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Description: Participating in the SSAISD community assessment process provides the Office of Head Start (OHS) with critical insights into the evolving needs of eligible children and families. By establishing a solid data foundation and an updated community profile, the program can anticipate trends, build targeted strategies, and drive continuous quality improvements for our youngest learners.

Historical Data: Each year, the South San Antonio ISD Head Start Program partners with The University of Texas at San Antonio to conduct an updated community assessment. This assessment provides critical data essential for establishing long-term goals and measurable objectives.

Recommendation: School Board Members should examine the community assessment data to gain a comprehensive understanding of evolving family needs and priorities.

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Goals: SSAISD will build strong partnerships with families, communities, and businesses to advance student success.



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I _____, member of the South San Antonio ISD Board of Managers, hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the **2025–2026 Community Assessment Book** provided by the SSAISD Head Start Department. Should I have any inquiries regarding the assessment, I will direct them to the South San Antonio ISD Superintendent and/or the Head Start Program Administrator.

Notice to the SSAISD Board of Managers: Please review the enclosed data compiled by The Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research (IDSER) at The University of Texas at San Antonio. This information provides a comprehensive overview of the SSAISD community's needs, offering district and community leaders critical insights into local policies, systems, and environmental change strategies to support continuous improvement.

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The information presented in this Community Assessment is based on the most recent and relevant data available at the time of analysis. All interpretations, estimates, and conclusions are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of South San Antonio ISD or the National Head Start Program. To ensure a data-driven, theoretically sound, and objective assessment, the authors conducted the analysis independently of the program grantee and incorporated data from a wide range of reliable sources.

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1. Executive Summary

Significant findings for the 2025-2026 Community Assessment Update for South San Antonio (SSA) are as follows:

- SSAISD's population grew by 4.9% from 2014 to 2024.
- In 2020, there were 1,610 births in the ZIP code areas within SSAISD.
- Teen birth rate in SSAISD ZIP code areas is 12%, nearly double Bexar County (6.2%) and Texas (6.1%).
- 62% of births are to single mothers—higher than the county (45%) and state (41.5%).
- The share of immigrant population in SSAISD is higher than in most Bexar County school districts.
- SSAISD is 88.5% Hispanic; only 7.5% identify as non-Hispanic White.
- Spanish is spoken in 56.6% of households—compared to 32.8% in Bexar County.
- 16.6% of SSAISD students are enrolled in bilingual or ESL programs.
- An estimated 7 bilingual Head Start classrooms are needed.
- Median age is 31.7 for SSAISD, with 9.4% of the population under age 5—indicating a young population.
- SSAISD has higher proportions of family and single-parent households than the county or state.
- The TEA data report no foster care students in SSAISD for FY 2025–2026. In contrast, the most recent ACS estimates indicate that 47 foster children under 18 reside within SSAISD.
- An estimated 116 children under age 5 in SSAISD have disabilities; 33 were served by Head Start in 2024–2025.
- SSAISD Head Start served 9 homeless families (3.0% of enrollees), lower than county (7.3%) and state (6.1%) averages.
- SSAISD served 70 homeless students (0.99%), was lower than the Edgewood (2.13%), San Antonio (4.09%), Southwest (2.63) ISDs and Texas (1.13%).
- Only 10.5% of SSAISD adults have a bachelor's degree or higher—lower than county and state.
- Use of social programs is higher in SSAISD: 11.3% receive SSI and 28.4% receive SNAP.

- Nearly half of children under 18 in SSAISD live in households receiving public assistance (45.01%–60%), including SSI, TANF, or SNAP
- SSAISD faces multiple public health challenges, including high rates of adult obesity and depression.
- Child abuse and neglect data are unavailable at the district level, but ZIP codes within SSAISD show higher rates than the Bexar County average.
- Median household and per capita income are combinedly the lowest in the county, though improving.
- Poverty remains high—20.5% of related children under 5 live below the poverty line.
- SSAISD's housing stock is older; 51.2% of units are renter-occupied and more crowded.
- An estimated 453 children are income- and age-eligible for Head Start; 317 are currently enrolled, meaning 136 income- and age-eligible children remain unenrolled in SSAISD Head Start. This underscores the need for expanded capacity to serve underserved, low-income, and minority families.
- SSAISD has 1,276 students with disabilities; approximately 409 are age-eligible for Head Start, with the projected numbers to 339 by 2028.
- SSAISD has local services to support Head Start families; however, childcare availability is limited—only 1,151 licensed childcare slots are available for an estimated 4,606 children of Head Start age in the district.
- Additional early childhood education programs are available in SSAISD and nearby areas, including Pre-K 4 SA, charter schools, and other Head Start providers such as COSA, AVANCE, Upbring, and Family Service.

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2. Grantee Profile

Program Overview

Bexar County is in South Central Texas and encompasses the City of San Antonio. Bexar County includes San Antonio and extends into the rural and suburban areas surrounding the city. In the central-southwestern part of Bexar County is the South San Antonio Independent School District (SSAISD) (see Figure 2-1). SSAISD is a nonprofit public agency that provides public education for all children from kindergarten through 12th grade and preschool services via the Head Start Program to approximately 317 preschool-aged students from within SSAISD's service area. SSAISD is located near the heart of San Antonio, encompasses 21 square miles, and is a unique area about four miles southwest of the downtown area of the nation's 7th largest city and about 10 miles north of the area's agricultural farmlands (see Figure 2-1). The community has relatively few indigenous industries and fewer highly skilled, high-paying jobs. Figure 2-2 shows the SSAISD service area at ZIP code level that overlaps with the SSAISD's area boundary (NOTE: The SSAISD service area is outlined in gray with ZIP codes labeled).

Geography

San Antonio is the seat of Bexar County, located in South Central Texas, south of Austin but north of Laredo. The County's estimated population was 2.16 million in 2025 (US Census Bureau, 2025 Population Estimates). San Antonio, Bexar County's largest city, contained an estimated population of 1.55 million persons in 2025 (US Census Bureau, 2025 Population Estimates, City and Town Population Totals). South San Antonio ISD provides services to eligible residents living in the school district (see Figures 2-1 and 2-2).

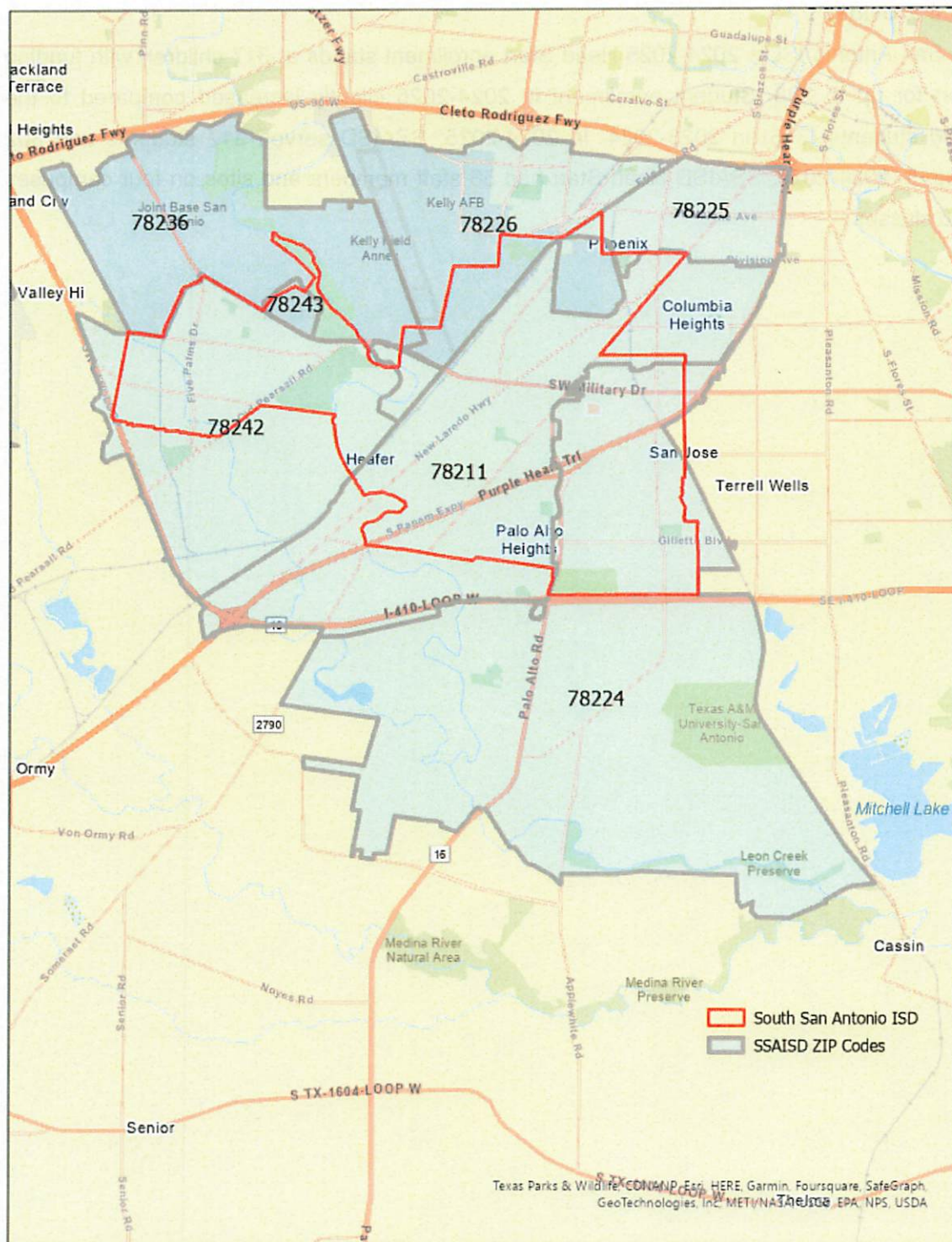


Figure 2-2 South San Antonio ISD Head Start Service Area by Zip Code

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2020 Tigerline Boundary Files; South San Antonio ISD Head Start Program.

Service Provider

South San Antonio ISD's 2024-2025 Head Start enrollment stands at 317 children with funding support for up to 288. Student enrollment in 2024-2025 slightly increased compared to the enrolled students (316) in 2023-2024. In 2024-2025, SSAISD served 317 students and 302 families. In 2024-2025, SSAISD Head Start had 58 staff members and sites on four campuses with 16 classes.

3. Demographic Profile of Bexar County

Population Growth

According to the 2010 Decennial Census, Bexar County had a total population of just over 1.7 million residents (U.S. Census Bureau, 2010). Between 2010 and 2020, the population grew by more than 294,000 people—an increase of 17.2%. This growth rate outpaced that of both the State of Texas (15.9%) and the United States as a whole (7.4%) (see Table 3-1). By 2020, Bexar County's population was estimated at approximately 2.03 million (on July 1st)—an increase of about 312,000 residents from 2010 (April 1st) (see Table 3-2).

From 2020 to 2025, as the county began to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, population growth continued at a steady pace (see Table 3-3). Notably, net migration became a more prominent driver of growth during this period, accounting for 68% of total population gain—compared to 54% during the previous decade (see Table 3-2).

Table 3-1 Bexar County Population Growth Comparison between Texas and the United States, 2010 and 2020

	2010	2020	Change	
			Numeric	Percent
Bexar County	1,714,773	2,009,324	294,551	17.2%
Texas	25,145,561	29,145,505	3,999,944	15.9%
United States	308,745,538	331,449,281	22,703,743	7.4%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Counts				

Table 3-2 Estimated Bexar County Components of Population Change between 2010 and 2020

	2010 Census Count*	2020 Estimate**	Population Change 2010- 2020**	Natural Increase**	Net Migration		
					Total	Foreign Migration**	Domestic Migration**
Bexar County	1,714,773	2,026,823	312,050 (100%)	143,219 (46.0%)	167,751 (54.0%)	43,829	123,922
Source: *Decennial Census Count, US Census Bureau, 2010 ** Census Bureau Population Estimates, 2020 Vintage							
Note: This data reflects the estimated population change between April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2020. Components may not add to total as residual is not presented in this table.							

Table 3-3 Estimated Bexar County Components of Population Change between 2020 and 2025

	2020 Census Count*	2025 Estimate**	Population Change 2020- 2025**	Natural Increase**	Net Migration		
					Total	Foreign Migration**	Domestic Migration**
Bexar County	2,009,324	2,160,088	150,765 (100.0%)	47,637 (32.0%)	101,215 (68.0%)	58,857	42,358
Source: *Decennial Census Count, US Census Bureau, 2020 ** Census Bureau Population Estimates, 2025 Vintage Note: This data reflects the estimated population change between April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2025. Components may not add to total as residual is not presented in this table.							

A relatively smaller portion of Bexar County's population growth between 2020 and 2025 can be attributed to natural increase, compared to growth from net migration (see Table 3-3). Specifically, natural increase accounted for roughly one-third of the total growth during this period, down from 46% in the previous decade (see Table 3-2). This trend suggests that annual births are playing a diminishing role in shaping the county's population growth.

The population of South San Antonio ISD, along with other school districts in the area, continues to grow (see Table 3-4). However, precise current population estimates and reliable forecasts for small geographic areas are limited due to data lags and the inherent challenges of small-area estimation and projection. To provide a rough approximation of population size in 2025, estimates were extrapolated using data from the 2012–2024 5-Year American Community Survey (ACS). These projections suggest continued population growth within South San Antonio ISD through 2025. It is important to note that ACS data are subject to sampling error, and the accuracy of these estimates should be interpreted with caution.

According to the most recent data available at the ZIP code level, most births continue to be concentrated in central and western Bexar County. Notably, South San Antonio ISD (SSAISD) accounted for a significant number of births during this time (see Figure 3-1). Table 3-5 presents total births across ZIP codes within SSAISD (78211, 78224, 78225, 78226, 78236, 78242, and 78243). While the total number of births in these ZIP code areas declined slightly from 2016 to 2020, SSAISD still recorded 1,610 births in 2020. A similar downward trend in births was observed countywide. Despite the decline, the proportion of births in SSAISD relative to the county total remained relatively stable throughout this period.

Table 3-4 Historic and Forecast Population in South San Antonio ISD and Select ISDs, 2014-2025

Geography	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
South San Antonio ISD	46,748	47,725	50,898	49,947	49,557	50,209	51,988	47,098	48,192	47,855	49,040	50,135
Other Bexar County ISDs												
East Central ISD	47,275	48,066	47,707	49,645	52,094	53,361	55,325	60,146	64,339	67,716	72,555	69,587
Edgewood ISD	58,867	59,045	59,413	59,263	61,780	63,040	64,284	59,930	60,157	58,272	58,211	60,948
Harlandale ISD	64,015	63,599	64,704	65,689	65,610	67,551	68,416	61,681	60,674	61,638	60,734	62,921
Northside ISD	557,170	578,098	591,930	609,899	627,172	636,784	642,553	661,125	672,660	673,695	678,044	709,153
San Antonio ISD	308,431	312,802	320,249	324,377	323,048	328,316	332,198	304,696	303,738	305,403	307,153	313,467
Southwest ISD	56,415	54,930	54,977	57,776	60,720	62,647	63,191	69,032	69,233	68,062	71,162	72,031
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 5-Year American Community Survey, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 DP02 * Linearly Extrapolated by using observed population trends between 2012 and 2023. Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.												

Table 3-5 Number of Births for South San Antonio ISD 2016-2020

School District	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Five-Year Average
South San Antonio ISD (Total Births in Overlapped ZIP Code areas with SSAISD)	1,858	1,745	1,763	1,678	1,610	1,731
Bexar County	27,851	27,007	26,454	26,113	25,247	26,534
% of SSAISD Births in Bexar	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.5
Source: Texas Vital Statistics (VSTAT), 2016-2020						

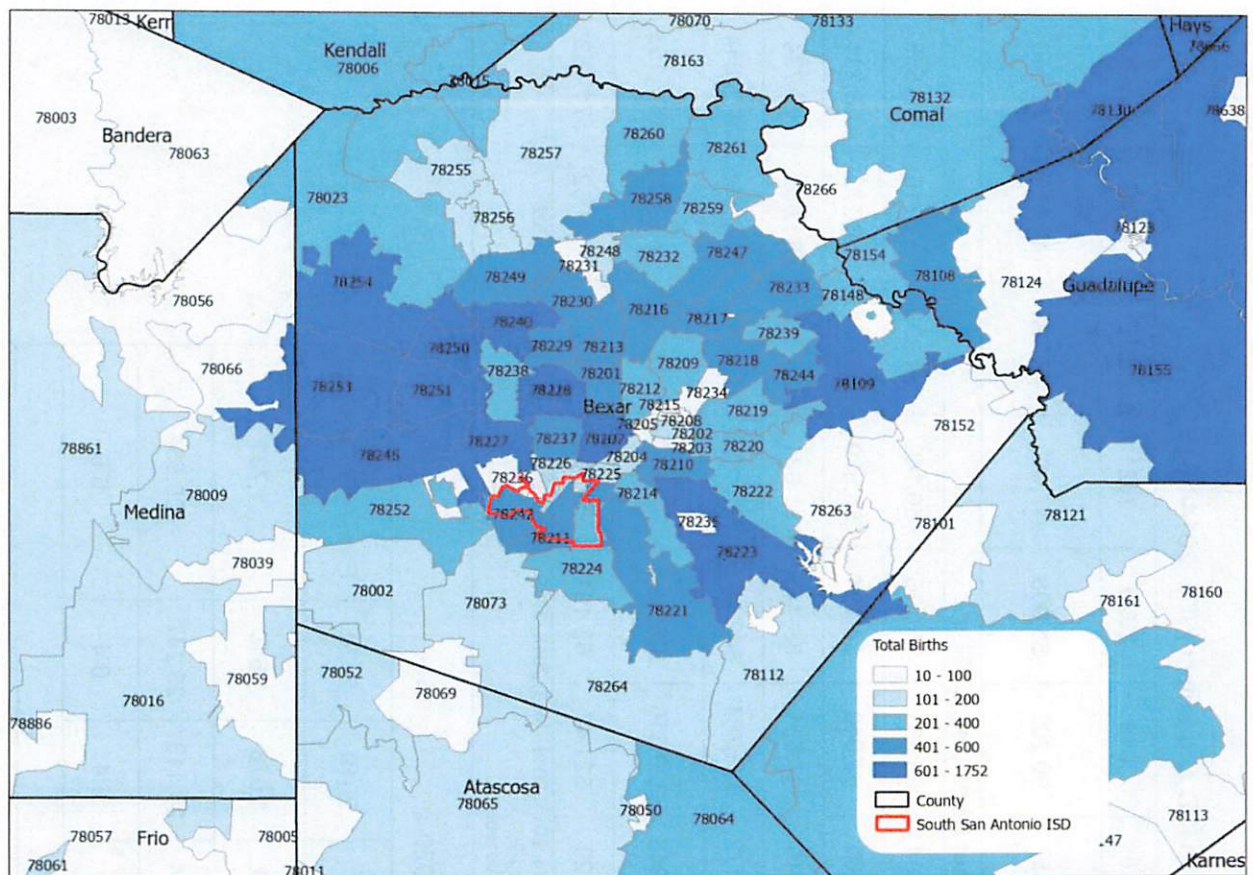


Figure 3-1 Births per ZIP Code in Bexar County, 2020

Source: Texas Vital Statistics (VSTAT), 2005-2020.

