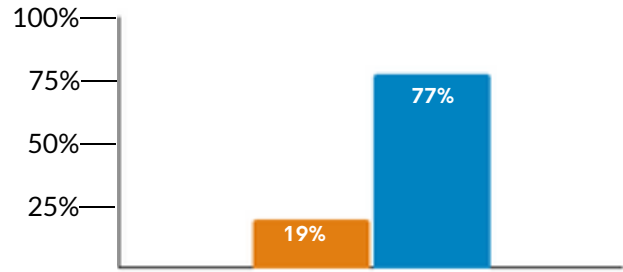


# A SNAPSHOT OF EARLY CARE & EDUCATION IN BESE DISTRICT 2

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In BESE District 2, **only 19%** of in-need children birth to age 3 are served by public programs, while 77% 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 2 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 2 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)
Assumption	277	7	71%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
Jefferson	4,440	137	87%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 65-74.99% (4-Year-Olds)
Orleans	4,783	165	93%	30-49% (Birth to 3), 75-84.99% (4-Year-Olds)
St. Charles	664	17	94%	30-49% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
St. James	350	9	100%	30-49% (Birth to 3), 95-100% (4-Year-Olds)
St. John the Baptist	511	11	82%	11-29% (Birth to 3), 75-84.99% (4-Year-Olds)
District 2 Total	11,025	346	90%	

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