy seats	1,671	369 (-22%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #50

**15,968** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,418** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,302** children are receiving subsidy, 29% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #50

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**9,710** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **7,006** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

## children at Risk



House District **#51** Rep. Maria Luisa "Lulu" Flores # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #51	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	222	154 (-69%)
Subsidy providers	119	78 (-66%)
Total capacity	10,522	7,762 (-74%)
Subsidy seats	1,114	274 (-25%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #51

**15,988** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,893** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**840** children are receiving subsidy, 17% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #51

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**7,810** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **6,060** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

## children at Risk



House District #52 **Rep. Caroline Harris**  # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents O to ≤5 per hundred 5> to ≤15 per hundred ○ 15> to ≤25 per hundred O 25> to ≤33 per hundred Not a desert ○ Too few children

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #52	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	235	106 (-45%)
Subsidy providers	128	78 (-61%)
Total capacity	19,471	8,713 (-45%)
Subsidy seats	1,104	393 (-36%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #52

**19,158** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

2,659 children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

711 children are receiving subsidy, 27% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #52

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

6,124 economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

#### 2,886 economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

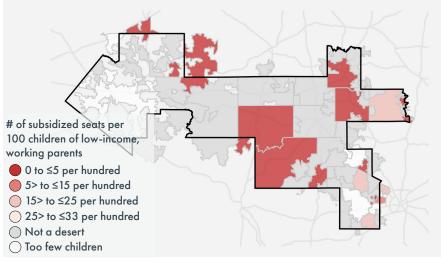
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House District <mark>#53</mark> Rep. Andrew Murr



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HD #53	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	145	54 (-37%)
Subsidy providers	51	12 (-24%)
Total capacity	5,526	827 (-15%)
Subsidy seats	781	20 (-3%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #53

10,018 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,506** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**761** children are receiving subsidy, 30% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #53

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**12,774** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **6,104** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District **#54** Rep. Brad Buckley # of subsidized seats per
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HD #54	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	289	127 (-44%)
Subsidy providers	175	57 (-33%)
Total capacity	14,411	6,582 (-46%)
Subsidy seats	2,328	536 (-23%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #54

16,576 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**6,083** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,792** children are receiving subsidy, 29% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #54

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**9,282** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **5,572** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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## children at Risk



House District <mark>#55</mark> Rep. Hugh Shine # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #55	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	212	91 (-43%)
Subsidy providers	127	37 (-29%)
Total capacity	11,620	5,192 (-45%)
Subsidy seats	1,686	209 (-12%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #55

12,518 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,831** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,477** children are receiving subsidy, 39% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #55

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**7,660** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **4,658** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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## children at Risk



House District #56 Rep. Charles "Doc" Anderson # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #56	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	169	90 (-53%)
Subsidy providers	89	42 (-47%)
Total capacity	8,960	3,360 (-38%)
Subsidy seats	1,502	130 (-9%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #56

8,960 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,404** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,372** children are receiving subsidy, 40% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #56

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**4,232** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,630** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District **#57** Rep. Richard Hayes # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred ● 5> to ≤15 per hundred ● 15> to ≤25 per hundred ● 25> to ≤33 per hundred ● Not a desert ● Too few children

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HD #57	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	222	116 (-52%)
Subsidy providers	66	32 (-48%)
Total capacity	11,331	3,492 (-31%)
Subsidy seats	742	88 (-12%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #57

14,320 children ages 0.5 with working parents.

**2,713** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**654** children are receiving subsidy, 24% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #57

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**7,464** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **3,374** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

## children at Risk



House District <mark>#58</mark> Rep. DeWayne Burns

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HD #58	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	72	+4 (+6%)
Subsidy providers	51	8 (-16%)
Total capacity	9,894	2,232 (-23%)
Subsidy seats	827	+87 (+11%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #58

13,297 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,775** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**914** children are receiving subsidy, 24% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #58

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,580** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,412** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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## children at Risk



House District <mark>#59</mark> Rep. Shelby Slawson # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #59	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	130	52 (-40%)
Subsidy providers	71	9 (-13%)
Total capacity	6,566	2,496 (-38%)
Subsidy seats	709	25 (-4%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #59

7,828 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,057** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**684** children are receiving subsidy, 33% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #59

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**8,910** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **5,464** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

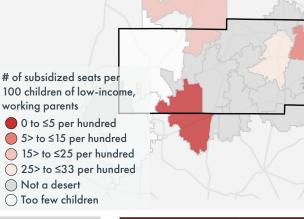
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## childrenat Risk



House District #60 Rep. Glenn Rogers



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HD #60	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	134	53 (-40%)
Subsidy providers	66	31 (-47%)
Total capacity	8,227	3,589 (-44%)
Subsidy seats	925	292 (-32%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #60

12,955 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,967** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**633** children are receiving subsidy, 21% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #60

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**2,670** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **1,350** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

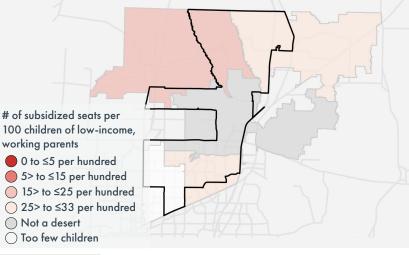
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## children <mark>at Risk</mark>



House District <mark>#61</mark> Rep. Frederick Frazier



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HD #61	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	192	90 (-47%)
Subsidy providers	49	28 (-57%)
Total capacity	13,672	2,055 (-15%)
Subsidy seats	486	21 (-4%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #61

13,794 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**1,044** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**465** children are receiving subsidy, 45% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #61

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**4,636** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **1,586** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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## children at Risk



House District #62 Rep. Reggie Smith # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred ● 5> to ≤15 per hundred ● 15> to ≤25 per hundred ● 25> to ≤33 per hundred ● Not a desert ● Too few children

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HD #62	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	125	65 (-52%)
Subsidy providers	68	23 (-34%)
Total capacity	4,884	1,847 (-38%)
Subsidy seats	867	42 (-5%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #62

8,102 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,803** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**825** children are receiving subsidy, 29% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #62

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,344** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,138** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

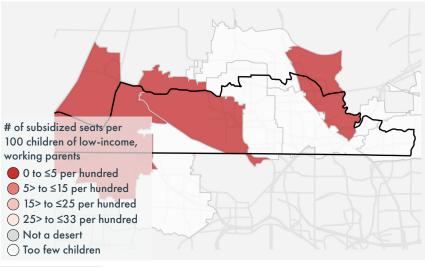
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## children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District <mark>#63</mark> Rep. Ben Bumgarner



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HD #63	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	178	75 (-42%)
Subsidy providers	64	27 (-42%)
Total capacity	19,731	7,666 (-39%)
Subsidy seats	1,278	309 (-24%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #63