Table 3-6 Births Occurring by Mother's Characteristics, Selected Geographies, 2020

Geography	Total Births	Percent of births to mothers aged 15-19 years	Percent of births to single mothers	Percent of births to mothers with less than HS/GED	Percent of births with low or very low birth weight
Bexar County	25,247	6.21%	45.02%	12.04%	8.55%
Texas	368,317	6.15%	41.57%	14.57%	8.27%
All Zip Codes in SSAISD Service area	1,610	11.99%	61.93%	22.83%	9.25%
78211	474	14.14%	64.35%	27.70%	7.81%
78224	283	10.60%	61.48%	15.66%	8.48%
78225	165	10.91%	62.42%	21.95%	12.12%
78226	109	11.01%	75.23%	28.44%	6.42%
78236	52	5.77%	1.92%	7.69%	5.77%
78242	527	11.95%	63.00%	22.90%	11.01%
78243	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Notes: The Zip Codes considered in this table are overlapped with SSAISD service boundary area. Source: Texas Vital Statistics (VSTAT),2005-2020					

As shown in Table 3-6, the percentage of births to teenage mothers in South San Antonio ISD is significantly higher than in both Bexar County and the state of Texas. Specifically, 12.0% of births in SSAISD were to teenage mothers, nearly double the rate observed in Bexar County and the state (both 6.2%). This disparity highlights a potential need for targeted interventions and educational programs within SSAISD to reduce teenage pregnancy rates. Addressing this issue is especially important, given the well-documented negative impacts of teenage pregnancy on both maternal and infant health outcomes.

Tables 3-7 and 3-8 illustrate trends in the number of births in Bexar County and Texas over the past decade. Although Bexar County's population continued to grow in this period (2013-2023), the number of births declined slightly by 1% between 2013 and 2023. A total of 79,798 births occurred in Bexar County in 2013, 2018 and 2023 combined, with approximately 26,500 births recorded in 2023 alone. Birth trends varied by race and ethnicity. Black and Other racial/ethnic groups experienced increases in the number of births, with the Other group showing the largest percentage increase (18.2%). In contrast, births among White mothers declined by 10.1% over the same period, while Hispanic births remained essentially unchanged. Hispanics and Whites accounted for the largest shares of total births in Bexar County during the period, at 65.5% and 21.8%, respectively.

Statewide trends in Texas, shown in Table 3-8, generally mirrored those in Bexar County. Hispanics made up a smaller share of births in Texas than in Bexar County, while Whites represented a larger share in Texas. Similar to Bexar County, Texas experienced declines in the number and share of births among White mothers and increases among Black and Other racial/ethnic groups. The Other group recorded the largest percentage increase in births statewide (28.4%). Unlike Bexar County, however, the number of Hispanic births in Texas increased by 3.6% between 2013 and 2023, and the Hispanic share of total births rose from 47.9% to 49.5%. Overall, both Bexar County and Texas saw a decline in the share of births among White mothers and an increase in the share of births among Black and Other mothers over the decade.

Table 3-7 Births Occurring in Bexar County, 2013-2023

	Year									
	2013		2018		2023		2013, 2018, 2023		Change (2013-2023)	
Race	Number*	Percent of total	Number*	Percent of total	Number*	Percent of total	Number*	Percent of total	Number*	Percent
White	6,131	22.9%	5,764	21.8%	5,511	20.8%	17,406	21.8%	-620	-10.1%
Black	1,743	6.5%	1,797	6.8%	1,841	6.9%	5,381	6.7%	98	5.6%
Hispanic	17,498	65.3%	17,255	65.2%	17,496	65.9%	52,249	65.5%	-2	0.0%
Other	1,432	5.3%	1,638	6.2%	1,692	6.4%	4,762	6.0%	260	18.2%
All Races	26,804	100.0%	26,454	100.0%	26,540	100.0%	79,798	100.0%	-264	-1.0%
Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, Custom Query with Birth Data, 2013, 2018 and 2023. * Mother's race considered as the child's race in determining the race specific birth numbers										

Table 3-8 Births Occurring in Texas, 2013-2023

	Year									
	2013		2018		2023		2013, 2018, 2023		Change (2010-2020)	
Race	Number*	Percent of total	Number*	Percent of total	Number*	Percent of total	Number*	Percent of total	Number*	Percent
White	133,079	34.4%	122,890	32.7%	117,881	30.4%	373,850	32.5%	-15,198	-11.4%
Black	44,134	11.4%	46,356	12.3%	46,758	12.0%	137,248	11.9%	2,624	5.9%
Hispanic	185,354	47.9%	177,881	47.3%	191,969	49.5%	555,204	48.2%	6,615	3.6%
Other	24,543	6.3%	29,227	7.8%	31,506	8.1%	85,276	7.4%	6,963	28.4%
All Races	387,110	100.0%	376,354	100.0%	388,114	100.0%	1,151,578	100.0%	1,004	0.3%
Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, Custom Query with Birth Data, 2013, 2018 and 2023 * Mother's race considered as the child's race in determining the race specific birth numbers										

Projected Population

Overall, trends indicate that Bexar County's total population increased by 17.2% between 2010 and 2020 (U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates, 2020 Vintage) and is projected to grow by an additional 14% between 2020 and 2030. According to the Texas Demographic Center, the county's population is expected to increase from approximately 2.0 million in 2020 to 2.3 million by 2030 (County Population Projections, Vintage 2024).

This growth is expected to be accompanied by notable demographic shifts. Compared to the 2010 population, Bexar County's future population will be younger and increasingly Hispanic. In 2010, non-Hispanic Whites comprised 30% of the total population (2010 Census). By 2020, this share had declined to 26.7% (2020 Census P.L. 94-171 Summary File), and projections indicate a continued decline to 20% by 2060 (Texas Demographic Center, Vintage 2024). Meanwhile, the proportion of racial and ethnic minorities—particularly Hispanics—is projected to rise substantially during the same period (see Figure 3-2).

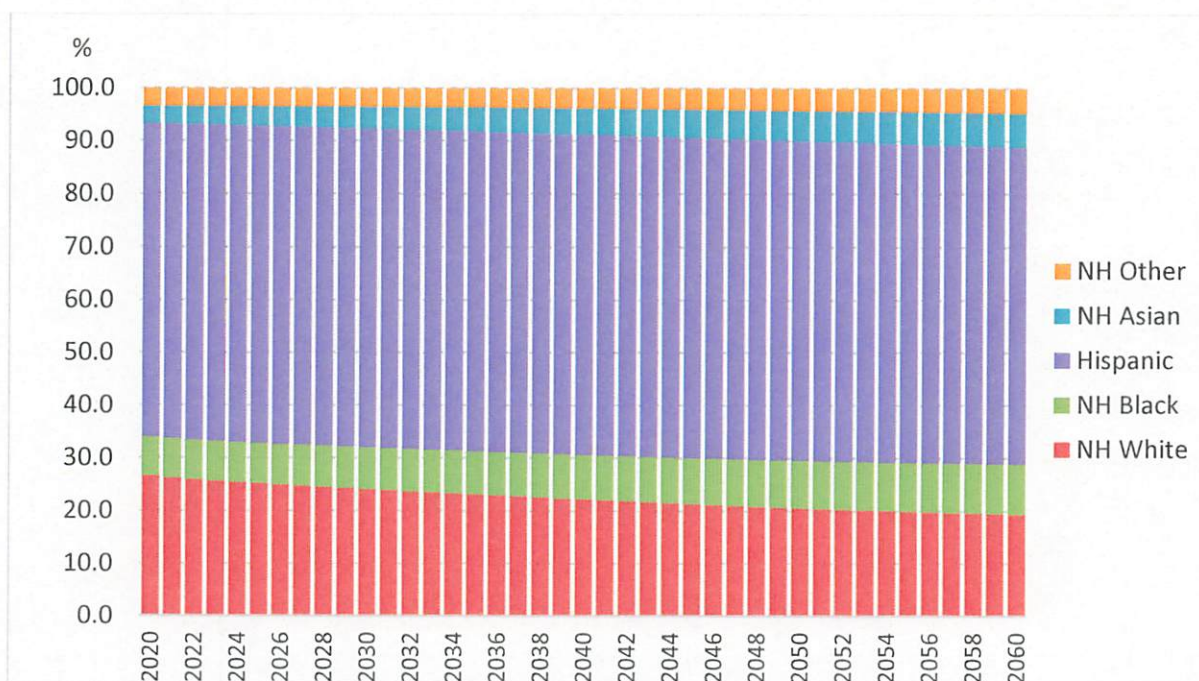


Figure 3-2 Bexar County Projected Growth by Race and Ethnicity, 2020-2060

Source: Texas Demographic Center Population Projections, Vintage 2024 (Mid-Migration Scenario)

Immigrants

During 2020-2024, foreign born residents made up 13.8% of Bexar County's population and 17.6% of the State's population (see Table 3-9). South San Antonio ISD (18.2%) was estimated to have some of the greatest shares of foreign born among all ISDs in Bexar County. In contrast, Lackland ISD had the lowest (6.2%) proportion of foreign-born residents. The percentage of Hispanic foreign-born residents among all foreign-born residents ranged from a low (15.5%) in Ft. Sam Houston ISD to a high (99.3%) in Edgewood ISD. The total foreign-born population of South San Antonio ISD is almost (97.7%) entirely Hispanic, which is significantly higher than it is in the County (70.7%) and in the State (62.8%).

Table 3-9 Foreign Born Population Comparisons for Selected School Districts, Bexar County, and Texas, 2020-2024

	Total Population		Foreign Born Population			
	Estimate	Percent Hispanic	Estimate	Percent of Total	Percent Non-Hispanic White	Percent Hispanic
South San Antonio ISD	49,040	88.5%	8,922	18.2%	0.7	97.7
Alamo Heights ISD	30,624	27.5%	2,477	8.1%	24.5	37.7
East Central ISD	72,555	57.5%	7,573	10.4%	1.2	81.9
Edgewood ISD	58,211	93.7%	10,684	18.4%	0.6	99.3
Ft. Sam Houston ISD	7,149	23.2%	747	10.4%	15.5	15.5
Harlandale ISD	60,734	90.2%	10,798	17.8%	0.6	98.1
Judson ISD	155,716	44.5%	19,241	12.4%	7.3	64.5
Lackland ISD	7,663	16.6%	477	6.2%	8.4	31.0
North East ISD	441,559	48.6%	62,569	14.2%	9.5	68.0
Northside ISD	678,044	56.3%	87,768	12.9%	13.2	51.5
Randolph Field ISD	1,240	12.7%	91	7.3%	13.2	17.6
San Antonio ISD	307,153	77.5%	50,362	16.4%	3.6	91.2
Schertz-Cibolo-Univ. City	87,713	34.4%	6,834	7.8%	18.1	52.3
Somerset ISD	17,540	86.6%	2,744	15.6%	1.3	98.3
Southside ISD	30,255	81.5%	4,129	13.6%	1.1	92.8
Southwest ISD	71,162	78.8%	9,279	13.0%	1.5	94.6
Bexar County	2,067,341	59.7%	286,265	13.8%	8.3	70.7
Texas	30,188,424	39.7%	5,302,466	17.6%	8.2	62.8
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP02, DP05 and Derived from B05003H & B05003I.						

Race and Ethnicity

A larger share of Bexar County residents are members of minority groups in comparison to the State and Nation (see Table 3-10), as well as most other counties (see Tables 3-11 and 3-12). Overall, minorities made up more than two-thirds of Bexar County's population. Non-Hispanic Whites comprise only 25.5% of the area's population, while about 60% of the Bexar County population was Hispanic.

The populations of the South San Antonio ISD area were made up of an even larger share of minorities than the County, State, and Nation (see Table 3-10 and 3-13). Minorities comprised almost 92.5% of the population in South San Antonio ISD.

Table 3-10 Racial and Ethnic Composition Comparison Bexar County, Texas, and the United States, 2020-2024

	Bexar County		Texas		United States	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Total	2,127,737	100	31,290,831	100	340,110,990	100
Hispanic (any race)	1,278,438	60.1%	12,602,305	40.3%	68,013,553	20.0%
White (non-Hispanic)	542,251	25.50%	11,821,108	37.8%	191,382,624	56.3%
Black (non-Hispanic)	161,087	7.60%	3,748,137	12.0%	39,959,479	11.7%
Asian (non-Hispanic)	74,460	3.50%	1,890,985	6.0%	21,036,558	6.2%
Other (non-Hispanic)	71,501	3.30%	1,228,296	4.0%	19,718,776	5.8%
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP05 & Derived from DP05.						

Table 3-11 Racial and Ethnic Composition Comparison for Bexar, Collin, Dallas, Denton, and El Paso Counties, 2020-2024

	Bexar		Collin		Dallas		Denton		El Paso	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Total	2,127,737	100	1,254,658	100	2,656,028	100	1,045,120	100	875,784	100
Hispanic	1,278,438	60.1%	203,729	16.2%	1,123,180	42.3%	217,628	20.8%	725,194	82.8%
NH White	542,251	25.5%	585,531	46.7%	669,072	25.2%	518,789	49.6%	93,376	10.7%
NH Black	161,087	7.6%	144,657	11.5%	581,996	21.9%	116,555	11.2%	31,507	3.6%
NH Asian	74,460	3.5%	266,931	21.3%	196,080	7.4%	135,941	13.0%	9,772	1.1%
NH Other	71,501	3.3%	53,810	4.3%	85,700	3.2%	56,207	5.4%	15,935	1.9%
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP05 & derived from DP05.										

Table 3-12 Racial and Ethnic Composition Comparison for Fort Bend, Harris, Hidalgo, Tarrant, and Travis Counties, 2020-2024

	Fort Bend		Harris		Hidalgo		Tarrant		Travis	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Total	958,434	100	5,009,302	100	914,820	100	2,230,708	100	1,363,767	100
Hispanic	239,661	25.0%	2,255,725	45.0%	841,199	92.0%	692,490	31.0%	447,913	32.8%
NH White	258,298	27.0%	1,257,824	25.1%	52,035	5.7%	893,272	40.0%	621,694	45.6%
NH Black	202,884	21.2%	928,196	18.5%	4,929	0.5%	385,922	17.3%	108,439	8.0%
NH Asian	221,266	23.1%	376,275	7.5%	9,254	1.0%	148,694	6.7%	121,641	8.9%
NH Other	36,325	3.9%	191,282	3.8%	7,403	0.8%	110,330	5.0%	64,080	4.6%
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP05 & derived from DP05.										

Table 3-13 Racial and Ethnic Composition Comparison for South San Antonio ISD, 2020-2024

	South San Antonio ISD	
	Total	Percent
Total	49,040	100%
Hispanic (any race)	43,403	88.5%
White (non-Hispanic)	3,677	7.5%
Black (non-Hispanic)	927	1.9%
Asian (non-Hispanic)	98	0.2%
Other (non-Hispanic)	935	1.9%
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-year American Community Survey, DP05 & derived from DP05.		

The neighborhoods that are most heavily populated by minorities are concentrated within the Interstate 410 Loop area and in the southern part of the County (see Figure 3-3). There is substantial overlap between these neighborhoods and those that are predominantly comprised of Hispanics. Most neighborhoods with a high proportion of Hispanic population are also concentrated in central San Antonio and extend southwest (see Figure 3-4). In contrast, neighborhoods with higher proportions of non-Hispanic Black population are clustered in the eastern and western portions of the county (see Figure 3-5). All neighborhoods with substantial shares of minority populations are among the most densely populated and oldest neighborhoods in San Antonio; these areas make up the urban core of the County and the City of San Antonio. South San Antonio ISD boundaries encompass the southwestern part of San Antonio, where higher proportions of Hispanic population are concentrated.

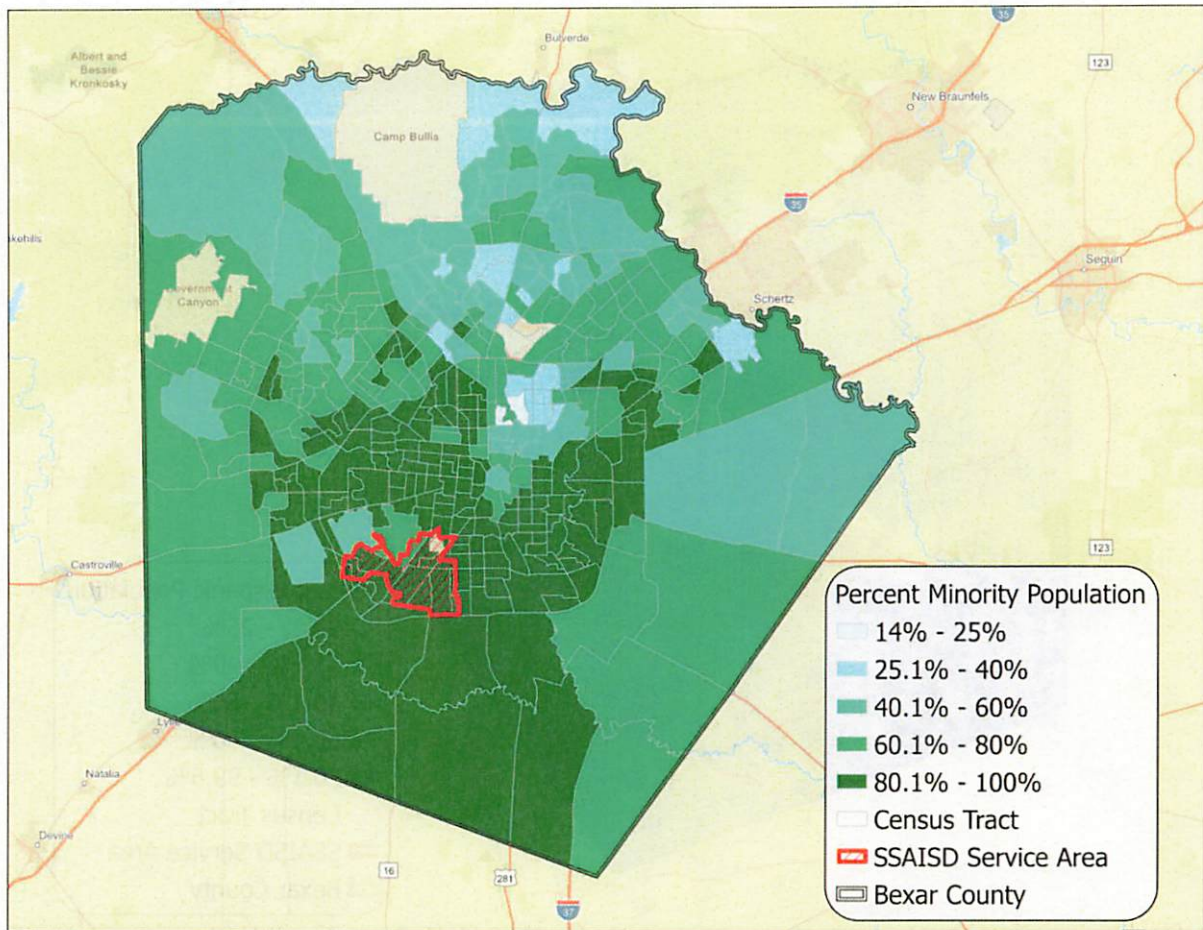


Figure 3-3 Percent Minority Race Ethnicity Population by Census Tract, 2020-2024

Source: American Community Survey, Five-year Sample, 2020-2024, DP05.

