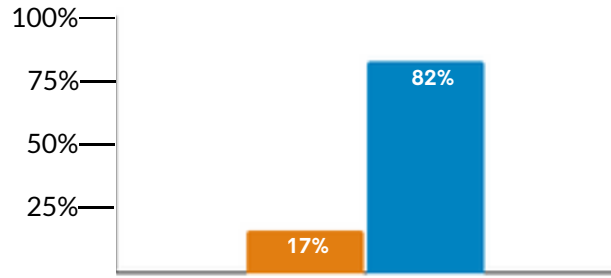


A SNAPSHOT OF EARLY CARE & EDUCATION IN BESE DISTRICT 4

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In BESE District 4, **only 17%** of in-need children birth to age 3 are served by public programs, while 82% of 4-year-olds are.



KEY: ● Birth to 3 Children In Need Served ● 4-Year-Olds In Need Served

The vast majority of child care programs in BESE District 4 are meeting state quality benchmarks, providing **a smart start for children and a smart investment for families**. While early care and education program quality has improved, **access to quality birth to 3 programs remains an issue**. However, most in-need 4-year-olds in BESE District 4 have access to a child care program.

Network	Publicly Funded Enrollment	Numbers of Programs	Proficient Programs	Children In Need Served
Louisiana	55,942	1,814	93%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 75-84.99% (4-Year-Olds)
Allen	402	10	100%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Bienville	225	8	100%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Bossier	1,145	41	93%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 75-84.99% (4-Year-Olds)
Caddo	3,396	102	93%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 75-84.99% (4-Year-Olds)
DeSoto	379	10	90%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Natchitoches	588	20	90%	30-49% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Red River	162	2	100%	30-49% (Birth to 3), 85-94.99% (4-Year-Olds)
Sabine	366	9	100%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Vernon	550	12	92%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Webster	516	16	94%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Winn	109	5	80%	0-10% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
District 4 Total	7,838	235	93%	

Data Sources: Early Childhood Care Site & Network Performance Profiles, Louisiana Department of Education, 2023 | Served & Unserved Estimates, Louisiana Department of Education, October 2022