13,979 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,624** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**969** children are receiving subsidy, 37% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #63

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**6,988** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,598** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

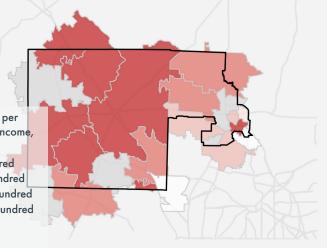
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## children at Risk



House District <mark>#64</mark> Rep. Lynn Stucky # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred ● 5> to ≤15 per hundred ● 15> to ≤25 per hundred ● 25> to ≤33 per hundred ● Not a desert ● Too few children



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HD #64	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	174	96 (-55%)
Subsidy providers	72	39 (-54%)
Total capacity	10,062	3,644 (-36%)
Subsidy seats	817	298 (-36%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #64

11,558 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,782** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**519** children are receiving subsidy, 19% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #64

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**4,952** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,852** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

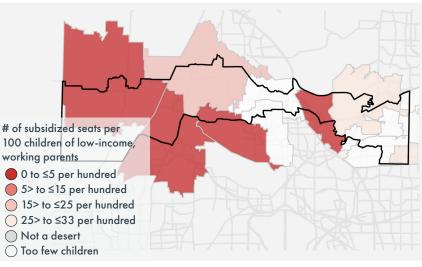
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HD #65	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	283	109 (-39%)
Subsidy providers	91	36 (-40%)
Total capacity	31,842	9,710 (-30%)
Subsidy seats	1,594	336 (-21%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #65

21,871 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,525** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,258** children are receiving subsidy, 36% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #65

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**7,052** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,612** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

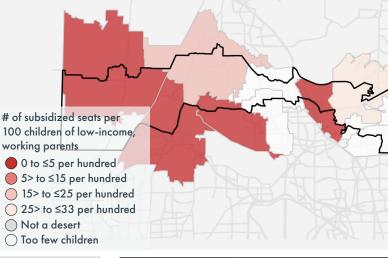
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## children at Risk



House District <mark>#65</mark> Rep. Michelle Beckley



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Total capacity	31,842	9,710 (-30%)
Subsidy seats	1,594	336 (-21%)
Infant seats	109	23 (-21%)
Toddler seats	264	31 (-12%)

Sources: TWC data Sept. 2019 and HHSC data Sept 2021.

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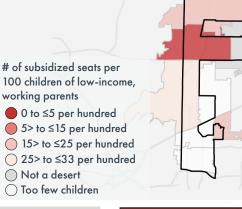
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## children at Risk



House District <mark>#66</mark> Rep. Matt Shaheen



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HD #66	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	279	121 (-43%)
Subsidy providers	58	31 (-53%)
Total capacity	30,435	6,294 (-21%)
Subsidy seats	398	+154 (+39%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #66

17,493 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**934** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**552** children are receiving subsidy, 59% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #66

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**6,046** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **1,954** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

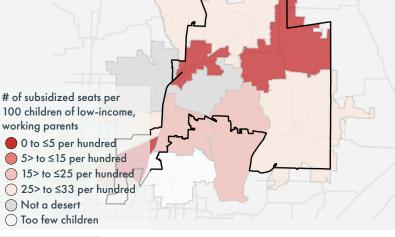
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## children at Risk



House District <mark>#67</mark> Rep. Jeff Leach



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HD #67	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	313	158 (-50%)
Subsidy providers	81	35 (-43%)
Total capacity	23,077	7,386 (-32%)
Subsidy seats	1,113	206 (-19%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #67

**21,793** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,004** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**907** children are receiving subsidy, 30% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #67

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**6,906** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,646** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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## children at Risk



House District <mark>#68</mark> Rep. David Spiller # of subsidized seats per
100 children of low-income, working parents
0 to ≤5 per hundred
5> to ≤15 per hundred
15> to ≤25 per hundred

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HD #68	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	194	64 (-33%)
Subsidy providers	86	8 (-9%)
Total capacity	7,095	2,216 (-31%)
Subsidy seats	948	+27 (+3%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #68

9,607 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,967** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**975** children are receiving subsidy, 33% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #68

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,524** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,840** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

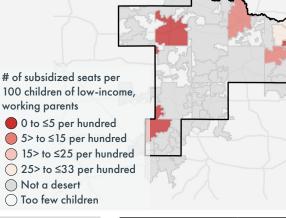
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House District <mark>#69</mark> Rep. James Frank



## STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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Highpoint: 99.5% of providers that received stabilization dollars from the Texas Workforce Commission remained open.

### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

- Increase partnerships between school districts and high quality child care providers by removing barriers to offer more Pre-K and child care capacity to working families.
- Ensure providers receive reimbursement based on quality rate, not what they can charge families.
- Increase access to quality child care across Texas for working parents by increasing state investment in child care.
- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #69	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	156	51 (-33%)
Subsidy providers	84	17 (-20%)
Total capacity	6,136	1,955 (-32%)
Subsidy seats	1,213	86 (-7%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #69

6,968 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,280** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,127** children are receiving subsidy, 49% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #69

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,496** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **3,104** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District **#70** Rep. Mihaela Elizabeth Plesa # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #70	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	235	106 (-45%)
Subsidy providers	68	26 (-38%)
Total capacity	21,124	8,431 (-40%)
Subsidy seats	1,050	167 (-16%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #70

16,420 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,076** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**883** children are receiving subsidy, 29% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #70

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**6,274** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,032** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

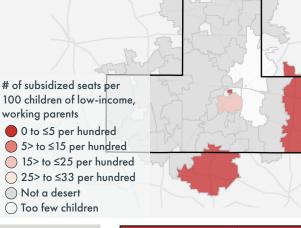
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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

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House District <mark>#71</mark> Rep. Stan Lambert



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HD #71	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	117	45 (-38%)
Subsidy providers	62	20 (-32%)
Total capacity	4,351	572 (-13%)
Subsidy seats	1,346	446 (-33%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #71

7,829 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,178** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**900** children are receiving subsidy, 41% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #71

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,086** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

## **2,248** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

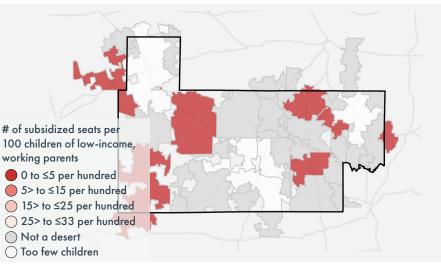
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## children at Risk



House District <mark>#72</mark> Rep. Drew Darby



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HD #72	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	138	68 (-49%)
Subsidy providers	68	29 (-43%)
Total capacity	5,935	1,885 (-32%)
Subsidy seats	1,000	+72 (+7%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #72

7,907 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,169** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,072** children are receiving subsidy, 49% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #72

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,020** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **1,380** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#73</mark> Rep. Carrie Isaac # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #73	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	133	62 (-47%)
Subsidy providers	65	32 (-49%)
Total capacity	9,239	3,203 (-35%)
Subsidy seats	684	162 (-24%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #73

12,613 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,430** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**522** children are receiving subsidy, 21% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #73

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,328** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **1,344** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#74</mark> Rep. Eddie Morales Jr.