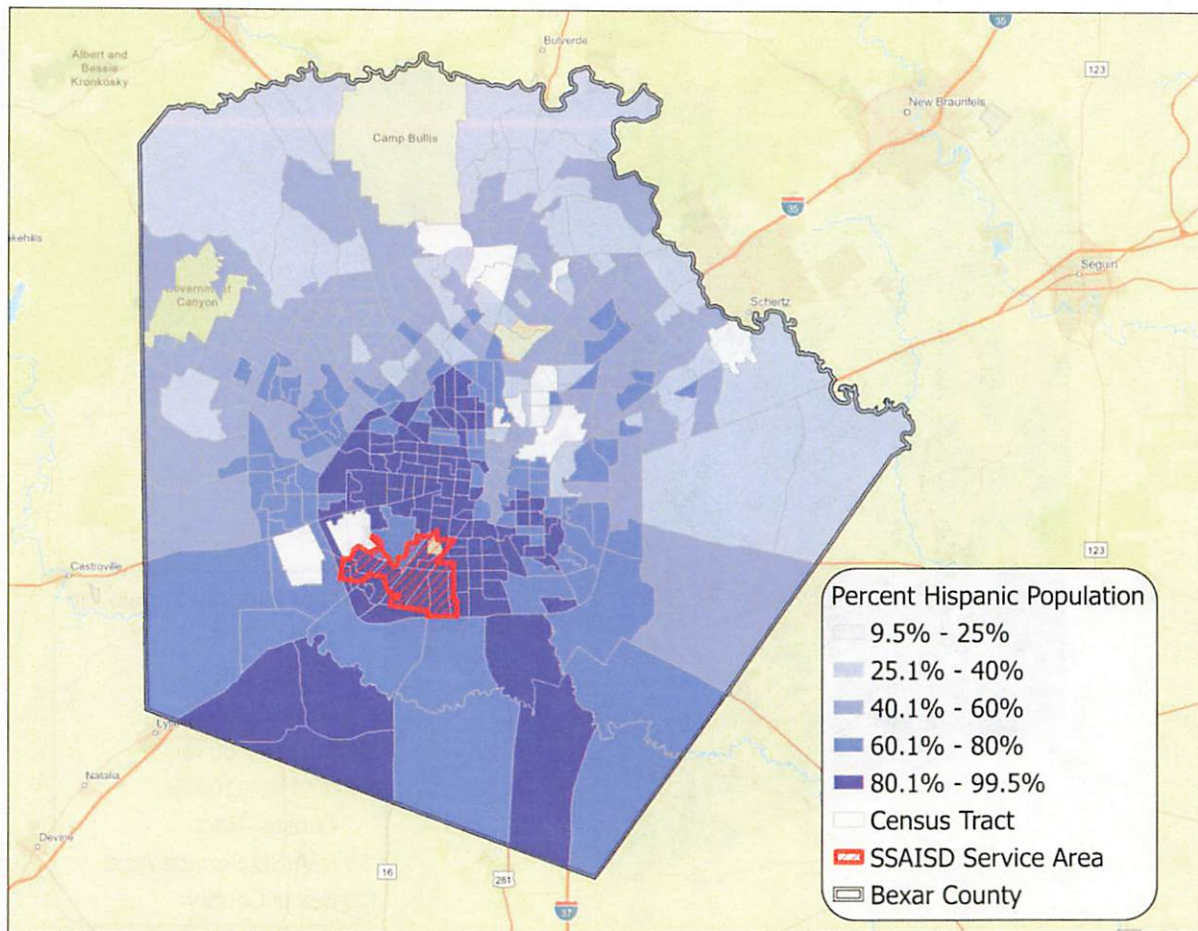


Figure 3-4 Percent Hispanic Population by Census Tract, 2020-2024

Source: American Community Survey, Five-year Sample, 2020-2024, DP05.

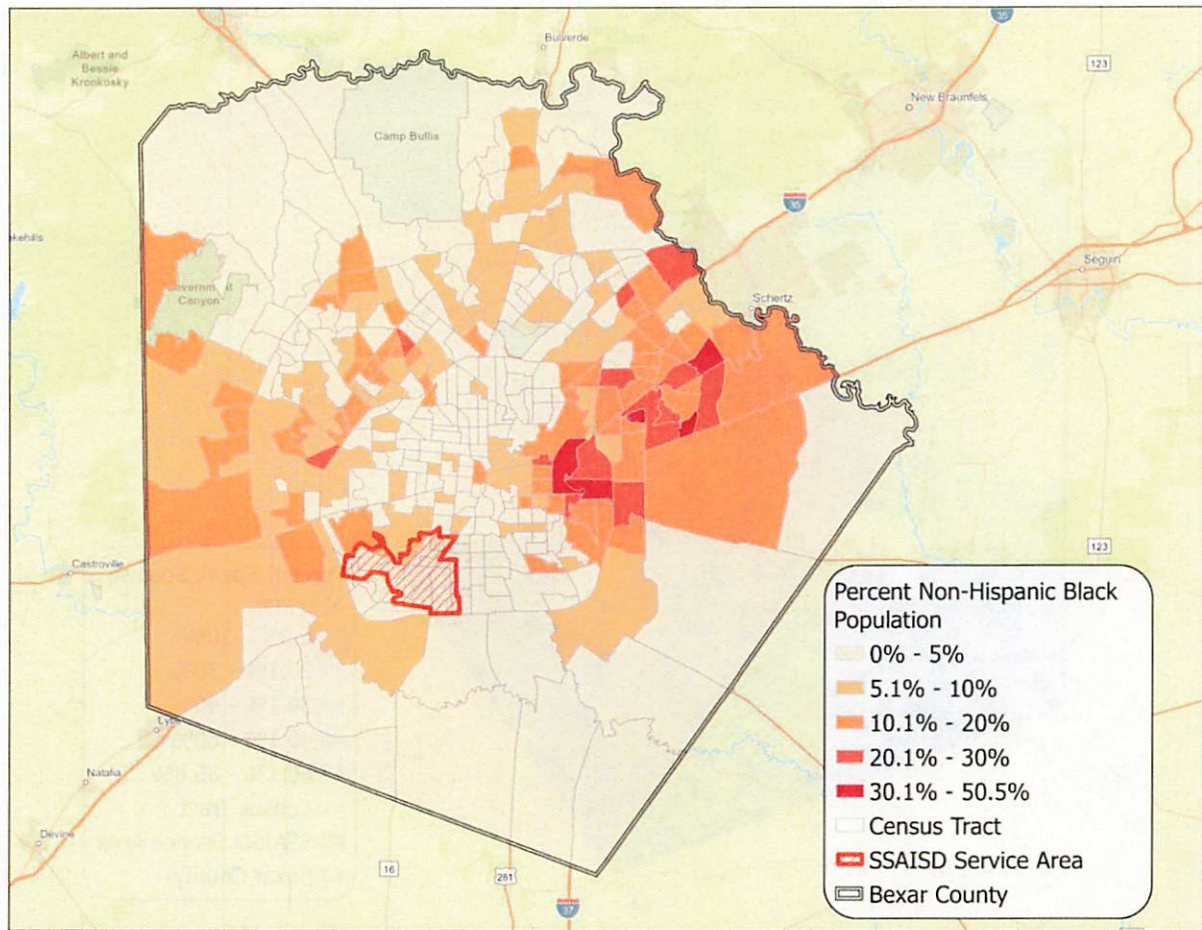


Figure 3-5 Percent Non-Hispanic Black Population by Census Tract, 2020-2024

Source: American Community Survey, Five-year Sample, 2020-2024, DP05.

Languages

Spanish is the most widely used non-English language in Bexar County, which is consistent with the demographic composition of the area (see Table 3-14). An estimated 716,692 Bexar County residents (37.0%) spoke a foreign language at home, from which approximately 11.5% could not speak English “very well.” An estimated 32.8% of residents spoke Spanish at home, with most concentrated in central and southern parts of the County (see Figure 3-6). The remaining balance of foreign language speakers ranged from a number of different origins. Other than Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Japanese made up roughly half the balance of foreign languages spoken.

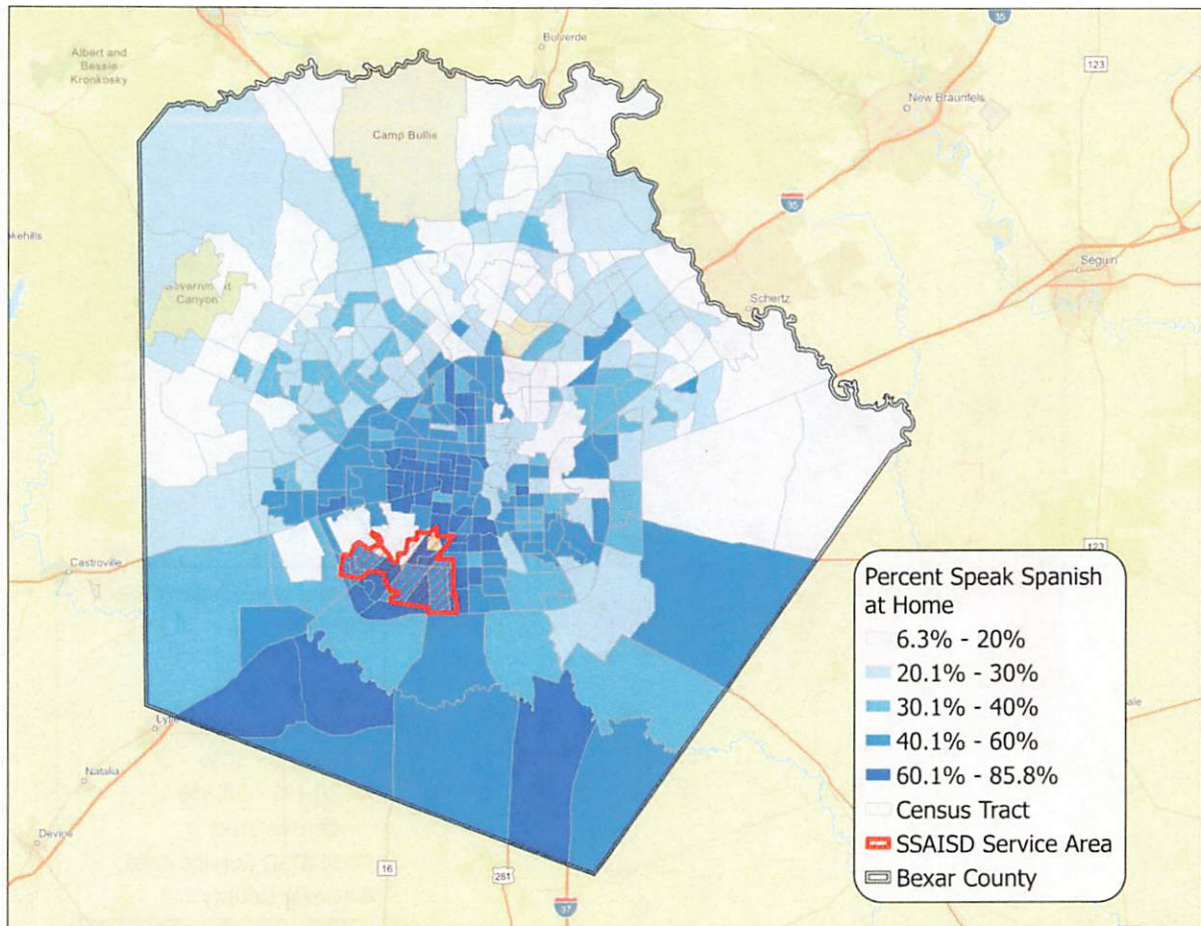


Figure 3-6 *Percent Population Aged 5+ that Speak Spanish at Home by Census Tract, 2020-2024*

Source: American Community Survey, Five-year Sample, 2020-2024, DP02.

Greater shares of South San Antonio ISD residents spoke Spanish (56.6%) when compared to the County (32.8%), State (28.1%) or Nation (13.6%) (see Table 3-14 & 3-15). Additionally, the share of South San Antonio ISD Spanish speakers who spoke English “less than very well (20.1%) is higher than the share in Bexar County (10.0%). Comparatively few individuals in the South San Antonio ISD spoke a language other than English or Spanish (0.6%), compared to the County (4.2%), State (7.0%), or Nation (8.7%).

Table 3-14 Language Spoken at Home Population 5 Years and Over, 2020-2024

	Bexar County		Texas		United States	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Population 5 and up	1,934,539	100.0%	28,253,216	100.0%	316,142,548	100.0%
English only	1,217,847	63.0%	18,339,379	64.9%	245,767,039	77.7%
Language other than English	716,692	37.0%	9,913,837	35.1%	70,375,509	22.3%
Speak English less than "very well"	222,753	11.5%	3,666,736	13.0%	27,139,643	8.6%
Spanish	634,387	32.8%	7,932,949	28.1%	42,869,908	13.6%
Speak English less than "very well"	193,318	10.0%	3,034,861	10.7%	17,218,782	5.4%
Language other than English and Spanish	82,305	4.2%	1,980,888	7.0%	27,505,601	8.7%
Speak English less than "very well"	29,435	1.5%	631,875	2.2%	9,920,861	3.2%
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP02.						

The percentage of non-English speakers reporting that they cannot speak English "very well" in Bexar County was 11.5%, greater than the national average of 8.6%, but is less than the Texas's share (13.0%). In the South San Antonio ISD, this value (20.3%) is higher than the County, State, and Nation. These data indicate that South San Antonio ISD has large proportions of the population that require Spanish or other non-English language services.

Table 3-15 Language Spoken at Home Population 5 Years and Over South San Antonio ISD, 2020-2024

	South San Antonio ISD	
	Total	Percent
Population 5 and up	44,433	100%
English only	19,033	42.8%
Language other than English	25,400	57.2%
Speak English less than "very well"	9,020	20.3%
Spanish	25,144	56.6%
Speak English less than "very well"	8,948	20.1%
Language other than English and Spanish	256	0.6%
Speak English less than "very well"	72	0.1%
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP02 and derived from DP02.		

Spanish language services are more needed in areas with high bilingual instruction. Overall, the South San Antonio ISD appears to have a higher percentage of bilingual and ESL enrollees than most other school districts in the area (see Figure 3-7). As South San Antonio ISD is largely made up of Hispanic neighborhoods, it is assumed that the families of bilingual students are mostly Spanish speakers. Thus, residents in South San Antonio ISD may need more Spanish services.

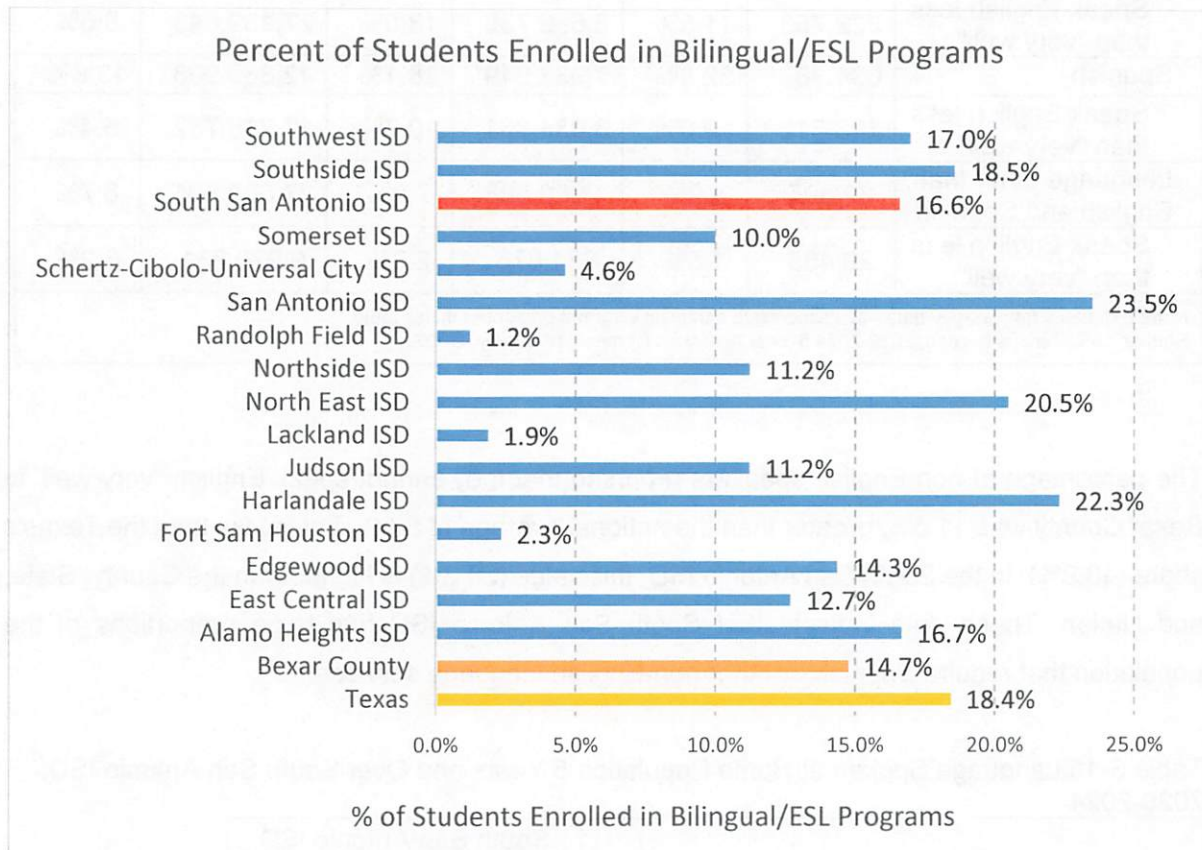


Figure 3-7 Percent Bilingual/ESL Enrollment, by School District, 2025-2026

Source: Texas Education Agency, Student Program Reports, 2025-2026.

The density of students enrolled in bilingual or English as a Second Language (ESL) education is highest in the center of Bexar County and extends southward and northward (see Figure 3-8). South San Antonio ISD was among the independent school districts with a higher proportion of students participating in these programs.

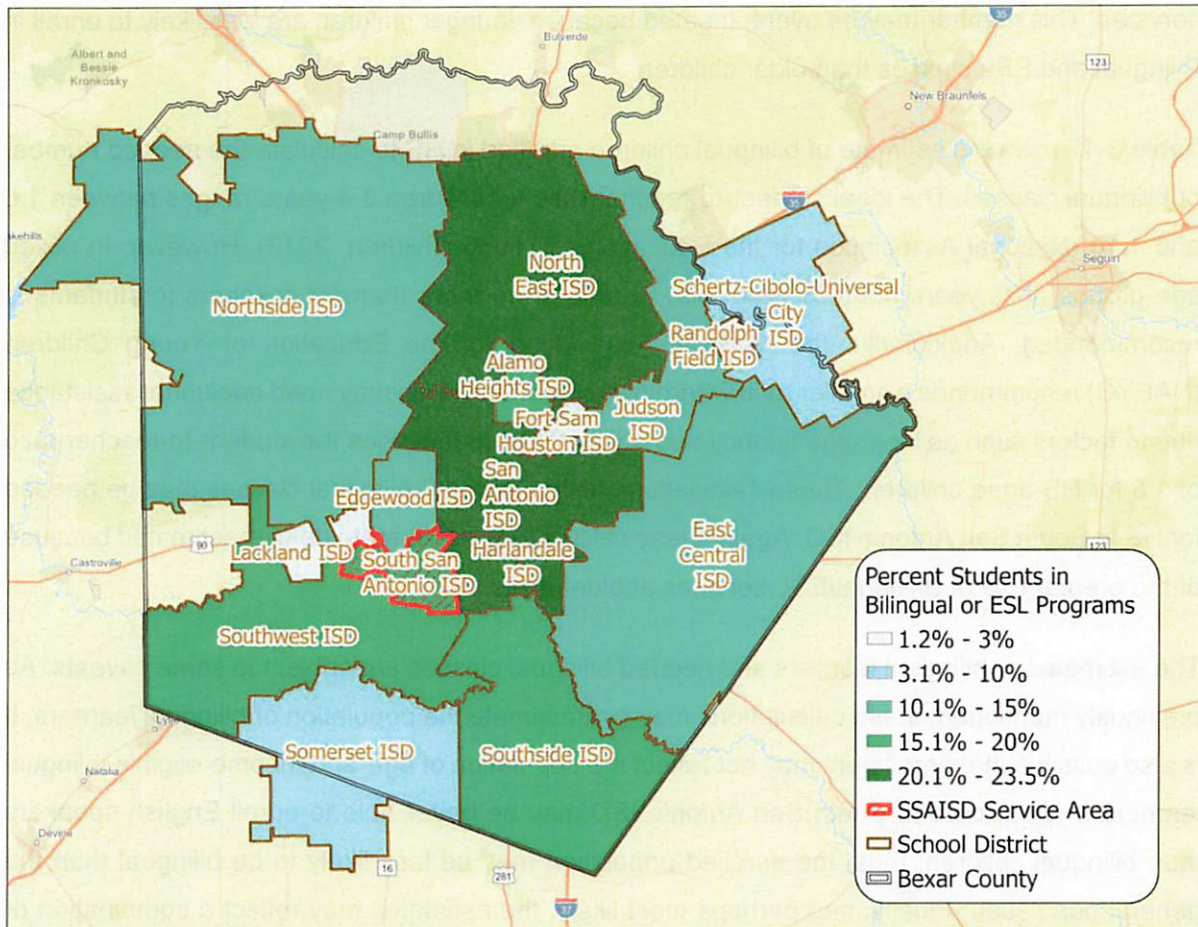


Figure 3-8 Percent of Students Participating in Bilingual/ESL Education by School District, 2025-2026

Source: Texas Education Agency, Student Program Reports, 2025-2026.

