



Florida

The period of life from prenatal to age three is critical for physical and social-emotional development, but the experience of homelessness jeopardizes healthy growth and has potential long-term consequences. Access to early childhood development programs can mitigate the impacts of homelessness, and these data profiles should be used to understand how many infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness are enrolled in programs and services in each state, and where greater opportunities for access are needed.



Total Population Birth Through Age Three:
893,471



Estimated Total Population Birth Through Age Three Experiencing Homelessness:
35,788, or 4.01% of all infants and toddlers

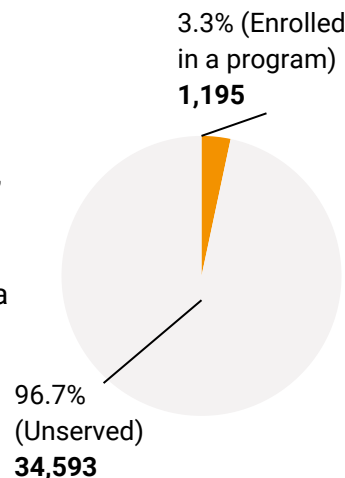


Total population Birth Through Age Three experiencing homelessness enrolled in a program:
1,195

Only 1 in 30 infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness is enrolled in a program.



Among the 35,788 infants and toddlers identified, only 1,195, which accounts for a mere 3.3%, are currently enrolled in a program.



Prioritizing Children Experiencing Homelessness through State Policies

Automatic or streamlined eligibility for children experiencing homelessness?	YES
Priority for children experiencing homelessness to receive child care subsidies?	YES
Exemptions from work requirements for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Co-payments waived for parents experiencing homelessness?	YES
Exemption or grace period for children experiencing homelessness to submit eligibility/enrollment documentation? Yes, does not list length of time.	
Grace period for children experiencing homelessness to meet immunization requirements?	30 Days
State laws to prioritize children experiencing homelessness for preschool?	NO

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



Home Visiting (387)



Early Head Start (736)



Identified & Served by an LEA (72)



Unserved (34,593)