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HD #74	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	76	+16 (+21%)
Subsidy providers	73	21 (-29%)
Total capacity	4,664	1,271 (-27%)
Subsidy seats	1,698	192 (-11%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #74

10,715 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,255** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,506** children are receiving subsidy, 46% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #74

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**15,640** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **8,914** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

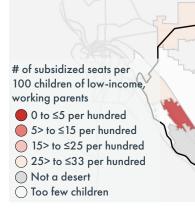
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House District <mark>#75</mark> Rep. Mary González



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HD #75	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	94	7 (-7%)
Subsidy providers	93	31 (-33%)
Total capacity	4,778	1,403 (-29%)
Subsidy seats	1,667	+153 (+9%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #75

**10,997** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,818** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,820** children are receiving subsidy, 48% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #75

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**11,214** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **6,106** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#76</mark> Rep. Suleman Lalani # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #76	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	361	186 (-52%)
Subsidy providers	118	17 (-14%)
Total capacity	21,200	7,913 (-37%)
Subsidy seats	1,580	272 (-17%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #76

16,096 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,509** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,308** children are receiving subsidy, 29% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #76

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,840** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,366** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

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House District <mark>#77</mark> Rep. Evelina "Lina" Ortega

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HD #77	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	175	78 (-45%)
Subsidy providers	106	30 (-28%)
Total capacity	7,891	3,062 (-39%)
Subsidy seats	2,488	153 (-6%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #77

**10,997** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,333** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,335** children are receiving subsidy, 44% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #77

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**9,894** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,556** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District #78 Rep. Joe Moody

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HD #78	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	151	72 (-48%)
Subsidy providers	88	29 (-33%)
Total capacity	7,420	3,031 (-41%)
Subsidy seats	1,811	+93 (+5%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #78

11,730 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

4,182 children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

1,904 children are receiving subsidy, 46% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #78

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

6,334 economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

#### 3,274 economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#79</mark> Rep. Claudia Ordaz Perez # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #79	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	210	87 (-41%)
Subsidy providers	140	36 (-26%)
Total capacity	9,784	3,276 (-33%)
Subsidy seats	3,084	5 (0%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #79

9,179 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,071** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**3,079** children are receiving subsidy, 100% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #79

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**14,812** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **7,938** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#80</mark> Rep. Tracy O. King



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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #80	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	233	93 (-40%)
Subsidy providers	119	11 (-9%)
Total capacity	6,558	1,150 (-18%)
Subsidy seats	2,940	534 (-18%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #80

14,269 children ages 0.5 with working parents.

**5,242** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,406** children are receiving subsidy, 46% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #80

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**11,698** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **7,400** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

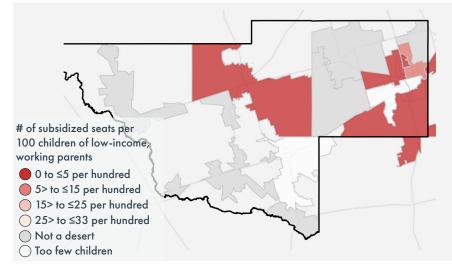
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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#81</mark> Rep. Brooks Landgraf



### STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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Highpoint: 99.5% of providers that received stabilization dollars from the Texas Workforce Commission remained open.

### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

- Increase partnerships between school districts and high quality child care providers by removing barriers to offer more Pre-K and child care capacity to working families.
- Ensure providers receive reimbursement based on quality rate, not what they can charge families.
- Increase access to quality child care across Texas for working parents by increasing state investment in child care.
- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #81	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	75	36 (-48%)
Subsidy providers	42	17 (-40%)
Total capacity	4,938	2,112 (-43%)
Subsidy seats	1,027	2 (0%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #81

8,418 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,115** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,025** children are receiving subsidy, 48% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #81

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**4,388** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,456** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District #82 Rep. Tom Craddick # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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### STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #82	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	108	56 (-52%)
Subsidy providers	42	13 (-31%)
Total capacity	7,191	2,770 (-39%)
Subsidy seats	978	324 (-33%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #82

**10,958** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,495** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**654** children are receiving subsidy, 26% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #82

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,070** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

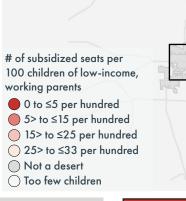
# **1,624** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#83</mark> Rep. Dustin Burrows



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### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #83	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	187	89 (-48%)
Subsidy providers	80	27 (-34%)
Total capacity	9,482	2,534 (-27%)
Subsidy seats	1,417	81 (-6%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #83

11,979 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,055** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,336** children are receiving subsidy, 44% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #83

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**6,204** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,056** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

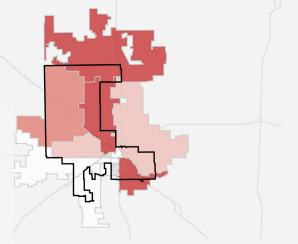
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House District **#84** Rep. Carl Tepper # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents

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# STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #84	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	169	84 (-50%)
Subsidy providers	86	37 (-43%)
Total capacity	9,683	3,227 (-33%)
Subsidy seats	2,001	464 (-23%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #84

9,286 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,722** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,537** children are receiving subsidy, 56% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #84

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**4,320** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,520** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#85</mark> Rep. Stan Kitzman # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #85	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	257	116 (-45%)
Subsidy providers	94	18 (-19%)
Total capacity	18,470	5,816 (-31%)
Subsidy seats	1,025	+80 (+8%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #85

18,373 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,390** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,105** children are receiving subsidy, 33% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #85

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**17,570** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **7,714** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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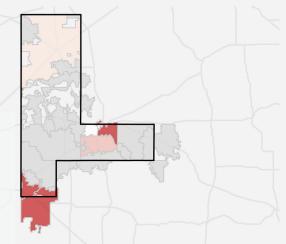
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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#86</mark> Rep. John T. Smithee

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #86	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	107	36 (-34%)
Subsidy providers	49	16 (-33%)
Total capacity	6,393	2,484 (-39%)
Subsidy seats	1,339	402 (-30%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #86

**10,329** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,529** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**937** children are receiving subsidy, 27% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #86