The number of dual language learner classes needed was estimated with data from the Texas Education Agency (see Tables 3-16 and 3-17). The percentage of students enrolled in Bilingual and ESL programs was calculated by dividing the percentage of students enrolled in these programs by the total number of enrolled students. This percentage was then applied to the number of children currently enrolled in South San Antonio ISD HS Programs. The resulting value is the estimated number of children enrolled in the HS Program that may need dual language services. This number may be overestimated because younger children are less likely to enroll in Bilingual and ESL classes than older children.

Table 3-17 uses the estimate of bilingual children enrolled in HS to calculate the needed number of bilingual classes. The ideal student-to-teacher ratio for children 3-4 years ranges between 1:6 and 1:10 (National Association for the Education of Young Children, 2018). However, in mixed age groups (2 ½ years old to 5-years old), a ratio of no more than 1:4 teachers to students is recommended. Additionally, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) recommends a smaller ratio where one or more children may need additional assistance due to factors such as language fluency and ability. This update uses the student-to-teacher ratio of 1:8 for HS-aged children. These calculations estimate that 7 bilingual classes may be needed for HS in South San Antonio ISD. Again, these calculations are likely to be overestimated because of the greater use of Bilingual/ESL services at older ages.

The estimates of bilingual learners and needed bilingual classes are subject to some caveats. As previously mentioned, these calculations may overestimate the population of bilingual learners. It is also possible that enrollment may not reflect the population of age-and-income-eligible bilingual learners in the program. South San Antonio ISD may be better able to enroll English speakers than bilingual children; thus, the enrolled population may be less likely to be bilingual than the general population. Finally, and perhaps most likely, the estimates may reflect a combination of these issues. The calculations could reflect an overestimation of the population of bilingual children, and the difficulty of recruiting bilingual learners may make the enrolled population less likely to be bilingual. For these reasons, please be aware that there may be a mismatch between our estimates and the number of needed bilingual learner classrooms.

Table 3-16 Estimated Number of Bilingual Learners, South San Antonio ISD, 2025

District	Enrolled Students 2025-2026*	Students Enrolled in Bilingual/ESL Programs 2025-2025*	Percent of Population that is Enrolled in Bilingual/ESL Programs	Children Enrolled in HS, 3-4 Years, 2025-2026**	Estimated Number of 3 to 4 Year Old Children Needing Language Services
South San Antonio ISD	7,084	1173	16.6%	317	52
Source: *Texas Education Agency, Student Program Reports, 2025-2026. ** Office of Head Start, Head Start Enterprise System, Program Information Report, 2025 Note: Estimated Number of Children is calculated by multiplying the exact, unrounded percentage of children enrolled in Bilingual/ESL programs with the number of children enrolled in SSAISD's HS Programs.					

Table 3-17 Estimated Number of Bilingual Classes Needed, South San Antonio ISD, 2025

District	Estimated Number of 3 to 4 Year Old Children Needing Language Services*	Ideal Student-to-Teacher Ratio**	Estimated Number of Bilingual Classes Needed
South San Antonio ISD	52	1-to-8	7
* Estimated numbers from Table 3-15 ** National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), 2018			

Household Structure

In 2024, Bexar County was the fourth most populous county in Texas—following Harris, Dallas, and Tarrant counties—with a total estimated population of 2.16 million (U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Vintage 2025). The majority of residents lived in the City of San Antonio, which accounted for approximately 1.55 million people, or 71.8% of the county's total population.

As shown in Table 3-18, Bexar County has a relatively young population. The county's median age in 2024 was 34.8 years, which is younger than both the Texas median age (35.6) and the national median age (38.9). Similarly, the population within South San Antonio ISD is also notably young. As shown in Table 3-19, the median age in SSAISD was 31.7 years—lower than that of the county, state, and nation.

A greater share of the population in South San Antonio ISD (SSAISD) is comprised of children under the age of five (9.4%), compared to other geographic areas, where the share ranges from 5.6% to 6.4% (see Tables 3-20 and 3-21). The percentage of family households in SSAISD is also notably higher (80.6%) than in Bexar County (71.6%), the state of Texas (73.8%), and the United States (71.3%).

Additionally, SSAISD has a higher proportion of single-parent families. In 2024, 11.9% of households in the district were headed by a single parent, compared to 11.2% in the county, 9.6% in the state, and 8.5% nationally. The average family size in SSAISD (3.57) also exceeds that of the county and state (3.4 and 3.3 respectively), as well as the national average (3.1).

Table 3-18 U.S., Texas, and Bexar County Population by Age, 2020-2024

	Bexar County		Texas		United States	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Total	2,067,341	100	30,188,424	100	334,922,499	100
Under 5 years	132,802	6.4	1,935,208	6.4	18,779,951	5.6
18 years and older	1,557,299	75.3	22,643,776	75.0	261,404,665	78.0
Median age	34.8	-	35.6	-	38.9	-
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP05.						

Table 3-19 South San Antonio ISD Populations by Age, 2020-2024

	South San Antonio ISD	
	Total	Percent
Total	49,040	100
Under 5 years	4,607	9.40%
18 years and older	35,078	71.5%
Median age	31.7	-
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP05.		

Table 3-20 South San Antonio ISD Demographic and Household Characteristics, 2020-2024

	South San Antonio ISD	
	Total	Percent
Total Population	49,040	100
Population under 5	4,607	9.4%
Total households	15,392	100
Total Families	12,403	80.6%
Single Parent Families	1,829	11.9%
Average family size	3.57	-
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP02 and derived from DP02.		

Table 3-21 Bexar County, Texas and United States Demographic and Household Characteristics, 2020-2024

	Bexar County		Texas		United States	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Total Population	2,067,341	100.0%	30,188,424	100	334,922,499	100
Population under 5	132,802	6.4%	1,935,208	6.4%	18,779,951	5.6%
Total households	750,939	100	10,992,816	100	129,227,496	100
Total Families	537,326	71.6%	8,107,455	73.8%	92,086,660	71.3%
Single Parent Families	59,939	11.2%	782,008	9.6%	7,857,475	8.5%
Average family size	3.4	-	3.3		3.1	-
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP02, DP05, and derived from DP02.						

Foster Children

Foster children represent a relatively small portion of Bexar County's overall population. Over the past five years, both the number and rate of children in foster care (approximately 3 per 1,000 children for the county and 2 per 1,000 children for the state) have remained stable in Bexar County and across Texas (see Table 3-22). According to the 2024 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates and data from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, there were an estimated 1,722 foster children living in Bexar County (see Table 3-24).

Distribution by school district indicates that approximately 47 foster children resided in South San Antonio ISD, 68 in East Central ISD, 57 in Edgewood ISD, 52 in Harlandale ISD, 556 in Northside ISD, 232 in San Antonio ISD, and 71 in Southwest ISD (see Tables 3-22 and 3-23). It is important to note that these figures include all foster children ages 0–17 and do not specifically reflect those who are age-eligible for the Head Start program.

Table 3-22 Annual Average of Children in Paid Foster Care (0-17 Years), Bexar County, 2020-2024

Metric	2022		2023		2024		5-Year Average (2020-2024)	
Number of Children in Foster Care (0-17 Years)*	Bexar County	Texas	Bexar County	Texas	Bexar County	Texas	Bexar County	Texas
	1,690	14,612	1,507	12,652	1,330	11,539	1,728	14,917
Number of Children**	509,610	7,536,905	512,709	7,615,547	513,712	7,665,111	510,035	7,547,768
Rate per 1,000 children aged 0-17	3.3	1.9	2.9	1.7	2.6	1.5	3.4	2.0
Note: The number and rate per 1,000 of children, ages 0-17, in foster care. Source: *Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. ** Census Bureau Population Estimate – 2024 Vintage. Footnotes: The term foster care refers to care given to children under the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' (DFPS) legal responsibility who are placed in foster homes, foster group homes, institutions, residential treatment facilities, juvenile facilities, and who are in a placement paid by DFPS or some other public facility.								

Table 3-23 Number of Children Under 18 Years by Relationship to Head of Household, Selected School Districts, 2020-2024

School District	South San Antonio	East Central	Edgewood	Harlandale	Northside	San Antonio	Southwest
Total	13,940	20,013	16,721	15,373	163,999	68,566	21,014
Own child	11,030	17,969	11,549	11,809	143,182	51,474	15,904
Biological child	10,195	16,898	11,019	11,462	134,651	48,784	14,685
Adopted child	267	589	161	48	3,279	973	325
Stepchild	568	482	369	299	5,252	1,717	894
Grandchild	2,186	1,325	3,997	2,864	14,515	12,729	3,070
Other relatives	421	514	820	556	3,814	2,869	1121
Foster child or other unrelated child	303	205	355	144	2,488	1,494	919
Estimated number of Foster Children*	47	68	57	52	556	232	71
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5 Year American Community Survey, B09018. *Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 2025							

Table 3-24 Number of Children Under 18 Years by Relationship to Head of Household, Selected Geographies, 2020-2024

Geography	Bexar County	Texas	United States
Total	508,223	7,526,851	73,337,714
Own child	430,962	6,574,000	64,460,399
Biological child	403,906	6,174,954	60,725,189
Adopted child	9,676	138,146	1,363,592
Stepchild	17,380	260,900	2,371,618
Grandchild	54,937	653,872	5,756,782
Other relatives	14,844	205,526	1,869,990
Foster child or other unrelated child	7,480	93,453	1,250,543
Estimated number of Foster Children	1,722*	14,876*	635,698**
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5 Year American Community Survey, B09018. *Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 2024 **Foster Care Statistics, 2022. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau			

To estimate the number of age-eligible foster children by school district, trended relationships between Bexar County's age-specific population and each district were analyzed. These trends were then applied to estimate the population of children eligible for each program. Next, the percentage of foster children was applied to these figures to derive estimates of current age-eligible foster children. Forecasting methods were used to project the number of age-eligible foster children expected to reside in each district in future years. According to these estimates, in 2024, approximately seven foster children aged 3 to 4 resided in the South San Antonio ISD area. The population of age-eligible foster children in SSAISD and surrounding school districts is projected to remain stable through 2026 (see Tables 3-25 and 3-26).

Table 3-25 Foster Care Students, Selected Districts, 2025-2026

School Districts	Total Foster Care Students	Total Enrollment	% Foster Students
South San Antonio ISD	N/A	7,084	N/A
East Central ISD	18	11,829	0.15
Edgewood	N/A	7,694	N/A
Harlandale	11	11,114	0.10
Northside ISD	555	98,333	0.56
San Antonio	45	42,548	0.11
Southwest ISD	29	14,868	0.20
Texas	10,779	5,467,642	0.20
Source: Texas Education Agency, Student Program Reports, 2025-2026. N.B: N/A indicates counts are masked to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)			

Table 3-26 Current and Forecasted Number of Foster Care Children aged 3-4 by ISD, 2022-2026

School Districts	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
South San Antonio	6	7	7	5	5
East Central	3	2	5	2	2
Edgewood	2	1	1	1	1
Harlandale	4	4	3	2	2
Northside	97	99	98	98	100
San Antonio	12	16	6	8	8
Southwest	9	3	4	4	4
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 & 2023 5-Year American Community Survey, B09001. Texas Education Agency, Student Program Reports, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 TDC Population Projections, Vintage 2024 Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.					

Disabled Children

The Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) collaborates with the Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) programs to provide services for Texas families with children aged 0-3 years old with disabilities and developmental delays (Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, 2024). Three ECI programs operate in Bexar County and served 8,615 children (8.2% of the total population of 0-3 years old) in FY 2025 (see Table 3-27). This proportion is greater than the share of served 0-3 years olds in the state (4.3%), indicating a greater need for, and reliance upon, special needs services for children 0-3 years in Bexar County.

Table 3-27 ECI Enrollment for Bexar County and Texas*, FY 2025

Geography	Birth-to-3 Population	Total Children Served	Percent of Population Served
Bexar County	104,789	8,615	8.2%
Texas	1,580,127	67,970	4.3%
*Note: Bexar County area is serviced by three Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) centers, which are the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center, the Center for Health Care Services, and the Brighton Center. The number of served children includes only the children who received comprehensive services. Source: Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Early Childhood Intervention, 2025.			

The American Community Survey provides estimates of persons with disabilities (see table 3-28). For 2024, it was estimated that there were 116 children with disabilities in SSAISD. This estimate had a large margin of sampling error due to small numbers, thus the estimate for SSAISD may lack accuracy compared to Bexar County and Texas. SSAISD served 33 children with disabilities through the Head Start program in 2024-2025.

Table 3-28 Estimated Number and Percent of Children Under 5 Years Old with a Disability, 2020–2024

	Estimated Population Under 5 Years	Estimated Number with a Disability	Estimated Percent with a Disability
South San Antonio ISD	4,607	116	2.5%
Bexar County	132,802	1,148	0.9%
Texas	1,935,195	12,662	0.7%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5 Year American Community Survey. Table S1810			

Homeless Children

Less information is available for people experiencing homelessness than for other at-risk children. The available data show that 3% of families served by the SSAISD HS program experienced homelessness, when compared to 7.3% and 6.1% of homeless families served at the County and State level respectively (see Tables 3-29 and 3-30) (Office of Head Start, Head Start Enterprise System, Program Information Report, 2025).

Table 3-29 Families Experiencing Homelessness in the South San Antonio ISD, 2025

	Number	Percent
Total Number of HS Families	302	100
Number of Families Experiencing Homelessness Served	9	3.0%
Families Experiencing Homelessness that Acquired Housing	1	11.1%
Source: Office of Head Start, Head Start Enterprise System, Program Information Report, 2025-2026. Note: These numbers include counts from local Head Start providers in the City of San Antonio area		

Table 3-30 Families Experiencing Homelessness in Bexar County and Texas, 2025

	Bexar County		Texas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Number HS Families	9,541	100	64,340	100
Number of Families Experiencing Homelessness Served	700	7.3%	3,942	6.1%
Families Experiencing Homelessness that Acquired Housing	179	25.6%	922	23.4%
Source: Office of Head Start, Head Start Enterprise System, Program Information Report, 2025.				

According to data from the Texas Education Agency, 0.99% of enrolled students in South San Antonio ISD experience homelessness—less than that of the statewide rate (see Table 3-31). This figure includes all children ages 0–17 and suggests that a portion of SSAISD students may be both age- and income-eligible for Head Start services and experiencing homelessness, a condition that further prioritizes their eligibility.

Projections indicate that the number of age-eligible homeless children in SSAISD is expected to remain relatively stable through 2027. However, it is important to acknowledge that the COVID-19 pandemic may have longer-term effects on child and family homelessness due to ongoing public health and economic challenges. Forecasts were developed by applying the percentage of homeless students (as shown in Table 3-31) to the current and projected population of age-eligible children in the district (see Table 3-32).

Table 3-31 Homeless Students, Selected Districts, 2025-2026

School Districts	Total Homeless Students	Total Enrollment	% Homeless Students
South San Antonio ISD	70	7,084	0.99%
East Central ISD	120	23,462	0.51%
Edgewood	164	7,694	2.13%
Harlandale	107	11,114	0.96%
Northside ISD	17	2,372	0.72%
San Antonio	1,739	42,548	4.09%
Southwest ISD	391	14,868	2.63%
Texas	71,841	5,467,642	1.31%
Source: Texas Education Agency, Student Program Reports, 2025-2026.			

Table 3-32 Forecasted Homeless 3-4 Years Old Student by ISD, 2023-2027

School Districts	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
South San Antonio ISD	15	31	18	15	16
East Central ISD	11	12	7	8	8
Edgewood	37	40	41	32	32
Harlandale	10	14	15	15	15
Northside ISD	148	159	194	132	134
San Antonio	329	390	321	282	285
Southwest ISD	44	55	56	48	49
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 & 2023 5 Year American Community Survey, B09001. Texas Education Agency, Student Program Reports, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026. TDC Population Projections, Vintage 2024 Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.					

4. Education, Health, Nutrition and Social Service Needs

Education

Educational attainment in South San Antonio ISD is generally lower than in Bexar County, Texas, and the United States across several key indicators (see Table 4-1). Approximately 30% of residents in SSAISD did not have a high school diploma or GED, a rate more than double that of Bexar County (13.4%), Texas (14.0%), and the United States (10.4%).

While a higher proportion of SSAISD residents (34.5%) reported having a high school diploma or GED compared to the county, state, and national averages, this figure likely reflects the district's lower levels of post-secondary educational attainment. Only 10.5% of residents in SSAISD held a bachelor's degree or higher—substantially lower than the rates observed in Bexar County, Texas, and the United States.

Table 4-1 Educational Attainment among Persons Aged 25 Years and Older, Bexar County, Texas, the United States, 2020-2024

	South San Antonio ISD		Bexar County		Texas		United States	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
People 25 and over	29,667	100.0	1,349,274	100.0	19,717,474	100.0	230,807,303	100.0
No high school diploma	8,750	29.5	181,028	13.4	2,766,197	14.0	23,992,410	10.4
High school graduate or equiv.*	10,237	34.5	334,909	24.8	4,788,131	24.3	60,094,716	26.0
Some college, no Bachelor's**	7,557	25.5	403,667	29.9	5,494,039	27.9	64,356,961	27.9
Bachelor's degree or higher	3,123	10.5	429,670	31.8	6,669,107	33.8	82,363,216	35.7
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, B16010								
Notes: *Includes people who earn a GED.								
**Includes people with an Associate's degree, but not a Bachelor's degree.								
Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.								

The percentage of adults aged 25 and older with at least a high school diploma varies significantly across Bexar County school districts neighboring SSAISD, ranging from 64.6% in Edgewood ISD to 91.8% in Northside ISD (see Figure 4-1). With the exception of Northside ISD, most neighboring districts report lower high school attainment rates than both the countywide average (86.4%) and the statewide average (86.0%). In SSAISD, only 70.5% of adults have earned a high school diploma or higher—one of the lowest rates in the region. Because parental educational attainment is a strong predictor of children's academic outcomes, children in communities with lower adult education levels—such as SSAISD—may require more intensive early educational support. Kindergarten readiness and early learning success are critical building blocks for long-term educational attainment.

School enrollment data from the American Community Survey (ACS) show that 11,911 children are enrolled in SSAISD, including 895 in nursery or preschool programs. Across Bexar County, 28,046 children are enrolled in early childhood education programs (see Tables 4-2 and 4-3). These figures suggest that a substantial portion of young children in SSAISD rely on the public school system as a key provider of early childhood education.

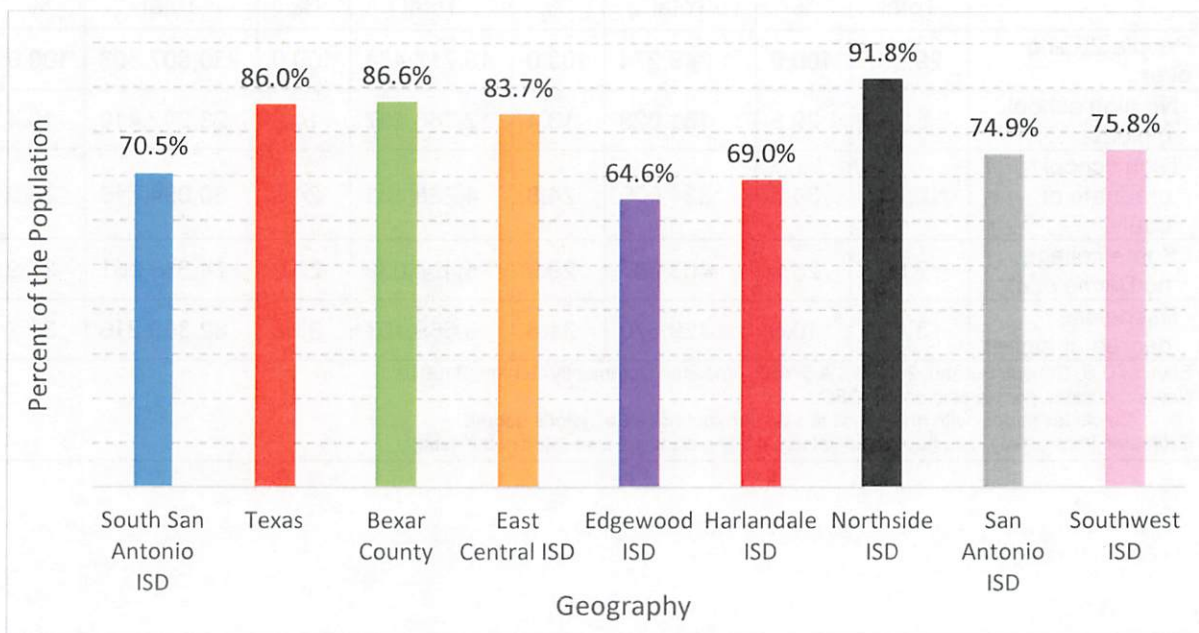


Figure 4-1 Percent of Adult 25 Years and Older with High School Diploma/GED or Greater, Selected Geographies, 2020-2024

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 5-Year American Community Survey 2020-2024, DP02

Table 4-2 School Enrollment by Level of School for the Population 3 Years and Over, South San Antonio ISD, 2020-2024

	South San Antonio ISD
Total:	46,705
Enrolled in school:	11,911
Enrolled in nursery school, preschool	895
Enrolled in kindergarten	1,104
Enrolled in grade 1 to grade 4	2,277
Enrolled in grade 5 to grade 8	2,890
Enrolled in grade 9 to grade 12	2,852
Enrolled in college, undergraduate years	1,597
Graduate or professional school	296
Not enrolled in school	34,794
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, B14001. Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.	

Table 4-3 School Enrollment by Level of School for the Population 3 Years and Over, 2020-2024

Geography	Bexar County	Texas	United States
Total:	1,991,773	29,063,589	323,992,014
Enrolled in school:	547,274	7,886,029	80,089,790
Enrolled in nursery school, preschool	28,046	438,490	4,546,967
Enrolled in kindergarten	30,012	424,525	4,035,540
Enrolled in grade 1 to grade 4	113,713	1,663,384	15,888,362
Enrolled in grade 5 to grade 8	117,618	1,721,288	16,784,107
Enrolled in grade 9 to grade 12	115,244	1,755,681	17,419,207
Enrolled in college, undergraduate years	112,727	1,488,111	16,785,094
Graduate or professional school	29,914	394,550	4,630,513
Not enrolled in school	1,444,499	21,177,560	243,902,224
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, B14001. Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.			

Health and Nutrition

Food insecurity remains a significant issue in Bexar County. In 2023, more than one-quarter of families in the county received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, and over 40,000 children under age 4 received support through the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program in 2024—an increase of 6,080, or 17%, since 2019 (see Table 4-4). These figures highlight the widespread need for nutritional assistance among families with young children in the region.

Recent estimates suggest that children and families residing in South San Antonio ISD (SSAISD) are more likely to utilize public assistance programs than those in Bexar County or the state of Texas. For example, 11.3% of SSAISD residents received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), compared to 5.4% in Bexar County and 4.4% statewide. Similarly, 28.4% of SSAISD residents received SNAP benefits, nearly double the rate in Bexar County (13.8%) and more than twice the rate across Texas (11.4%) (see Table 4-5).

Figure 4-2 illustrates the percentage of children under 18 living in households that received public assistance between 2020 and 2024, including programs such as SSI, SNAP, and cash assistance (e.g., TANF). SSAISD falls within the second-highest category in Bexar County, with rates ranging from 45.01% to 59.9%. This means that nearly half (or more) of the children in SSAISD live in households dependent on public assistance, signaling significant economic hardship within the district. Compared to other parts of Bexar County, which fall into lower ranges (0–14.9%, 15.00–29.9%, and 30.0–44.9%), SSAISD show a concentrated need for social and economic support. This pattern underscores broader socioeconomic vulnerabilities, likely tied to limited household income, restricted employment opportunities, and structural inequities. These findings emphasize the need for targeted policy interventions, community-based support strategies, and programs aimed at reducing child poverty and improving access to critical resources in high-need communities like SSAISD.

Table 4-4 Percent of Public Assistance Received by Bexar County Residents Under 18 Years Old, 2018-2024

Program	Year						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Child (0-17 Years) Receiving TANF (Percent)	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	*
Children (0-17 Years) Receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) (Percent)	31.3%	28.0%	29.6%	26.0%	26.8%	25.7%	*
Children (0-4 Years) Receiving WIC	*	36,107	36,043	35,319	36,212	40,718	42,187
Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT, 2018-2024 Notes: * means data for TANF and SNAP in 2024, and WIC in 2018-2024 are not available							

Table 4-5 Percent of Public Assistance Received by SSAISD, Bexar County, and Texas Residents, 2020-2024

Program	2020-2024		
	South San Antonio ISD	Bexar County	Texas
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	11.3%	5.4%	4.4%
Cash public assistance*	2.0%	2.6%	2.0%
Food stamps (SNAP)	28.4%	13.8%	11.4%
Source: US Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP03. Note: This data reflects households earning public assistance income and does not reflect age-eligible children alone. Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table. *Cash public assistance includes TANF.			

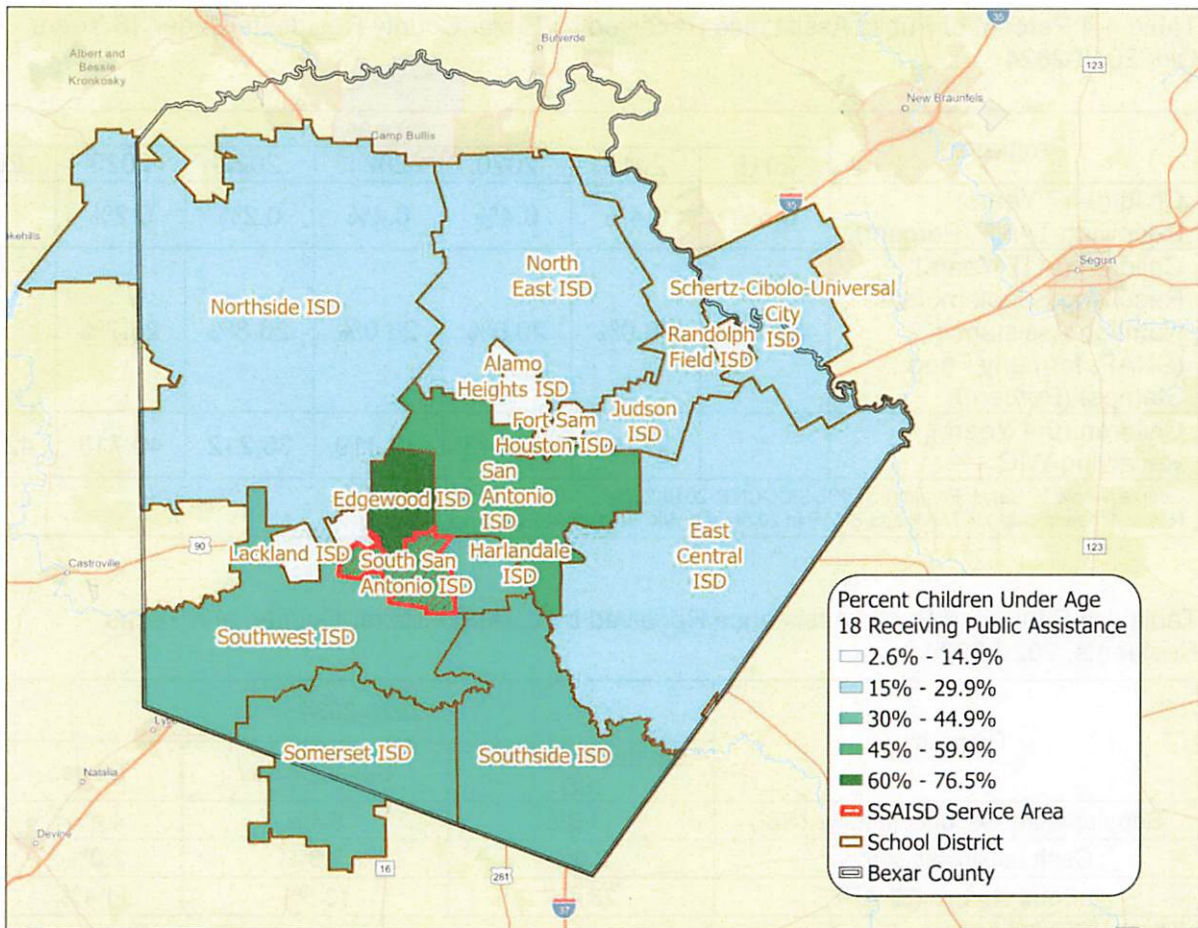


Figure 4-2 Percent of Children Under Age 18 Receiving Public Assistance (SSI, SNAP, TANF), 2020-2024

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 5-Year American Community Survey 2020-2024

Following the analysis of public assistance reliance, it is important to consider how economic hardship also affects other areas of child well-being, particularly access to food. Families struggling financially often face additional barriers to meeting basic nutritional needs, even when receiving support through programs like SNAP or TANF.

Access to adequate and nutritious food remains a challenge for many families in SSAISD and across Bexar County. While public assistance programs provide critical support, these figures only reflect individuals who apply for and receive benefits. They do not capture the full scope of need, as many children and families may qualify for assistance but are not enrolled.

Food insecurity and limited access to nutritious foods may also contribute to childhood obesity—another pressing health concern. In 2023, the obesity rate among high school-aged children in Texas was 18.5%. Disparities by race/ethnicity were evident: 22.3% of Hispanic high school students were classified as obese, compared to 12.3% of their non-Hispanic White peers (CDC, 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey). These trends further underscore the need for nutrition education and support services tailored to high-need communities such as SSAISD.

Figure 4-3 displays the distribution of obesity prevalence at the census tract level in Bexar County for 2023. Due to data limitations, obesity rates for individuals under age 18 are not available; therefore, adult obesity rates are used as a proxy to understand broader patterns of obesity within the SSAISD population, including children. The map shows that obesity rates in SSAISD are among the highest in Bexar County, with most of the twelve census tracts within the district falling into the upper prevalence ranges. Specifically, three tracts report very high obesity rates (between 40.0% and 44.9%), placing them at the near top of the scale and signaling a serious public health concern. Seven additional tracts fall within the 35.0% to 39.9% range, which also indicates elevated levels of obesity. The remaining tracts report rates between 30.0% and 34.9%, still within the higher classifications countywide. These findings point to a widespread and persistent obesity challenge within the SSAISD area, emphasizing the need for targeted public health interventions and community-based wellness initiatives.

Following the analysis of obesity trends, it is equally important to consider mental health concerns, which are often interconnected with broader social and economic challenges. Figure 4-4 illustrates the prevalence of depression among the adult population in Bexar County. Moderate-to-high rates of adult depression are notably concentrated within SSAISD. Specifically, four census tracts within the district report depression rates ranging from 23.0% to 24.9%, highlighting a significant concern compared to lower prevalence rates observed elsewhere in the county (18.6% to 19.9%). This geographic clustering suggests that depression represents a serious public health issue in the SSAISD community. These heightened rates may stem from shared underlying factors such as economic hardship, limited access to mental health services, and ongoing community-level stressors. Taken together, these findings underscore the need for targeted mental health interventions, expanded preventive care, and strategic investments in local support services to address the mental wellness needs of residents in this high-need area.

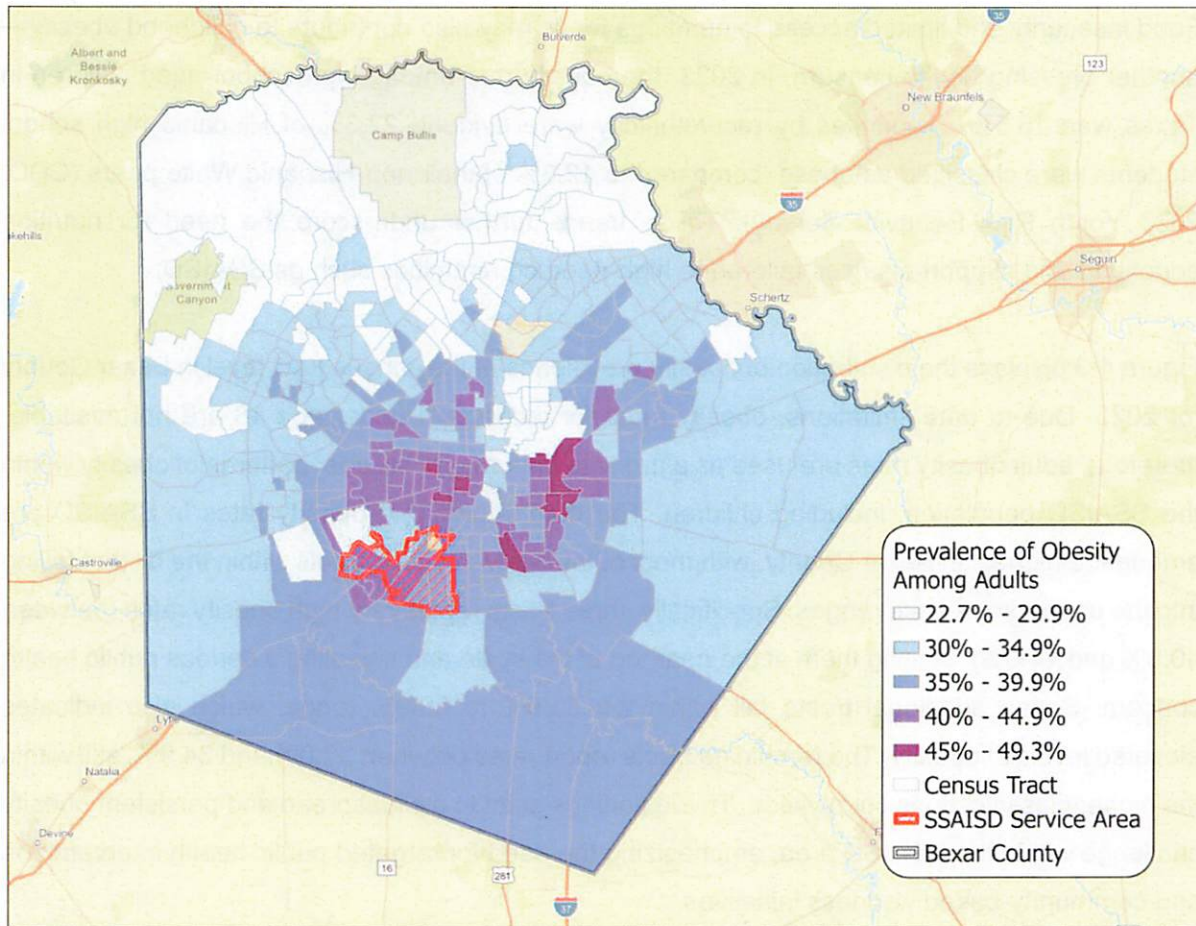


Figure 4-3 Adult Obesity Rate (%), 2023

Source: PLACES from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Accessed on 06/25/2026. <https://www.cdc.gov/places>

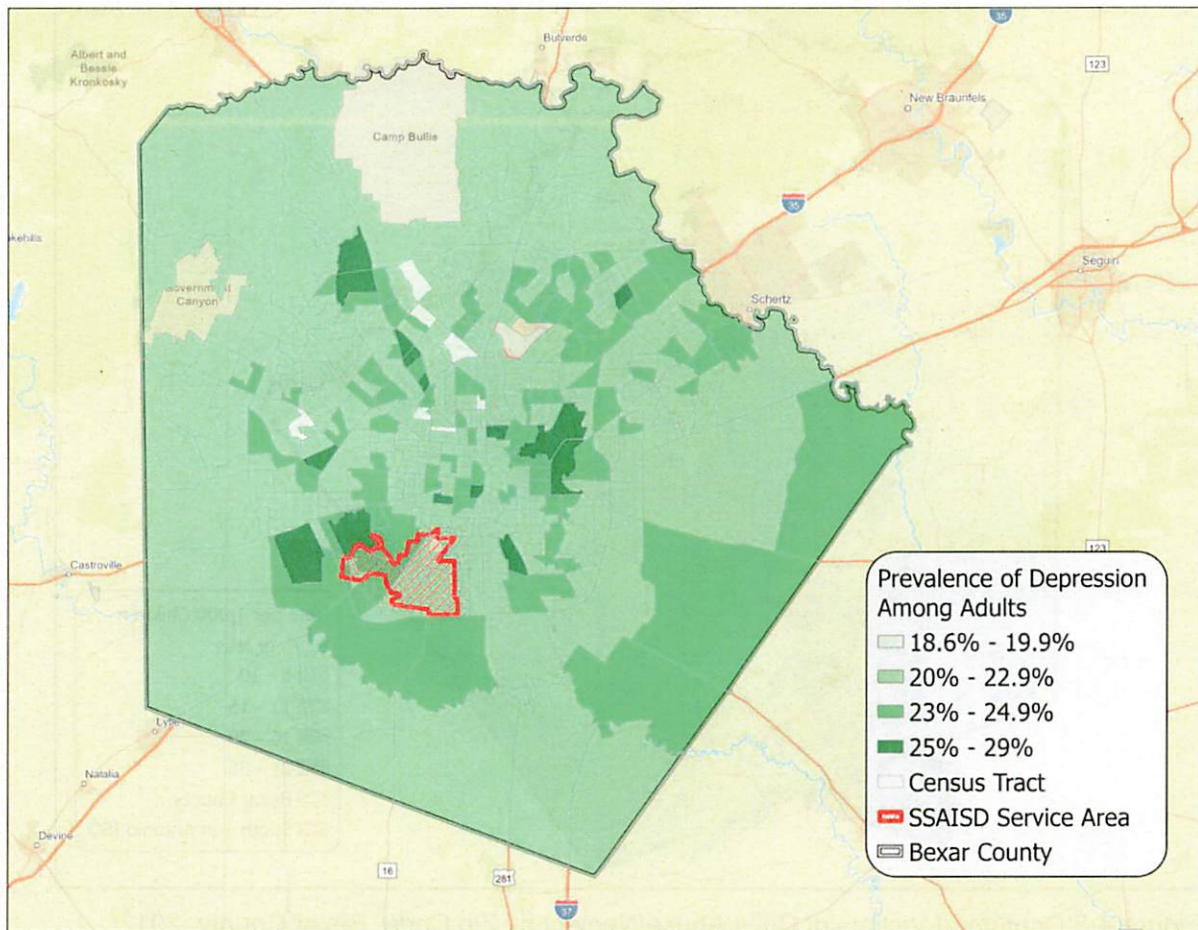


Figure 4-4 Adult Depression Rate (%), 2023

Source: PLACES from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Accessed on 06/25/2026. <https://www.cdc.gov/places>

Social Services

Another factor that affects the overall quality of life for residents in San Antonio and Bexar County is the prevalence of child abuse and neglect. The number and rate of confirmed cases serve as important indicators of community well-being and the potential need for expanded social services. Figure 4-5 illustrates the geographic distribution of child abuse and neglect rates across Bexar County in 2012 (the most recent year for which ZIP code-level data are available). Higher rates were concentrated in the central parts of the county, particularly in the east and west inner-city areas.