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,234** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,524** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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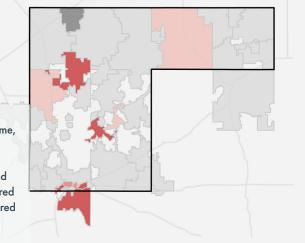
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# children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District <mark>#87</mark> Rep. Four Price





## STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #87	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	119	41 (-34%)
Subsidy providers	62	18 (-29%)
Total capacity	6,005	1,860 (-31%)
Subsidy seats	1,631	501 (-31%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #87

**10,835** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,007** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,130** children are receiving subsidy, 28% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #87

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,294** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,506** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

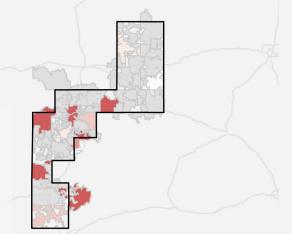
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# children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District <mark>#88</mark> Rep. Ken King # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #88	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	132	69 (-52%)
Subsidy providers	55	20 (-36%)
Total capacity	3,679	1,041 (-28%)
Subsidy seats	888	63 (-7%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #88

7,579 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,576** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**825** children are receiving subsidy, 32% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #88

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**4,406** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,314** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

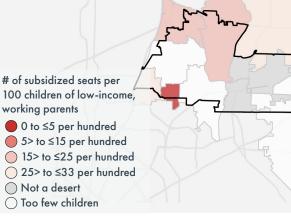
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# children at Risk



House District #89 Rep. Candy Noble



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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #89	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	183	94 (-51%)
Subsidy providers	67	21 (-31%)
Total capacity	12,590	3,337 (-27%)
Subsidy seats	1,125	133 (-12%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #89

13,000 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,711** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**992** children are receiving subsidy, 37% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #89

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**7,742** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,860** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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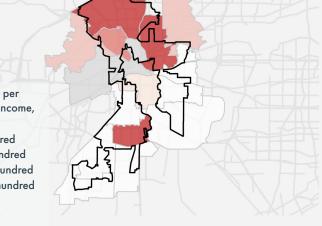
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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#90</mark> Rep. Ramon Romero Jr.

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #90	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	254	104 (-41%)
Subsidy providers	139	24 (-17%)
Total capacity	10,838	3,772 (-35%)
Subsidy seats	1,870	+6 (+0%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #90

16,176 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**6,150** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,876** children are receiving subsidy, 31% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #90

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**9,872** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **7,166** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

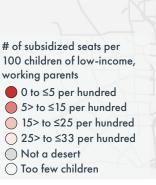
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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#91</mark> Rep. Stephanie Klick



### STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #91	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	188	121 (-64%)
Subsidy providers	67	33 (-49%)
Total capacity	9,918	4,380 (-44%)
Subsidy seats	762	171 (-22%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #91

**14,502** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,188** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**591** children are receiving subsidy, 19% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #91

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,860** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **1,818** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

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House District **#92** Rep. Salman Bhojani # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Increase access to quality child care across Texas for working parents by increasing state investment in child care.
- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #92	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	248	117 (-47%)
Subsidy providers	112	39 (-35%)
Total capacity	14,967	6,777 (-45%)
Subsidy seats	2,277	395 (-17%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #92

**22,010** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**7,320** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,882** children are receiving subsidy, 26% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #92

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**8,398** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **5,888** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

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House District #93 Rep. Nate Schatzline # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents O to ≤5 per hundred 5> to ≤15 per hundred ☐ 15> to ≤25 per hundred O 25> to ≤33 per hundred Not a desert ○ Too few children

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #93	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	242	138 (-57%)
Subsidy providers	99	59 (-60%)
Total capacity	14,325	3,393 (-24%)
Subsidy seats	606	+62 (+10%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #93

**21,895** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

3,979 children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

668 children are receiving subsidy, 17% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #93

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

4,320 economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

#### 1,634 economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#94</mark> Rep. Tony Tinderholt # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #94	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	263	157 (-60%)
Subsidy providers	110	38 (-35%)
Total capacity	16,034	6,870 (-43%)
Subsidy seats	2,082	280 (-13%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #94

19,913 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**6,867** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,802** children are receiving subsidy, 26% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #94

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**10,596** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **6,872** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

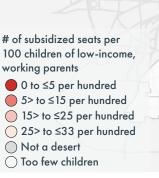
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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

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House District **#95** Rep. Nicole Collier



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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #95	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	255	92 (-36%)
Subsidy providers	148	18 (-12%)
Total capacity	10,234	2,794 (-27%)
Subsidy seats	2,367	97 (-4%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #95

13,998 children ages 0.5 with working parents.

**5,426** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,270** children are receiving subsidy, 42% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #95

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**11,748** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **8,734** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#96</mark> Rep. David Cook # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #96	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	202	65 (-32%)
Subsidy providers	109	16 (-15%)
Total capacity	14,335	3,514 (-25%)
Subsidy seats	1,302	+224 (+17%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #96

16,941 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,529** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,526** children are receiving subsidy, 34% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #96

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**12,006** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **8,080** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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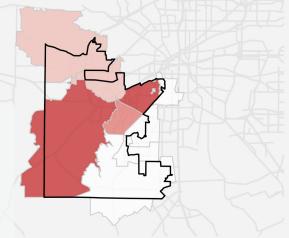
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House District <mark>#97</mark> Rep. Craig Goldman

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #97	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	154	79 (-51%)
Subsidy providers	86	31 (-36%)
Total capacity	9,890	4,478 (-45%)
Subsidy seats	1,047	+105 (+10%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #97

14,794 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,243** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,152** children are receiving subsidy, 27% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #97

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**11,866** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **8,600** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

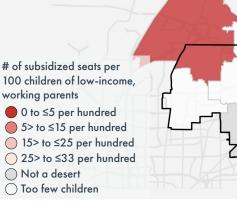
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House District <mark>#98</mark> Rep. Giovanni Capriglione



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HD #98	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	121	76 (-63%)
Subsidy providers	31	15 (-48%)
Total capacity	12,240	5,195 (-42%)
Subsidy seats	265	8 (-3%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #98

9,281 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**1,259** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**257** children are receiving subsidy, 20% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #98

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**4,388** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **1,990** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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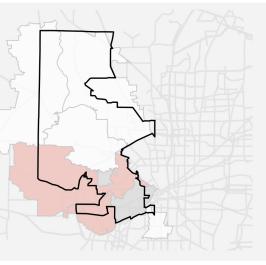
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House District <mark>#99</mark> Rep. Charlie Geren

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HD #99	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	141	86 (-61%)
Subsidy providers	73	38 (-52%)
Total capacity	8,590	3,759 (-44%)
Subsidy seats	978	+169 (+17%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #99