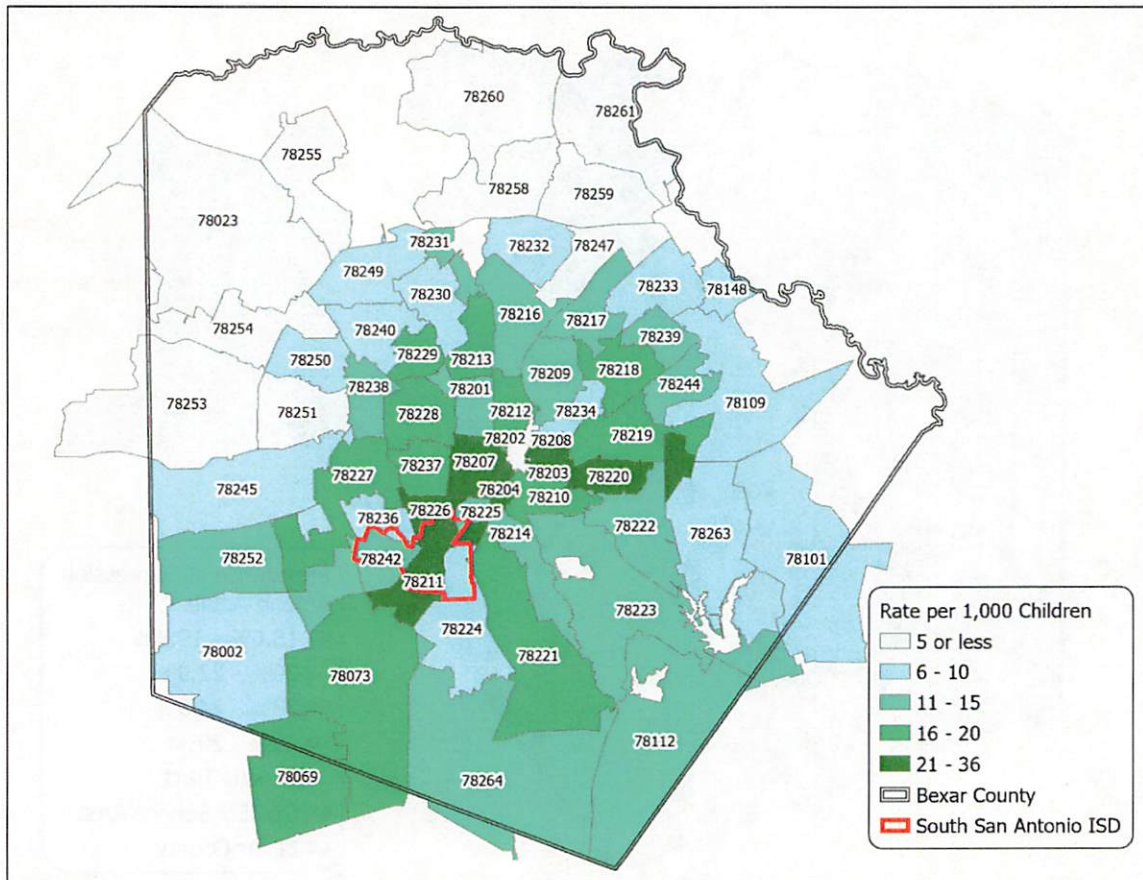


Figure 4-5 Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Zip Code, Bexar County, 2012

Source: Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Management Reporting and Statistics.

Between 2014 and 2018, both the number and rate of confirmed child abuse and neglect victims increased in Bexar County, while the state of Texas experienced a decreasing trend during the same period (see Table 4-6). From 2018 to 2022, both Bexar County and the state saw a decline in the number and rate of child abuse and neglect cases. This downward trend continued from 2022 to 2025.

However, the data reveal that some children are disproportionately affected by abuse and neglect. A demographic breakdown of confirmed cases shows that the youngest children (those aged 0 to 2) are consistently the most vulnerable in both Bexar County and Texas. Over time, the number of confirmed abuse and neglect cases among infants and toddlers has remained roughly double that of children aged 3 to 5 in Bexar County.

Table 4-6 Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect-Bexar County, 2014-2025

	FY 2014		FY 2018		FY 2022		FY 2025	
	Bexar County	Texas	Bexar County	Texas	Bexar County	Texas	Bexar County	Texas
Age 0-2	1,783	21,011	2,100	23,062	1,805	19,224	1,478	17,250
Age 3-5	1,189	14,306	1,122	13,741	956	11,201	891	10,940
Age 6-8	975	11,649	845	10,301	711	8,243	686	7,575
Total Confirmed Victims	5,433	66,551	5,865	66,362	4,972	56,944	4,416	51,974
Rate of Confirmed Victims per 1,000 Children	11.1	9.4	11.3	9.0	9.0	7.4	8.9	7.0
Source: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 2014, 2018, 2022 & 2025 Note: The rate of confirmed victims per 1,000 children is the same by gender and race/ethnicity. Thus, these sections were removed from the chart this year.								

Income and Poverty

Many areas of San Antonio experienced increases in both median household income and per capita income over the periods 2016–2020, 2018–2022, and 2020–2024 (see Tables 4-7 and 4-8). The most substantial growth in median household income occurred in Southside ISD, which saw a 34.7% increase. In contrast, Lackland ISD experienced negative growth among the listed school districts, Bexar County, and the state of Texas, with a decrease of -16.9%.

Per capita income also increased across all districts during the same periods. Harlandale ISD reported the highest growth, with a 35.0% increase in per capita income, while Fort Sam Houston ISD reported the lowest growth at 11.6%.

Residents of South San Antonio ISD (SSAISD) experienced moderate growth in median household income—rising by 25.2% in recent years. However, disparities persist. In 2024, Bexar County's per capita income was \$36,702. In comparison, residents of SSAISD earned a significantly lower per capita income of \$21,347 (the second lowest among all districts in the county. Only Edgewood ISD reported a lower per capita income).

Table 4-7 Median Household Income and Per Capita Income in Dollars, Selected Areas, 2016-2020, 2018-2022, 2020-2024

Geography	2016-2020		2018-2022		2020-2024	
	Median household income	Per capita income	Median household income	Per capita income	Median household income	Per capita income
South San Antonio ISD	41,776	16,548	46,566	18,612	52,309	21,347
Alamo Heights ISD	89,800	70,692	92,340	82,010	100,268	83,214
East Central ISD	65,383	24,760	74,712	30,315	80,803	32,859
Edgewood ISD	33,615	15,209	38,365	17,580	42,055	19,657
Fort Sam Houston ISD	80,781	24,720	85,903	24,161	100,662	27,584
Harlandale ISD	40,586	17,031	47,568	20,931	51,927	22,991
Judson ISD	63,073	27,036	72,589	31,824	76,852	33,167
Lackland ISD	77,692	19,548	72,625	23,812	64,539	25,694
North East ISD	63,602	33,403	72,663	40,037	79,074	43,486
Northside ISD	67,492	30,987	76,754	36,747	80,406	39,883
Randolph Field ISD	104,375	27,371	127,625	36,648	113,250	35,440
San Antonio ISD	37,279	20,723	41,669	24,466	46,710	26,606
Schertz-Cibolo-Univ. City ISD	88,415	35,175	99,868	39,709	105,726	43,254
Somerset ISD	58,071	21,259	72,815	25,148	72,176	27,753
Southside ISD	46,987	20,180	57,197	23,560	63,269	25,948
Southwest ISD	54,985	18,620	62,125	22,677	69,907	24,942
Bexar County, Texas	58,288	28,313	67,275	33,963	72,341	36,702
Texas	63,826	32,177	73,035	37,514	78,476	40,752
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 5-Year American Community Survey, 2020-2024, 2018-2022, 2016-2020, DP03, and calculations derived from those sources.						
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.						

Table 4-8 Percent Change in Income for Selected Areas, 2016-2020 and 2020-2024

Geography	Percent Change in Median Household Income		Percent Change in Per Capita Income	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South San Antonio ISD	10,533	25.21%	4,799	29.00%
Alamo Heights ISD	10,468	11.66%	12,522	17.71%
East Central ISD	15,420	23.58%	8,099	32.71%
Edgewood ISD	8,440	25.11%	4,448	29.25%
Fort Sam Houston ISD	19,881	24.61%	2,864	11.59%
Judson ISD	13,779	21.85%	6,131	22.68%
Harlandale ISD	11,341	27.94%	5,960	35.00%
Lackland ISD	-13,153	-16.93%	6,146	31.44%
North East ISD	15,472	24.33%	10,083	30.19%
Northside ISD	12,914	19.13%	8,896	28.71%
Randolph Field ISD	8,875	8.50%	8,069	29.48%
San Antonio ISD	9,431	25.30%	5,883	28.39%
Schertz-Cibolo-Univ. City ISD	17,311	19.58%	8,079	22.97%
Somerset ISD	14,105	24.29%	6,494	30.55%
Southside ISD	16,282	34.65%	5,768	28.58%
Southwest ISD	14,922	27.14%	6,322	33.95%
Bexar County, Texas	14,053	24.11%	8,389	29.63%
Texas	14,650	22.95%	8,575	26.65%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 5-Year American Community Survey, 2016-2020, 2020-2024, DP03, and calculations derived from those sources.				
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.				

In general, residents of South San Antonio ISD (SSAISD) are less affluent than residents of Bexar County or the state of Texas (see Table 4-9). A significantly larger share of households in SSAISD (7.4%) reported annual incomes of less than \$10,000, compared to just 3.8% in Bexar County and 3.5% statewide. In contrast, only 2.0% of households in SSAISD reported incomes over \$200,000, compared to 12.7% in the county and 15.9% across the state.

Median household income in SSAISD was also substantially lower than in the broader comparison areas. In 2024, the median household income in SSAISD was \$52,309, compared to \$72,341 in Bexar County and \$78,476 in Texas. Similarly, per capita income in SSAISD was just \$21,347, approximately half of the state's per capita income (\$40,752) and well below the county (\$36,702).

Poverty remains a key concern in the district. In 2024, 20.5% of individuals in SSAISD with children under the age of five were living below the federal poverty threshold. While this rate is slightly lower than that of Bexar County (20.8%) and the state of Texas (20.4%), it still represents a considerable level of economic vulnerability. Across Bexar County school districts, the percentage of individuals with young children living in poverty varies widely (from 0% to 50%), underscoring the uneven distribution of economic hardship throughout the region.

Table 4-9 Income and Poverty in South San Antonio ISD, Area School Districts, Bexar County, and Selected School Districts, 2020-2024

Geography	Percent of households with less than \$ 10,000 income	Percent of households with more than \$ 200,000 income	Median household income	Per capita income	Percent of all people with related children under 5 whose income is below poverty
South San Antonio ISD	7.40%	2.00%	52,309	21,347	20.50%
Alamo Heights ISD	0.40%	47.90%	100,268	83,214	0.60%
East Central ISD	3.00%	7.90%	80,803	32,859	20.60%
Edgewood ISD	9.10%	2.70%	42,055	19,657	49.70%
Fort Sam Houston ISD	2.30%	17.20%	100,662	27,584	25.60%
Harlandale ISD	8.10%	2.70%	51,927	22,991	30.70%
Judson ISD	3.10%	8.00%	76,852	33,167	11.70%
Lackland ISD	2.00%	9.50%	64,539	25,694	12.70%
North East ISD	2.40%	17.20%	79,074	43,486	17.30%
Northside ISD	3.10%	14.40%	80,406	39,883	15.70%
Randolph Field ISD	0.00%	15.80%	113,250	35,440	0.00%
San Antonio ISD	6.90%	5.00%	46,710	26,606	43.40%
Schertz-Cibolo-Univ. City ISD	1.70%	15.50%	105,726	43,254	3.90%
Somerset ISD	4.70%	6.70%	72,176	27,753	14.00%
Southside ISD	4.10%	3.00%	63,269	25,948	24.30%
Southwest ISD	5.10%	5.80%	69,907	24,942	14.60%
Bexar County, Texas	3.80%	12.70%	72,341	36,702	20.80%
Texas	3.50%	15.90%	78,476	40,752	20.40%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP03.
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.

Special forecasts of births below the poverty threshold were also produced (see Table 4-10). These forecasts were based on the projected number of births in ZIP code areas overlapping with SSAISD, using data from Table 3-5. The poverty rate among children under age five in SSAISD was then applied to these projected birth figures. The results suggest that a stable population of young children born into poverty will continue to reside in SSAISD through 2027. However, as with other small-area forecasts, these estimates are subject to a margin of error due to the methodology and the limited size of the geographic area.

Table 4-10 Forecasted Births Born into Poverty, South San Antonio ISD, 2023-2027

School District	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
South San Antonio ISD (Projected Births in Overlapped ZIP Code Areas)	1,577	1,561	1,546	1,533	1,521
Forecasted Births Born into Poverty	402	384	369	355	342
Source: Texas Vital Statistics (VSTAT), 2016-2020. U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey, DP03, B17001. Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.					

Housing

The distribution of housing stock varies significantly across Bexar County (see Table 4-11). Among the three geographies, Texas had the highest share of vacant housing units, followed by Bexar County and South San Antonio ISD (SSAISD). In SSAISD, only 15.5% of housing units were built in 2010 or later, indicating a relatively smaller share of newer housing. In contrast, Bexar County and SSAISD had a higher proportion (4.2%) of older housing units compared to Texas.

Household composition also differs across areas. SSAISD had the largest average household size among both owner-occupied and renter-occupied units, suggesting larger family structures compared to the county and state. Additionally, 2.2% of housing units in SSAISD had more than 1.5 occupants per room—twice the rate observed in both Bexar County and Texas (1.6%). The share of housing units without a vehicle was also higher in SSAISD than in the county or state, indicating more limited transportation access.

Housing values further reflect economic disparities. The median home value in SSAISD was \$144,200—significantly lower than in Bexar County (\$262,200) and Texas overall (\$283,800). Taken together, housing characteristics in SSAISD suggest a community with older homes, larger households, fewer vehicles, more overcrowding, and lower property values.

Table 4-11 Housing Characteristics for South San Antonio ISD, Bexar County, and Texas, 2020-2024

	Percent of Housing Units Vacant	Percent Of Housing Units Built After 2010 or After	Percent Of Housing Units Built Before 1939	Percent Of Housing Units Renter- occupied	Average household size of owner- occupied Unit	Average household size of renter- occupied unit	Percent Of Housing Units with No Vehicles Available	Percent of Housing Units with More than 1.5 Occupants per Room	Median Owner Occupied Home Value
South San Antonio ISD	8.30%	15.50%	4.20%	51.20%	3.12	3.18	7.10%	2.20%	144,200
Bexar County	8.50%	21.40%	4.20%	41.20%	2.92	2.38	6.40%	1.60%	262,200
Texas	9.40%	21.40%	3.10%	37.40%	2.87	2.39	5.40%	1.60%	283,800
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 5-Year American Community Survey, DP04. Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.									

5. Eligibility Estimates

Method Used to Estimate Age and Income Eligibility

To estimate the number of children who are both age- and income-eligible for Head Start enrollment, population data for children under age five in 2024 were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2024 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates. Specifically, the number of children aged 3 to 4 years residing in South San Antonio ISD (SSAISD) was derived from ACS Table B09001. The percentage of children under age five living below the federal poverty level was estimated using data from the 2020–2024 ACS 5-Year Sample. This percentage was then assumed to apply to the 3- to 4-year-old population. Applying this poverty rate to the estimated number of 3- to 4-year-olds yielded the estimated number of children who are both age- and income-eligible for Head Start, as shown in Table 5-1.

Table 5-1 Estimates of Age and Income Eligible Children for Head Start Program in SSAISD, 2025-2026

	2024 Population of 3 and 4 year old children*	Estimated Percent of Children Under 5 Living Under Poverty**	Estimated Number of Children 3 to 4 Years Old Living Under Poverty	Current Enrollment for South San Antonio ISD (2025-26***)	% of 3 and 4 year old children enrolled in HS	Estimated % of income eligible 3 and 4 Year old children enrolled	Estimated Number of income eligible 3 and 4 year old children not being served by HS
South San Antonio ISD	2,272	20.0%	453	317	14.0%	69.9%	136
Source: *American Community Survey, 2024, 5-Year Sample, B09001 **American Community Survey, 2020-2024, 5-Year Sample, B17001 ***South San Antonio ISD HS Program, Current Enrollment, 2025-2026							

One way to assess the need for Head Start services is to examine population projections for age-eligible children in the area. Because projection data are not available for geographies smaller than the county level, estimates for Bexar County are used. Table 5-2 presents the projected population of children aged 3 to 4 in Bexar County by race and ethnicity. While the number of children in each race/ethnicity group is expected to grow over the next decade, Hispanic children will continue to comprise the largest amount of the young child population in the county. Table 5-2 also shows that the overall number of children aged 3 to 4 in Bexar County is projected to grow steadily (from 51,629 in 2025 to 56,511 by 2034, an increase of 9.5%). This trend suggests continued growth in the age-eligible population for Head Start services.

In contrast, Table 5-3 presents projections for income-eligible children in the same age group. Given the decline in Bexar County's child poverty rate—from 27.5% in 2014 to 20.6% in 2024—the projections assume a continued gradual decline in child poverty over the next decade. As a result, the number of income-eligible children ages 3 to 4 is projected to increase by approximately 2% by 2034, substantially less than the projected 9.5% growth in the overall population in this age group. This divergence between the growth of the age-eligible population and the more limited increase in the income-eligible population underscores the importance of monitoring both demographic and economic trends to effectively plan and allocate Head Start services.

In addition, projections of age- and income-eligible children in South San Antonio ISD and surrounding school districts were developed by applying poverty estimates from the 2014, 2019, and 2024 American Community Survey to population estimates for children residing in these independent school districts. Although these small-area estimates are subject to sampling error, the projections indicate that the population of age- and income-eligible children is expected to remain relatively stable, with modest increases in some districts, including SSAISD and other school districts across Bexar County (see Table 5-4).

Table 5-2 Projected Bexar County Population, by Race: Ages 3-4 Years, 2025-2034

Year	Total	NH White	NH Black	Hispanic	NH Asian	N Other
2025	51,629	9,826	3,509	34,645	1418	2,231
2026	52,327	9,939	3,623	34,943	1474	2,348
2027	52,968	10,039	3,733	35,206	1528	2,462
2028	53,609	10,147	3,844	35,471	1573	2,574
2029	54,231	10,259	3,954	35,716	1614	2,688
2030	54,784	10,334	4,057	35,939	1658	2,796
2031	55,308	10,399	4,151	36,162	1695	2,901
2032	55,770	10,454	4,246	36,335	1729	3,006
2033	56,177	10,486	4,328	36,484	1766	3,113
2034	56,511	10,504	4,399	36,589	1796	3,223
Source: Texas Demographic Center, Texas Population Projections for 2020-2060, Projection Vintage 2024						

Table 5-3 Projected Number of Bexar County Age- and Income-Eligible Children, Bexar County, 2025-2034

Year	Projected number of 3 to 4-year-old Children	Projected number of age and income eligible children for Head Start
2025	51,629	11,002
2026	52,327	11,042
2027	52,968	11,075
2028	53,609	11,113
2029	54,231	11,151
2030	54,784	11,178
2031	55,308	11,203
2032	55,770	11,218
2033	56,177	11,225
2034	56,511	11,220
Source: Texas Demographic Center, Texas Population Projections for 2020-2060, Projection Vintage 2024		
Note: The Bexar County poverty rate for Related Children Under 5 Years is 20.6% (5-Year American Community Survey, 2020-2024, B09001 & B17001.		
Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.		

Table 5-4 Forecast Income Eligible Children by ISD, 3-4 Year Olds, 2025-2029

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
School District					
South San Antonio ISD	485	499	514	528	543
East Central ISD	248	253	257	261	264
Edgewood ISD	900	925	950	976	1,002
Harlandale ISD	465	449	434	418	402
Northside ISD	2,466	2,479	2,490	2,501	2,513
San Antonio ISD	2,946	2,870	2,791	2,711	2,629
Southwest ISD	383	380	377	374	372
Source: Texas Demographic Center, Texas Population Projections for 2020-2060, Vintage 2024, and American Community Survey, 2010-2014, 2015-2019, 2020-2024, B09001 & B17001					
Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.					

Estimated Number of Children with a Disability by Type

The Texas Education Agency's school-age enrollment statistics for special education provide non–age-specific counts of children with disabilities by school district (see Table 5-5). In South San Antonio ISD, the most prevalent disabilities among enrolled students were learning disabilities and speech impairments. Together, these two categories accounted for 55.3% (695 out of 1,256) of all reported disabilities within the district's educational programs.

To estimate the number of children aged 3 to 4 with a disability, the proportion of students with disabilities (across all age groups) in each district was applied to American Community Survey (ACS) 2020–2024 estimates for children aged 3 to 4 (see Table 5-6). It is important to note that these estimates may overstate the number of young children with disabilities, as many developmental disabilities are diagnosed later in childhood, when children enter formal education settings and developmental delays become more apparent.

Across school districts in the San Antonio area, estimated disability prevalence among 3- to 4-year-olds ranged from 15.4% in Harlandale ISD to 20.6% in Southwest ISD. In SSAISD, approximately 409 children aged 3 to 4 are estimated to have at least one disability. These figures indicate a clear and ongoing need for early intervention and special education services for young children in the district.

Table 5-5 Disability Counts by Primary Disability for Select School Districts, 2025-2026

School District	Orthopedic Impairment	Other Health Impairment	Auditory Impairment	Visual Impairment	Deaf/Blind	Intellectual Disability	Emotional Disturbance	Learning Disability	Speech Impairment	Autism	Traumatic Brain Injury	Developmental Delay	Non-categorical Early Childhood	Total
South San Antonio ISD	*	108	15	*	0	164	62	497	198	157	*	42	13	1,256
East Central ISD	*	193	*	*	*	192	109	907	328	359	*	40	20	2,148
Edgewood ISD	0	180	15	*	0	180	42	444	241	174	*	29	22	1,327
Harlandale ISD	*	257	13	*	0	207	59	619	328	208	*	*	*	1,691
Northside ISD	36	1942	90	38	15	1245	820	6679	3493	3335	23	326	119	18,161
San Antonio ISD	26	797	57	17	*	602	445	4026	1174	1081	*	190	67	8,482
Southwest ISD	*	210	30	*	0	396	106	1306	465	414	*	57	55	3,039
Source: Texas Education Agency, PEIMS Standard Reports, Special Education Reports, 2025-2026														
Total refers to number of students with at least one disability														
Note: *Indicates numbers that have been masked to comply with FERPA and not accounted with total														

Table 5-6 Estimated Number of Children with Disabilities by Selected School District, Bexar County, 2025-2026

District	Enrolled Students 2025-2026*	Students with Disabilities 2025-2026*	Percent of Disabled Population**	Children Aged 3 to 4 Years, 2024**	Estimated Number of 3 to 4 Year Old Children with Disabilities***
South San Antonio ISD	7,084	1,276	18.0%	2,272	409
East Central ISD	11,829	2,168	18.3%	1,615	296
Edgewood ISD	7,694	1,347	17.5%	2,292	401
Harlandale ISD	11,114	1,711	15.4%	1,514	233
Northside ISD	98,333	18,181	18.5%	17,633	3,260
San Antonio ISD	42,548	8,502	20.0%	8,073	1,613
Southwest ISD	14,868	3,059	20.6%	2,371	488
Source: *Texas Education Agency, Student Program Reports, 2025-2026. **U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey, B09001 Note: ***The percent of student population that is disabled is 18.7% in the combined Bexar County ISDs and 16.7% in Texas. Estimated Number of Children is calculated by multiplying the exact, unrounded percentage of disability with the number of age-eligible children provided by the ACS.					

Forecasts of age-eligible children with disabilities were developed by applying each school district's percentage of students with disabilities to the projected number of age-eligible children. Consistent with other projections, these estimates suggest a stable (and in some areas, slightly increasing) population of children in SSAISD and neighboring districts who may require special education services through 2028 (see Table 5-7). This reinforces the continued need for accessible early intervention and disability-related support within Head Start and related programs.

Table 5-7 Current and Forecasted Number of Children with Special Needs, 3-4 Years Old, 2024-2028

School District	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
South San Antonio ISD	291	317	317	328	339
East Central ISD	293	339	337	351	365
Edgewood ISD	282	316	305	312	319
Harlandale ISD	181	202	186	178	170
Northside ISD	2782	3,133	3085	3133	3180
San Antonio ISD	314	352	348	359	359
Southwest ISD	403	436	431	439	446
Source: Texas Demographic Center, Texas Population Projections for 2020-2060, 2024, American Community Survey, 2010-2014, 2015-2019, and 2020-2024 B09001, and Texas Education Agency, Student Program Reports, 2024-2025, 2025-2026. Note: Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.					

6. Available Resources for Social Services

Health

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's (Metro Health) Immunization Division has several programs to increase vaccination rates and decrease the rate of vaccine preventable diseases in the community. The Immunization Outreach, Education, and Partnership program (IOEP) provides educational presentations to the community and local schools, attends community health/resource fairs, and participates in community conferences and lectures. The IOEP program targets under-immunized communities through partnerships with the Texas Vaccines for Children and Adult Safety Net programs. Additionally, the IOEP program facilitates the Immunize San Antonio (IZSA) Coalition, which promotes immunizations in diverse populations across the lifespan through collaboration and education. Education and services are provided via three outreach and education programs: Infant/Childhood, Adolescent/Adult, and the Immunization/Women Infant and Children (WIC) Linkage. The WIC Linkage is designed to increase immunization coverage levels among all WIC clients and children birth through five years of age using immunization assessments, reminder/recall, provider referrals, and targeted education efforts.

Metro Health has been implementing efforts under a Healthy Kids Healthy Communities grant. Metro Health convened a diverse network of partners, called the Healthy Kids Healthy Communities Partnership to plan and implement strategies to increase opportunities for physical activity and access to healthy foods for children and families. The HKHC Partnership primarily focuses its work within the boundaries of the Westside Development Corporation, a densely populated area of the near west side of San Antonio, with a population of over 116,000 residents, nearly 96% of which are Hispanic. The HKHC Partnership includes the City of San Antonio's Planning & Development Services and Parks & Recreation Departments; the Metropolitan Planning Organization; the University of Texas School of Public Health; VIA Metropolitan Transit; the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio – School of Nursing; the San Antonio Restaurant Association; the Health Collaborative; Texas Public Radio; and several community-based organizations located within the target area.

The Miles of Smiles (MOS) program provides dental evaluations, fluoride and sealants at local elementary schools (COSA Dental Services, 2019). This program is part of Metro Health's dental

projects and is meant to address unmet dental needs among children, especially those who are uninsured or underinsured for required care.

In addition, the Dental Program provides oral health assessments for various community groups, conducts oral health educational fairs, but most importantly links those who need urgent care without a dental home to providers who can provide the necessary services to them at little or no cost.

Nutrition

The San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB) provides food and grocery products to more than 600 non-profit organization partners in 29 county service areas throughout Southwest Texas and distributed to over 500,000 individuals (San Antonio Food Bank, 2025). In FY 2025, SAFB provided more than 90 million pounds of food. The mission of the SAFB is to fight hunger in Southwest Texas through food distribution programs, education, and advocacy. The SAFB has indicated that about 35% of their clients were children under the age of 18 years old; most of their senior clients had to choose between food and medicine due to limited income; 46% of households served by them had at least one working adult; single parents, veterans, as well as homeless people are the most needed groups among their clients.

The City of San Antonio's Fit City program, SA.com has been working to improve the health and fitness of San Antonian's (Fit City SA, About US, 2018). A Healthy Schools Committee meets monthly to discuss school districts' training, tools, and resources regarding healthy school meals. The focus includes innovative techniques for nutritious school meals and increased access to fruits and vegetables. Research has shown schoolchildren significantly increase their consumption of fruits and vegetables when they have a school salad bar.

Child Abuse and Neglect

Texas Child Protective Services (CPS) investigates reports of abuse and neglect of children. It also provides services to children and families in their own homes, places children in foster care, provides services to help youth in foster care transition to adulthood, and places children in adoptive homes.

Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. (FVPS) in San Antonio has been helping victims of domestic violence in San Antonio since 1977 (Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc., About Us, 2021). FVPS began as an emergency shelter for women and children and now offers a

complete array of shelter, transitional housing, counseling, and legal services to help individuals and families recover from the pain and long-term effects of domestic violence. The shelter provides 24-hour crisis intervention, individual and group counseling for women and children, on-site school for children (Pre-K – grade 12), case management services, transitional housing, and on-site primary medical and dental care. FVPS also provides a range of non-residential services.

ChildSafe is a children's advocacy center located within Bexar County (ChildSafe, About Us, 2021). The program is geared towards helping child abuse and/or neglect victims. ChildSafe has a diverse team of law enforcement, health, and CPS professionals that work together to coordinate strategies for each child. The services provided by Child Safe include medical referrals, family support specialists, and counseling services.

Housing

There are multiple housing assistance programs serving San Antonio and Bexar County. Opportunity Home San Antonio (OHSA) (formerly the San Antonio Housing Authority) provides housing assistance to over 62,500 adults, children, and seniors (Opportunity Home San Antonio Fact Sheet, 2024). In FY 2023-2024, OHSA helped to maintain 4,270 beacon communities, 7,863 partnerships, and provided 13,789 housing vouchers and 6,070 public housing homes.

Bexar County, San Antonio, Schertz, Live Oak, Cibolo, Somerset, and Universal City residents are also served by Bexar County Housing Authority (HABC). HABC offers five distinct programs in the area: Housing Choice Voucher (HCV/Section 8 Program); Mainstream Voucher Program; Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program; Foster Youth Initiative Program; and Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program.

The HCV Program is a federal housing assistance program that administers vouchers to residents based on eligibility criteria set by annual income and family size. The Mainstream Voucher program assists non-elderly individuals with disabilities with housing. The Family Self-Sufficiency Program is a five-year incentive program that accrues money due to the increase in earned income or the family's rent. Upon graduation from the FSS, families can use this account and remain eligible for continued housing. The Foster Youth Initiative Program offers housing vouchers to young adults (ages 18-24) aging out of foster care to assist them in finding stable housing. Lastly, the VASH Program provides rental assistance for homeless veterans, via a screening and referral process that begins with the VA.

Bexar County offers the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to homeless individuals, and individuals at risk of homelessness. The program's three goals are to provide services to shelter

residents; re-house homeless individuals and families; and prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless (Bexar County, Emergency Solutions Grant Program Overview, 2017). ESG also funds preventive programs and services.

Bexar County also offers the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), created under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, which increases affordable housing stock for low or very-low income families (Bexar County, HOME Program Overview, 2017). Funds under this program construct new housing; rehabilitate current housing; and improve sites for HOME-based development.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is another federally funded program that supports low-income individuals and families. CDBG funds are used to provide good housing, a good living environment, and better economic opportunities for low and very low-income people.

Currently in San Antonio, services for people experiencing homelessness have been centralized and are coordinated through Haven for Hope (H4H). H4H works to address the root causes of homelessness through education, job training and behavioral health services. Haven for Hope (H4H) provides comprehensive housing, health, and job placement services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Bexar County. According to the Haven for Hope Fiscal Year 2025 Impact Report, the organization served 2,974 individuals at its Transformational Campus and 4,006 individuals on its South Campus. Among those served, approximately 499 were family households, including 989 children, and about 711 were young adults. The average length of stay was 106 days on the Transformational Campus and 46 days on the South Campus.

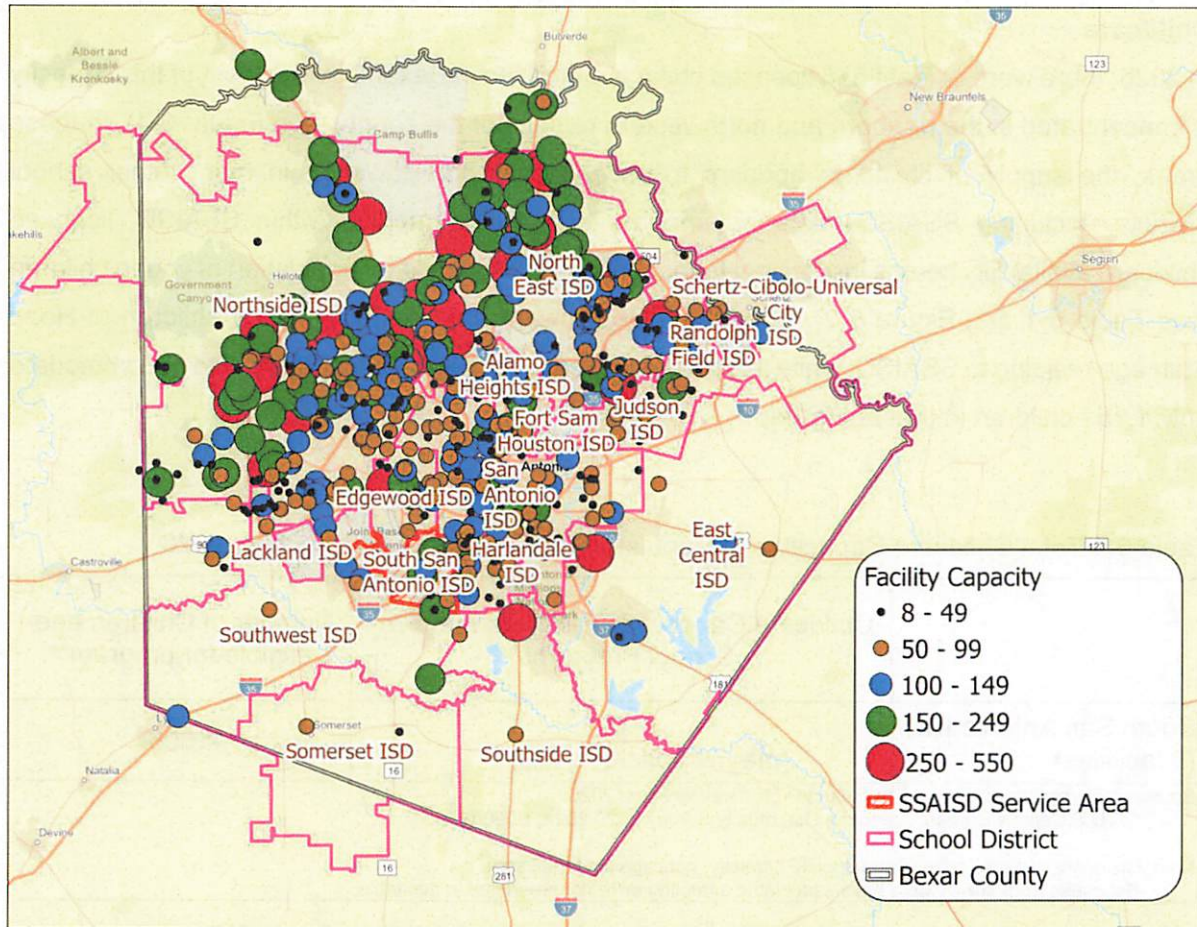
Childcare

In 2026, there were at least 578 licensed childcare facilities in Bexar County. Most of this capacity is concentrated in the northern and northwestern regions of the county (see Figure 6-1). In those areas, the supply of childcare appears to exceed demand. However, in many other school districts—including SSAISD—demand appears to outpace supply. Within SSAISD, licensed childcare availability seems insufficient to meet the needs of the local population of young children (see Table 6-1 and Figure 6-2). Specifically, there were approximately 4,606 children of Head Start age residing in SSAISD, while the combined licensed childcare facilities could accommodate only 1,151 children in that age group.

Table 6-1 Total Childcare Capacity and Population for South San Antonio ISD, 2026

	Childcare Capacity in Facilities with Pre-School Programs*	Number of Children age-eligible for program**
South San Antonio ISD (9 facilities)	1,151 (mean capacity = 128)	4,606
Source: * Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 2026. ** U.S Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2020-2024, B09001		
Note: Childcare capacity reflects age-eligible capacity, not capacity for all ages. Estimates from survey data have associated sampling error not presented in this table.		

It is important to note that childcare centers typically report only capacity-based figures. As a result, data are not available on actual enrollment, the number of children who are age-eligible for Head Start, or the percentage of children currently enrolled. This lack of detailed information limits the ability to accurately estimate how many age-eligible children are being served and to project future service needs for Head Start and EHS programs.