14,119 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,441** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,147** children are receiving subsidy, 33% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #99

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**13,104** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **8,420** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District #100 Rep. Venton C. Jones # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #100	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	218	117 (-54%)
Subsidy providers	123	39 (-32%)
Total capacity	10,015	4,950 (-49%)
Subsidy seats	3,968	1,888 (-48%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #100

16,313 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**6,971** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,080** children are receiving subsidy, 30% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #100

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**18,774** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **16,164** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#101</mark> Rep. Chris Turner # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #101	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	317	115 (-36%)
Subsidy providers	127	34 (-27%)
Total capacity	16,613	4,586 (-28%)
Subsidy seats	1,650	+55 (+3%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #101

**20,533** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,981** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,705** children are receiving subsidy, 29% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #101

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**8,782** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

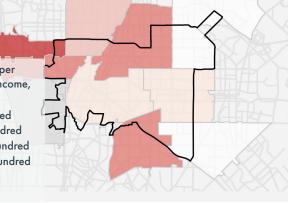
# **5,858** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#102</mark> Rep. Ana-Maria Ramos # of subsidized seats per
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #102	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	207	131 (-63%)
Subsidy providers	81	39 (-48%)
Total capacity	13,864	6,927 (-50%)
Subsidy seats	2,149	639 (-30%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #102

**20,440** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**7,811** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,510** children are receiving subsidy, 19% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #102

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**9,392** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,878** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District **#103** Rep. Rafael Anchía # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
0 to ≤5 per hundred
5> to ≤15 per hundred
15> to ≤25 per hundred
25> to ≤33 per hundred
Not a desert
Too few children

### STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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Highpoint: 99.5% of providers that received stabilization dollars from the Texas Workforce Commission remained open.

### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

- Increase partnerships between school districts and high quality child care providers by removing barriers to offer more Pre-K and child care capacity to working families.
- Ensure providers receive reimbursement based on quality rate, not what they can charge families.
- Increase access to quality child care across Texas for working parents by increasing state investment in child care.
- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #103	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	231	125 (-54%)
Subsidy providers	84	20 (-24%)
Total capacity	13,858	4,433 (-32%)
Subsidy seats	2,415	527 (-22%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #103

**21,903** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**7,851** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,888** children are receiving subsidy, 24% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #103

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**25,616** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **20,884** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

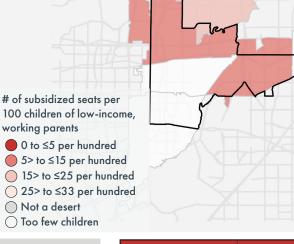
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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#104</mark> Rep. Jessica González



## STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #104	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	120	31 (-26%)
Subsidy providers	62	7 (-11%)
Total capacity	7,448	2,475 (-33%)
Subsidy seats	1,624	267 (-16%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #104

14,255 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,454** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,357** children are receiving subsidy, 30% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #104

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**2,942** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,240** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

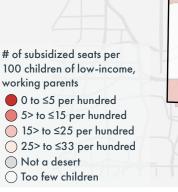
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House District <mark>#105</mark> Rep. Thresa "Terry" Meza



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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #105	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	126	77 (-61%)
Subsidy providers	35	9 (-26%)
Total capacity	8,064	2,479 (-31%)
Subsidy seats	1,133	226 (-20%)

### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #105

11,525 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,161** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**907** children are receiving subsidy, 29% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #105

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**7,352** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,790** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District <mark>#106</mark> Rep. Jared Patterson

# of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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Too few children

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### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #106	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	187	91 (-49%)
Subsidy providers	55	23 (-42%)
Total capacity	17,671	5,128 (-29%)
Subsidy seats	507	48 (-9%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #106

**15,947** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,221** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**459** children are receiving subsidy, 21% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #106

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**9,082** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,962** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District <mark>#107</mark> Rep. Victoria Neave # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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Not a desert
Too few children

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #107	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	237	106 (-45%)
Subsidy providers	114	23 (-20%)
Total capacity	12,562	2,780 (-22%)
Subsidy seats	3,979	806 (-20%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #107

**19,801** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**7,617** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**3,173** children are receiving subsidy, 42% of those eligible.

### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #107

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**10,040** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **5,318** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#108</mark> Rep. Morgan Meyer # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred ● 5> to ≤15 per hundred ● 15> to ≤25 per hundred ● 25> to ≤33 per hundred ● Not a desert ● Too few children

# STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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Between March 2020 and September 2021, 21% of child care providers closed statewide.

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #108	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	161	107 (-66%)
Subsidy providers	36	16 (-44%)
Total capacity	13,330	8,303 (-62%)
Subsidy seats	757	197 (-26%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #108

18,559 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,558** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**560** children are receiving subsidy, 10% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #108

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**22,380** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **18,272** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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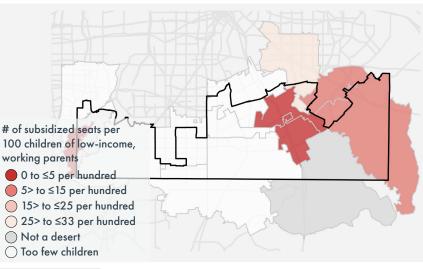
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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#109</mark> Rep. Carl Sherman



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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #109	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	283	80 (-28%)
Subsidy providers	187	42 (-22%)
Total capacity	14,491	4,694 (-32%)
Subsidy seats	3,945	950 (-24%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #109

**21,463** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**6,334** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,995** children are receiving subsidy, 47% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #109

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**23,764** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **20,386** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

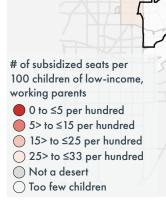
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# children at Risk



House District #110 Rep. Toni Rose



# STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #110	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	193	90 (-47%)
Subsidy providers	114	28 (-25%)
Total capacity	7,741	2,726 (-35%)
Subsidy seats	3,044	1,042 (-34%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #110

12,058 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,568** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,002** children are receiving subsidy, 36% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #110

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**23,028** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **18,712** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District #111 Rep. Yvonne Davis # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred ● 5> to ≤15 per hundred ● 15> to ≤25 per hundred ● 25> to ≤33 per hundred ● Not a desert ● Too few children

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #111	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	219	63 (-29%)
Subsidy providers	136	21 (-15%)
Total capacity	13,135	3,712 (-28%)
Subsidy seats	3,211	830 (-26%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #111

**15,877** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,611** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,381** children are receiving subsidy, 42% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #111

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**23,512** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **19,812** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#112</mark> Rep. Angie Chen Button

# of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred ● 5> to ≤15 per hundred ● 15> to ≤25 per hundred ● 25> to ≤33 per hundred ● Not a desert ● Too few children

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #112	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	276	124 (-45%)
Subsidy providers	110	40 (-36%)
Total capacity	20,138	4,750 (-24%)
Subsidy seats	2,505	219 (-9%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #112

**21,340** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,590** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,286** children are receiving subsidy, 50% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #112

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**9,460** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,898** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District <mark>#113</mark> Rep. Rhetta Bowers # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #113	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	199	71 (-36%)
Subsidy providers	86	11 (-13%)
Total capacity	12,178	1,185 (-10%)
Subsidy seats	2,809	199 (-7%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #113

**16,703** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,252** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,610** children are receiving subsidy, 50% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #113

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**10,040** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **5,318** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District #114 Rep. John Bryant



# STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #114	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	155	110 (-71%)
Subsidy providers	53	28 (-53%)
Total capacity	9,768	6,601 (-68%)
Subsidy seats	1,742	973 (-56%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #114

14,056 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,341** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**769** children are receiving subsidy, 23% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #114

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**18,774** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **16,164** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

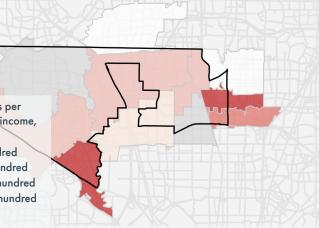
\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District #115 Rep. Julie Johnson # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred ● 5> to ≤15 per hundred ● 15> to ≤25 per hundred ● 25> to ≤33 per hundred ● Not a desert ● Too few children



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Highpoint: 99.5% of providers that received stabilization dollars from the Texas Workforce Commission remained open.

### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #115	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	167	73 (-44%)
Subsidy providers	55	26 (-47%)
Total capacity	16,706	5,958 (-36%)
Subsidy seats	1,053	208 (-20%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #115

17,042 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,336** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**845** children are receiving subsidy, 19% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #115

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,354** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **1,414** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#116</mark> Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer

# of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #116	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	159	50 (-31%)
Subsidy providers	85	15 (-18%)
Total capacity	10,018	3,189 (-32%)
Subsidy seats	1,994	546 (-27%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #116

15,544 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,270** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,448** children are receiving subsidy, 27% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #116

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**14,882** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **9,888** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District #117 Rep. Philip Cortez # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #117	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	171	41 (-24%)
Subsidy providers	72	17 (-24%)
Total capacity	7,035	1,123 (-16%)
Subsidy seats	1,155	261 (-23%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #117

12,595 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,674** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**894** children are receiving subsidy, 24% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #117

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**13,200** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **6,754** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

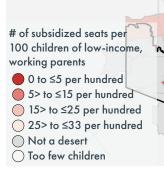
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# children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District <mark>#118</mark> Rep. John Lujan



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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #118	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	289	82 (-28%)
Subsidy providers	147	31 (-21%)
Total capacity	15,143	3,128 (-21%)
Subsidy seats	2,501	386 (-15%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #118

**24,632** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**7,026** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,115** children are receiving subsidy, 30% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #118

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**14,958** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **8,090** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District <mark>#119</mark> Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Campos

# of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #119	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	207	53 (-26%)
Subsidy providers	118	14 (-12%)
Total capacity	11,268	2,157 (-19%)
Subsidy seats	2,473	365 (-15%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #119

**15,948** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**6,188** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,108** children are receiving subsidy, 34% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #119

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**17,382** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **12,490** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District #120 Rep. Barbara Gervin-Hawkins # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #120	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	189	81 (-43%)
Subsidy providers	77	7 (-9%)
Total capacity	8,533	1,837 (-22%)
Subsidy seats	1,697	87 (-5%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #120

**13,252** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,453** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,610** children are receiving subsidy, 36% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #120

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**14,250** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **10,390** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District <mark>#121</mark> Rep. Steve Allison # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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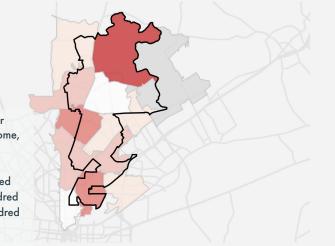
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HD #121	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	201	90 (-45%)
Subsidy providers	64	4 (-6%)
Total capacity	17,282	5,099 (-30%)
Subsidy seats	1,291	180 (-14%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #121

**16,749** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,523** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,111** children are receiving subsidy, 25% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #121

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**8,098** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,140** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District **#122** Rep. Mark Dorazio # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #122	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	194	81 (-42%)
Subsidy providers	60	9 (-15%)
Total capacity	18,446	4,702 (-25%)
Subsidy seats	1,187	26 (-2%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #122

19,682 children ages 0.5 with working parents.

**4,094** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,161** children are receiving subsidy, 28% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #122

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**14,612** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **5,632** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#123</mark> Rep. Diego M. Bernal

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #123	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	180	66 (-37%)
Subsidy providers	87	7 (-8%)
Total capacity	11,831	4,841 (-41%)
Subsidy seats	1,701	283 (-17%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #123

**15,338** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**6,069** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,418** children are receiving subsidy, 23% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #123

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**11,456** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **8,078** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#124</mark> Rep. Josey Garcia # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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# **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #124	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	177	40 (-23%)
Subsidy providers	82	10 (-12%)
Total capacity	7,577	629 (-8%)
Subsidy seats	1,739	412 (-24%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #124

**13,511** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,048** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,327** children are receiving subsidy, 26% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #124

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**11,386** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **6,010** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# childrenatRisk



House District <mark>#125</mark> Rep. Ray Lopez # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #125	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	199	52 (-26%)
Subsidy providers	82	5 (-6%)
Total capacity	12,287	2,317 (-19%)
Subsidy seats	2,188	426 (-19%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #125

**14,926** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,754** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,762** children are receiving subsidy, 47% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #125

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**10,222** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **5,112** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# childrenatRisk



House District #126 Rep. Sam Harless # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
0 to ≤5 per hundred
5> to ≤15 per hundred
15> to ≤25 per hundred
25> to ≤33 per hundred
Not a desert
Too few children

# STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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Between March 2020 and September 2021, 21% of child care providers closed statewide.

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Highpoint: 99.5% of providers that received stabilization dollars from the Texas Workforce Commission remained open.

### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

- Increase partnerships between school districts and high quality child care providers by removing barriers to offer more Pre-K and child care capacity to working families.
- Ensure providers receive reimbursement based on quality rate, not what they can charge families.
- Increase access to quality child care across Texas for working parents by increasing state investment in child care.
- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #126	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	258	136 (-53%)
Subsidy providers	93	16 (-17%)
Total capacity	20,192	8,902 (-44%)
Subsidy seats	1,649	135 (-8%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #126

17,381 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,068** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,514** children are receiving subsidy, 37% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #126

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**13,954** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **6,708** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

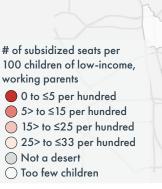
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House District <mark>#127</mark> Rep. Charles Cunningham



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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #127	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	214	92 (-43%)
Subsidy providers	121	36 (-30%)
Total capacity	13,968	3,302 (-24%)
Subsidy seats	1,733	92 (-5%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #127

14,139 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,014** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,641** children are receiving subsidy, 54% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #127

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**16,360** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **9,864** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.



House District <mark>#128</mark> Rep. Briscoe Cain # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #128	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	110	45 (-41%)
Subsidy providers	71	23 (-32%)
Total capacity	8,552	2,927 (-34%)
Subsidy seats	990	81 (-8%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #128

12,066 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,643** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**909** children are receiving subsidy, 25% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #128

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**4,766** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,226** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

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House District <mark>#129</mark> Rep. Dennis Paul # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #129	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	151	72 (-48%)
Subsidy providers	88	39 (-44%)
Total capacity	15,366	6,735 (-44%)
Subsidy seats	1,467	53 (-4%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #129

**14,091** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,906** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,414** children are receiving subsidy, 36% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #129

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**9,238** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,748** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District #130 Rep. Tom Oliverson # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #130	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	245	144 (-59%)
Subsidy providers	78	31 (-40%)
Total capacity	20,968	9,029 (-43%)
Subsidy seats	1,056	240 (-23%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #130

19,688 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,775** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**816** children are receiving subsidy, 29% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #130

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**11,810** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **5,606** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

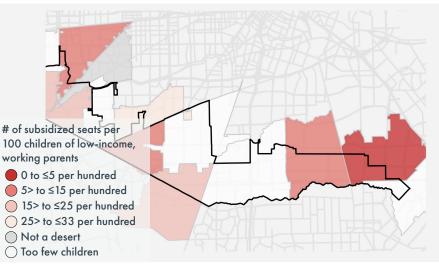
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House District <mark>#131</mark> Rep. Alma A. Allen



# STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #131	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	392	179 (-46%)
Subsidy providers	162	25 (-15%)
Total capacity	16,112	5,155 (-32%)
Subsidy seats	2,661	498 (-19%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #131

**19,945** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**8,206** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,163** children are receiving subsidy, 26% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #131

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**30,946** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **23,522** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District #132 Rep. Mike Schofield

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #132	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	338	129 (-38%)
Subsidy providers	135	39 (-29%)
Total capacity	32,539	12,230 (-38%)
Subsidy seats	1,875	52 (-3%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #132

**27,923** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,333** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,823** children are receiving subsidy, 55% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #132

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**16,320** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **7,454** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

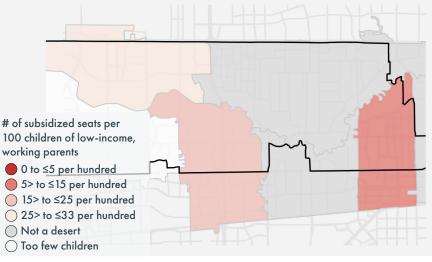
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House District <mark>#133</mark> Rep. Mano DeAyala



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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #133	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	131	87 (-66%)
Subsidy providers	39	11 (-28%)
Total capacity	12,909	7,718 (-60%)
Subsidy seats	600	+102 (+17%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #133

9,465 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,100** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**702** children are receiving subsidy, 33% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #133

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**3,012** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,092** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

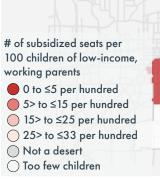
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House District #134 Rep. Ann Johnson



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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #134	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	160	96 (-60%)
Subsidy providers	32	11 (-34%)
Total capacity	19,592	11,958 (-61%)
Subsidy seats	1,197	914 (-76%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #134

15,546 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,103** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**283** children are receiving subsidy, 13% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #134

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**25,032** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **20,618** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

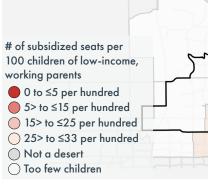
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House District <mark>#135</mark> Rep. Jon Rosenthal



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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #135	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	397	195 (-49%)
Subsidy providers	137	29 (-21%)
Total capacity	22,412	8,945 (-40%)
Subsidy seats	2,168	285 (-13%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #135

**21,540** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,803** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,883** children are receiving subsidy, 50% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #135

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**15,510** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **7,078** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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House District <mark>#136</mark> Rep. John Bucy III # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #136	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	156	36 (-23%)
Subsidy providers	118	72 (-61%)
Total capacity	24,500	11,209 (-46%)
Subsidy seats	1,296	344 (-27%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #136

**15,396** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,132** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**952** children are receiving subsidy, 45% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #136

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**2,332** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **932** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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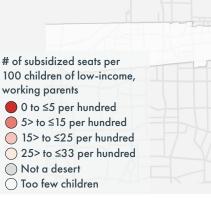
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House District <mark>#137</mark> Rep. Gene Wu



# STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #137	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	197	109 (-55%)
Subsidy providers	68	9 (-13%)
Total capacity	12,495	5,530 (-44%)
Subsidy seats	2,257	1,094 (-48%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #137

**14,067** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,479** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,163** children are receiving subsidy, 21% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #137

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**5,914** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **2,904** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

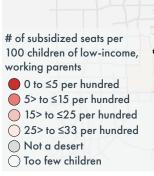
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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#138</mark> Rep. Lacey Hull



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HD #138	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	409	241 (-59%)
Subsidy providers	120	25 (-21%)
Total capacity	26,438	14,199 (-54%)
Subsidy seats	2,002	219 (-11%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #138

22,198 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**6,341** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,783** children are receiving subsidy, 28% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #138

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**18,522** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **9,170** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District #139 Rep. Jarvis Johnson # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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25> to ≤33 per hundred
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HD #139	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	284	134 (-47%)
Subsidy providers	136	34 (-25%)
Total capacity	15,367	4,444 (-29%)
Subsidy seats	3,391	961 (-28%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #139

**15,850** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**6,073** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,430** children are receiving subsidy, 40% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #139

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**17,170** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **10,270** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

# children at Risk



House District <mark>#140</mark> Rep. Armando Walle # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #140	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	104	41 (-39%)
Subsidy providers	58	11 (-19%)
Total capacity	4,617	939 (-20%)
Subsidy seats	1,589	363 (-23%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #140

9,285 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,560** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,226** children are receiving subsidy, 27% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #140

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**8,564** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **5,744** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District #141 Rep. Senfronia Thompson

# of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #141	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	281	95 (-34%)
Subsidy providers	161	28 (-17%)
Total capacity	13,708	2,238 (-16%)
Subsidy seats	4,055	758 (-19%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #141

**18,841** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**8,431** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**3,297** children are receiving subsidy, 39% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #141

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**41,192** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **30,386** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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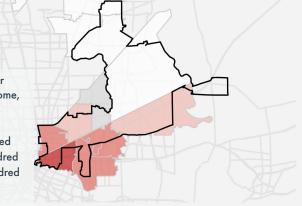
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# children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District <mark>#142</mark> Rep. Harold V. Dutton Jr.

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HD #142	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	187	78 (-42%)
Subsidy providers	94	22 (-23%)
Total capacity	8,427	1,856 (-22%)
Subsidy seats	1,531	261 (-17%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #142

**13,187** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,695** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,270** children are receiving subsidy, 34% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #142

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**33,658** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **25,388** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

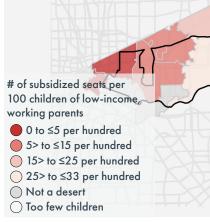
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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#143</mark> Rep. Ana Hernandez



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HD #143	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	139	70 (-50%)
Subsidy providers	77	26 (-34%)
Total capacity	7,101	2,700 (-38%)
Subsidy seats	1,145	397 (-35%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #143

10,539 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,841** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**748** children are receiving subsidy, 19% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #143

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**8,564** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,632** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District <mark>#144</mark> Rep. Mary Ann Perez # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents
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HD #144	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	132	54 (-41%)
Subsidy providers	82	34 (-41%)
Total capacity	10,258	4,266 (-42%)
Subsidy seats	1,651	185 (-11%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #144

14,661 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,360** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,466** children are receiving subsidy, 27% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #144

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**7,002** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **3,832** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#145</mark> Rep. Christina Morales

# of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred ● 5> to ≤15 per hundred ● 15> to ≤25 per hundred ● 25> to ≤33 per hundred ● Not a desert ● Too few children

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HD #145	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	152	79 (-52%)
Subsidy providers	52	19 (-37%)
Total capacity	10,828	5,306 (-49%)
Subsidy seats	811	348 (-43%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #145

11,776 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**2,403** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**463** children are receiving subsidy, 19% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #145

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**25,032** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **20,618** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

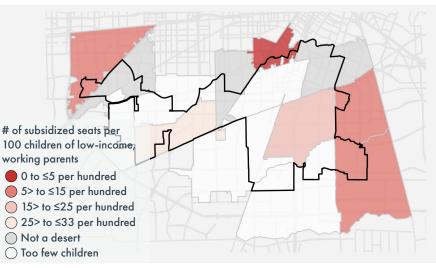
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# children<mark>atRisk</mark>



House District <mark>#146</mark> Rep. Shawn Thierry



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HD #146	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	263	111 (-42%)
Subsidy providers	119	22 (-18%)
Total capacity	14,427	5,381 (-37%)
Subsidy seats	2,505	611 (-24%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #146

**15,779** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,659** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,894** children are receiving subsidy, 33% of those eligible.

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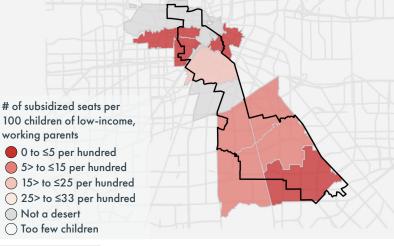
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# children at Risk



House District #147 Rep. Jolanda Jones



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HD #147	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	185	76 (-41%)
Subsidy providers	78	23 (-29%)
Total capacity	12,020	5,285 (-44%)
Subsidy seats	1,680	809 (-48%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #147

13,258 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**4,410** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**871** children are receiving subsidy, 20% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #147

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**31,216** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **24,150** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

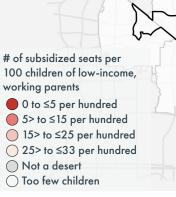
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# children at Risk



House District <mark>#148</mark> Rep. Penny Morales Shaw



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HD #148	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	342	197 (-58%)
Subsidy providers	103	22 (-21%)
Total capacity	19,887	8,923 (-45%)
Subsidy seats	1,694	142 (-8%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #148

18,752 children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**5,771** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,552** children are receiving subsidy, 27% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #148

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**13,024** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **7,032** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

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# STATUS OF CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

Texas's economic success depends on a stable workforce. Employers and working parents rely on access to quality child care, and Texans are struggling to meet the needs of their families and economy.

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Between March 2020 and September 2021, 21% of child care providers closed statewide.

As a result of these losses - an additional 242 communities became child care deserts, a nearly 62% increase statewide.

Highpoint: 99.5% of providers that received stabilization dollars from the Texas Workforce Commission remained open.

### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

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- Ensure providers receive reimbursement based on quality rate, not what they can charge families.
- Increase access to quality child care across Texas for working parents by increasing state investment in child care.
- Support and strengthen the child care workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.
- Offer property tax relief to child care providers.

HD #149	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	617	317 (-51%)
Subsidy providers	216	40 (-19%)
Total capacity	27,551	11,087 (-40%)
Subsidy seats	3,509	795 (-23%)

#### Access to QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #149

**24,994** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**7,228** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**2,714** children are receiving subsidy, 38% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #149

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**11,412** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **5,042** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

\*Note: Estimate based on count of economically disadvantaged 1st graders for school districts from TEA.

Sources: TWC and HHSC data Sept. 2019 & 2021; American Community Survey 2016-2022; Texas Education Agency 2020-21.

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House District <mark>#150</mark> Rep. Valoree Swanson # of subsidized seats per 100 children of low-income, working parents ● 0 to ≤5 per hundred ● 5> to ≤15 per hundred ● 15> to ≤25 per hundred ● 25> to ≤33 per hundred ● Not a desert ● Too few children

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HD #150	2019 counts	Change as of 2021 (% change)
Total providers	248	128 (-52%)
Subsidy providers	102	27 (-26%)
Total capacity	16,724	6,802 (-41%)
Subsidy seats	1,429	181 (-13%)

#### ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE in HD #150

**16,434** children ages 0-5 with working parents.

**3,574** children ages 0-5 with low-income, working parents are eligible for tuition assistance through the Texas child care subsidy program and are not enrolled in Head Start or public Pre-K.

**1,248** children are receiving subsidy, 35% of those eligible.

#### PUBLIC PRE-K AVAILABILITY in HD #150

Public-Private Pre-K Partnerships ensure that local school districts partner with private child care providers, which maximizes government dollars, supports the public education system and expands access to quality early education.

**9,594** economically disadvantaged children (ages 3-4) are eligible for free public Pre-K.\*

# **4,816** economically disadvantaged children are attending free public Pre-K.

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