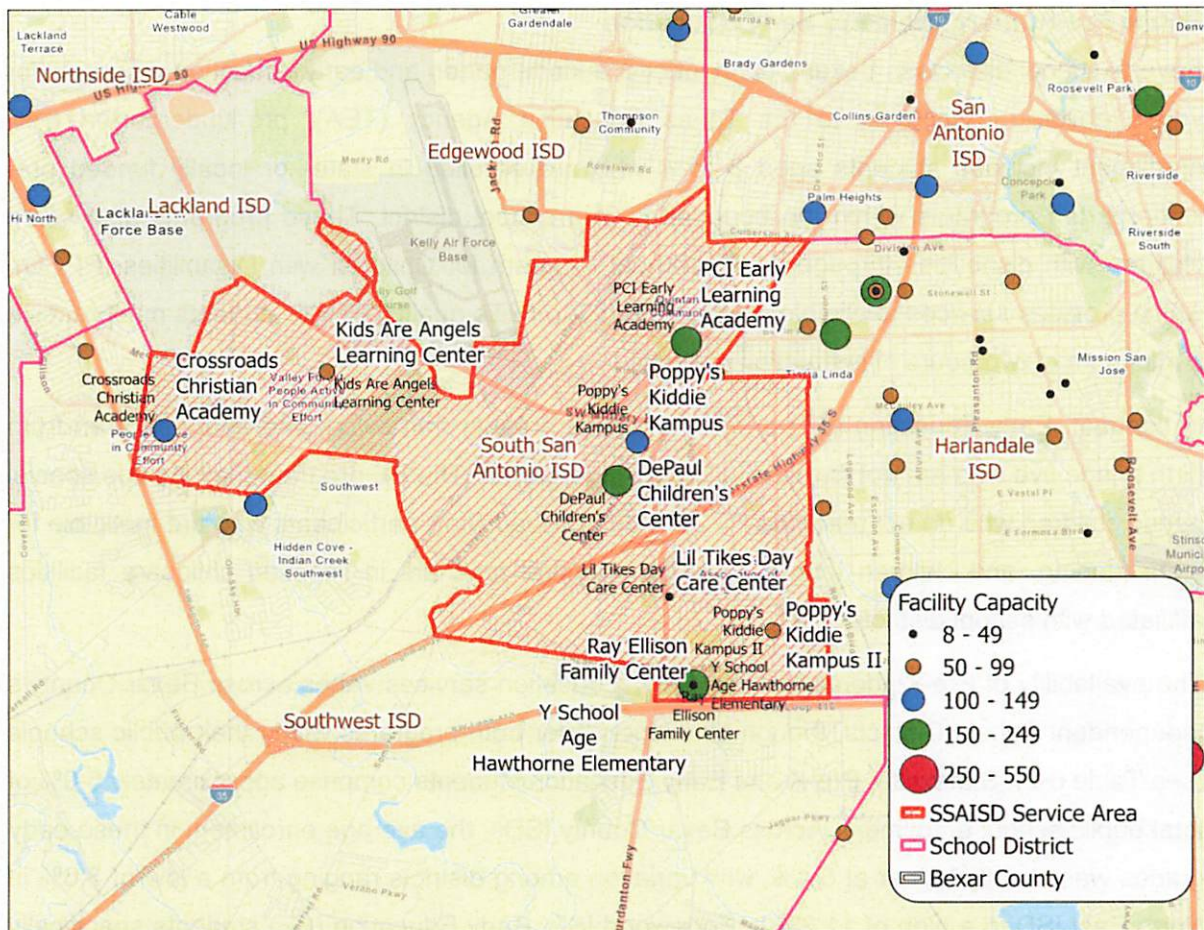


Figure 6-2 Licensed Childcare Facilities by Capacity, South San Antonio ISD, 2026

Source: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Custom Licensed Childcare Search, 2026

Public Pre-Kindergarten and Early Education

Several school districts in Bexar County offer pre-kindergarten and early education programs for young children. According to the Texas Education Agency (TEA), pre-kindergarten (PK) enrollment includes students aged 3 to 4 who are enrolled in state- or locally funded pre-kindergarten programs within the boundaries of a school district. These programs also serve children with disabilities through the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD), which provides services to eligible children aged 3 to 5. To qualify, PPCD students must receive a minimum of two hours of instruction per day.

In contrast, Early Education (EE) programs offer a broader framework and serve children from birth to age five who are not enrolled in PK or kindergarten. The EE program may include special needs children who do not meet the PPCD criteria, Head Start participants who are ineligible for state funding, and children taught by PPCD-certified teachers in licensed childcare facilities affiliated with school districts.

The availability of Pre-Kindergarten and Early Education services varies across Bexar County's Independent School Districts, though all districts offer both programs within their public schools (see Table 6-2). Statewide, Pre-K and Early Education students comprise approximately 5.0% of total public school enrollment. Across Bexar County ISDs, the average enrollment in these early grades was slightly higher at 5.4%, with variation among districts ranging from a low of 3.6% in North East ISD to a high of 11.2% in Edgewood ISD. Early Education (EE) students specifically made up about 0.5% of total enrollment countywide. Pre-K programs, however, are more widely available, representing approximately 5% of total enrollment in Bexar County. Eight districts—including East Central, Edgewood, Harlandale, Lackland, San Antonio, South San Antonio, Somerset, and Southside ISDs—reported Pre-K and EE enrollments above the county average (5.4%). In contrast, six districts—Alamo Heights, Judson, North East, Northside, Randolph Field and southwest had enrollment percentages below the county average (see Table 6-2).

Table 6-2 Childcare Capacity in Public Pre-Kindergarten and Early Education Classes in San Antonio Area School Districts, 2025-2026

School District	Pre-Kindergarten	Early Education	Total Enrollment	% Enrolled in PK, PPCD & EE
South San Antonio	498	21	7,084	7.3%
Alamo Heights ISD	128	51	4,735	3.8%
East Central ISD	636	59	11,829	5.9%
Edgewood ISD	850	9	7,702	11.2%
Harlandale ISD	772	13	11,114	7.1%
Judson ISD	929	111	22,620	4.6%
Lackland ISD	67	9	979	7.8%
North East ISD	1,704	250	53,732	3.6%
Northside ISD	3,396	1,101	98,333	4.6%
Randolph Field ISD	49	9	1,414	4.1%
San Antonio ISD	3,810	20	42,548	9.0%
Somerset	197	69	4,178	6.4%
Southside	379	9	6,102	6.4%
Southwest	662	127	14,868	5.3%
Bexar	16,957	1,843	349,310	5.4%
Texas	249,072	24,792	5,467,642	5.0%
Source: Texas Education Agency, Student Enrollment Reports, 2025-2026. Note: - Some cells may contain counts showing "less than certain counts" were because of FERPA regulations. This table assumes the counts for the cell is the closest integers to the range of the value (e.g., 9 was used for <10). - Not all ISDs contain Pre-Kindergarten and/or Early Education Programs. - PPCD enrollment has been rolled into the Pre-kindergarten enrollment column. - Childcare capacity reflects age-eligible capacity, not capacity for all ages.				

Nine out of fourteen Independent School Districts in Bexar County experienced a decline in the percentage of students enrolled in combined Early Education and Pre-Kindergarten programs between the 2023–2024 and 2025–2026 school years. These decreases ranged from 0.2 to 2.3 percentage points. During the same period, Bexar County overall experienced a modest decline of 0.2 percentage points (see Table 6-3). In contrast, only five ISDs reported increases in enrollment, with gains ranging from 0.4 to 1.6 percentage points. South San Antonio ISD experienced 0.7% increase in the proportion of students enrolled in Pre-K and Early Education programs (see Table 6-3).

Increasing enrollment levels of Pre-K and EE program in South San Antonio ISD's with the consistent utilization of Pre-Kindergarten and Early Education programs indicates a sustained demand for early childhood care. Public school programs serving children under age five continue to be well-utilized by families in the district. However, the availability of licensed childcare resources falls short of estimated demand. This gap suggests a need for additional Head Start slots to better serve the district's young population.

Table 6-3 Change in Pre-kindergarten and Early Education Enrollment in Select Districts, 2023-2024 to 2025-2026

	2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026		Percentage Point Change 2023-2024 to 2025-2026
District	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	%
South San Antonio	495	6.7%	534	7.1%	519	7.3%	0.7%
Alamo Heights ISD	128	2.7%	146	3.1%	179	3.8%	1.1%
East Central ISD	689	6.2%	701	6.1%	695	5.9%	-0.3%
Edgewood ISD	817	10.3%	876	11.1%	859	11.2%	0.9%
Harlandale ISD	841	7.1%	842	7.3%	785	7.1%	-0.1%
Judson ISD	1,646	6.9%	1,474	6.3%	1040	4.6%	-2.3%
Lackland ISD	77	7.4%	71	7.0%	76	7.8%	0.4%
North East ISD	2,188	3.8%	2,169	3.8%	1954	3.6%	-0.2%
Northside ISD	4,692	4.6%	4,433	4.4%	4497	4.6%	-0.1%
Randolph Field ISD	38	2.5%	38	2.6%	58	4.1%	1.6%
San Antonio ISD	4,267	9.6%	4,099	9.3%	3830	9.0%	-0.6%
Somerset	295	6.9%	269	6.3%	266	6.4%	-0.6%
Southside	513	8.5%	423	6.9%	388	6.4%	-2.1%
Southwest	878	6.2%	944	6.4%	789	5.3%	-0.9%
Bexar County	19,850	5.6%	19,848	5.6%	18800	5.4%	-0.2%
Texas	275,423	5.0%	275,974	5.0%	273,864	5.0%	0.0%
Source: Texas Education Agency, Student Enrollment Reports, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026. Note: - Some cells may contain counts showing "less than certain counts" were because of FERPA regulations. This table assumes the counts for the cell is the closest integers to the range of value (e.g., 9 was used for <10). - Not all ISDs contain Pre-Kindergarten and/or Early Education Programs. - PPCD enrollment has been rolled into the Pre-kindergarten enrollment column. - Childcare capacity reflects age-eligible capacity, not capacity for all ages.							

Pre-K 4 San Antonio

Pre-K 4 San Antonio (Pre-K 4 SA) is an education-based initiative that provides pre-kindergarten education to young children living in San Antonio (Pre-K 4 SA, About the Program, 2024). Four-year-old children can enroll in a full-day program at one of four centers—North, South, East, and West Education Centers, which include meals, educational enrichment, and transportation if needed (see Figure 6-3). Bilingual instruction is also available at each of the centers. The program began in 2013 and has had a few cohorts of students to date.

During the 2025–2026 school year, Pre-K 4 SA served 2,041 children across multiple partner ISDs. The majority of participants came from Northside ISD, North East ISD, and San Antonio ISD. In contrast, students from South San Antonio ISD made up only 1.8% of total enrollment (see Table 6-4).

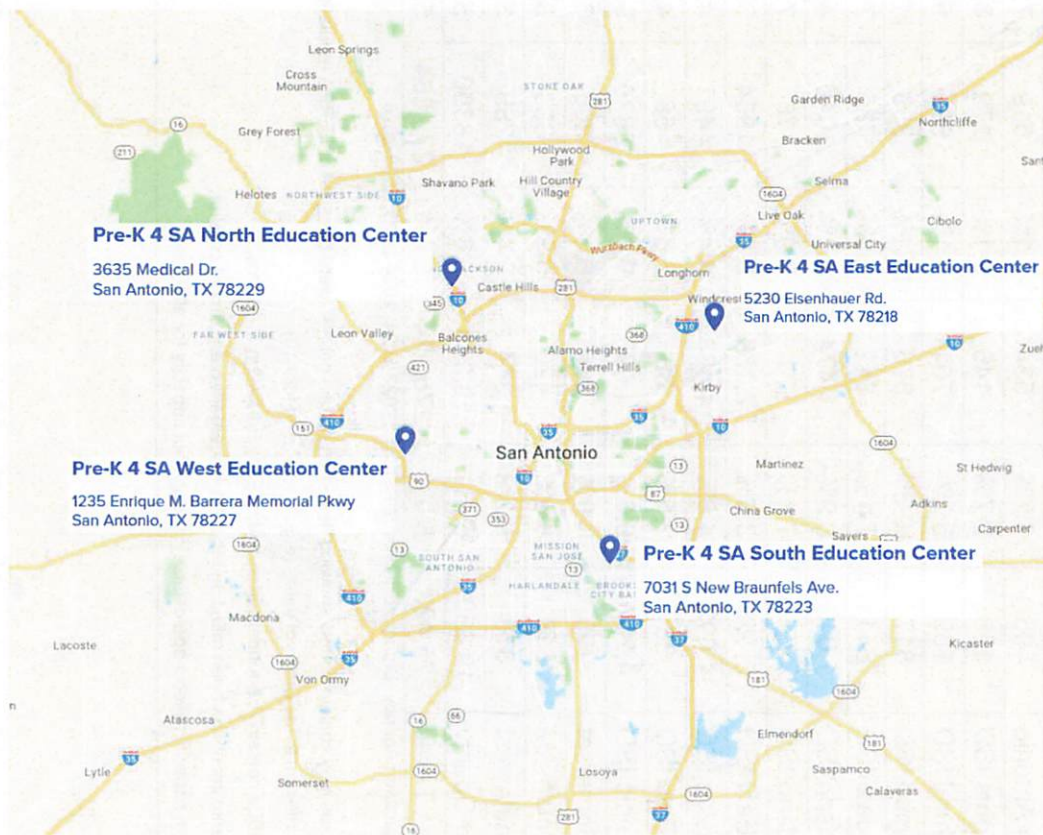


Table 6-4 Pre-K 4 SA Enrollment by District, 2024-2025

School District	Number of Enrolled Children	Percentage of Total Enrolled Children
South San Antonio	36	1.8
Northside	691	33.9
North East	335	16.4
San Antonio	291	14.3
East Central	186	9.1
Judson	162	7.9
Southwest	84	4.1
Harlandale	68	3.3
Edgewood	54	2.6
Medina Valley	49	2.4
Fort Sam Houston	28	1.4
Southside	46	2.3
Other*	11	0.5
Total	2,041	100
Source: Pre-K 4 SA Evaluation Report, Year 12		
Note: The other category includes four districts with small counts of children (Alamo Heights, Somerset, Comal, and Boerne).		

Eligibility for Pre-K 4 SA is primarily age-based, allowing all San Antonio families to enroll their four-year-old children. However, many families qualify for free services based on additional criteria, such as eligibility for the National Free and Reduced Lunch Program or participation in SNAP or TANF; limited English proficiency; homelessness; being the child of active-duty military personnel or a service member injured or killed during active duty; or being in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services. These eligibility pathways make Pre-K 4 SA a critical early education resource for at-risk children in San Antonio. Still, the program's full potential to reach and serve the broader eligible population has yet to be fully realized.

Pre-K 4 SA provides early childhood education, meals, and care only for four-year-old children. Head Start, however, extends its services to children ages 3 to 5 and offers additional family-centered support services such as health, nutrition, and parent engagement. While both programs serve similar functions, Pre-K 4 SA is primarily a suitable alternative for families whose children are age-eligible and who may not require the broader range of services that Head Start offers.

In recent years, Pre-K 4 SA and other public Pre-K programs have grown significantly and are now competing for top teaching talent across the region. At Pre-K 4 SA, compensation reflects this demand: the median salary for a Master Teacher was \$64,802 (range: \$62,400–\$76,800).

Teacher Assistant II positions had a median salary of \$28,600 (range: \$27,400–\$30,176), and Teacher Assistant I positions had a median salary of \$28,600 (range: \$28,600–\$31,418).

Resources and Services by Children with Disabilities

The Texas Health and Human Services Department (HHS) operates the Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) programs for Texas families with children age 0-3 years old with disabilities and developmental delays (Texas Health and Human Services, 2025). This program is funded through IDEA and the State of Texas and provides evaluations, assessments, and services at little or no cost to families. Children over the age of 3 years are not eligible to receive services through ECI but are referred to their local school district for assistance. Local school districts have Early Education classes for children with a disability ages 3 years and up. The three ECI programs that operate in Bexar County served more than 7,209 children (5.78% of the total population of 0-3-years old) in FY 2019. This proportion is greater than the share of served 0-3 year olds in the state (3.68%), indicating a greater need for, and reliance upon, special needs services for children 0-3 years in the Bexar County.

In 2020, United Way San Antonio was affiliated with 137 programs at 69 partner agencies (United Way, About Us, 2020). Approximately 56% (39 total agencies) provide services to children or families with children; 3% of all agencies (2 total agencies) state that they serve as a resource for children with disabilities. These agencies provide counseling, outpatient services, nutritional and fitness activities, prepare young children for life, help students succeed, foster self-sufficiency for individuals and families, and support people in crisis.

Charter Schools

According to the Texas Education Agency (TEA), 70 charter schools in Bexar County provided kindergarten, prekindergarten, and early education programs with open enrollment in FY 2025–2026. These facilities (50 out of 70) are concentrated in Northside, Northeast and San Antonio ISDs. Only 3 facilities are located in South San Antonio ISD (see Table 6-5). Estimating how many children attend prekindergarten or early education grades and are enrolled in charter schools is difficult as TEA only reports the total enrollments. Unfortunately, it is also difficult to estimate the number of age-eligible children for EHS that attend charter schools now and project the number of children who will attend in the future. However, some children attending these schools are age-and-income eligible for charter schools and would otherwise be served by South San Antonio ISD.

Table 6-5 Charter Schools serving EE, PK, and KG students in Select School Districts, 2025-2026

Name	Service Address	Service Located In	Grade Served	Enrollment
ANNE FRANK INSPIRE ACADEMY	11216 BANDERA RD	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	KG-12	608
BASIS SAN ANTONIO PRI - JACK LEWIS JR CAMPUS	3303 N ELLISON DR	NORTHSIDE ISD	KG-05	605
BASIS SAN ANTONIO PRI - NORTHEAST CAMPUS	11550 I-35 FRONTAGE RD,	NORTH EAST ISD	KG-04	253
BASIS SAN ANTONIO PRI-MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS	8519 FLOYD CURL DR	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	KG-05	799
BASIS SAN ANTONIO- PRI NORTH CENTRAL CAMPUS	318 E RAMSEY RD	ALAMO HEIGHTS ISD	KG-06	780
BEXAR COUNTY ACADEMY	1481 HILLCREST DR	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	PK-08	153
CELEBRATE DYSLEXIA SCHOOL	2800 BROADWAY	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-08	61
COMPASS ROSE DREAM	6660 FIRST PARK TEN BLVD	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-06	326
COMPASS ROSE INGENUITY	522 BILLY MITCHELL	SAN ANTONIO ISD	PK-09	830
COMPASS ROSE JOURNEY	100 CRESTWIND DR	NORTH EAST ISD	PK-08	502
COMPASS ROSE LEGACY EL	3300 SIDNEY BROOKS	SAN ANTONIO ISD	PK-05	361
COMPASS ROSE OPPORTUNITY	6660 FIRST PARK TEN BLVD	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-12	95
ELEANOR KOLITZ HEBREW LANGUAGE ACADEMY	11327 DREAMLAND DR	NORTH EAST ISD	KG-08	486
ESSENCE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL	4535 LORD RD	SAN ANTONIO ISD	PK-06	365
FOUNDATION SCHOOL OF AUTISM - SAN ANTONIO	2235 THOUSAND OAKS STE 130	NORTH EAST ISD	EE-01	38
GEORGE GERVIN ACADEMY	6944 S SUNBELT DR	NORTH EAST ISD	PK-12	793
GREAT HEARTS FOREST HEIGHTS	5538 RESEARCH DR	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	KG-10	1335
GREAT HEARTS INVICTUS	12018 BANDERA RD	NORTHSIDE ISD	KG-08	918
GREAT HEARTS LIVE OAK	7653 N LOOP 1604 E	JUDSON ISD	KG-10	1153
GREAT HEARTS MONTE VISTA	211 BELKNAP PL	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-05	468
GREAT HEARTS NORTHERN OAKS	17223 JONES MALTSBERGER RD	NORTH EAST ISD	KG-12	1430
GREAT HEARTS ONLINE - TX	12500 SAN PEDRO AVE, STE 500	NORTH EAST ISD	KG-09	968
GREAT HEARTS WESTERN HILLS	8702 INGRAM RD,	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	KG-10	1326
HARMONY SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE - SAN ANTONIO	2015 SW LOOP 410	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	PK-05	105

Name	Service Address	Service Located In	Grade Served	Enrollment
HARMONY SCHOOL OF INNOVATION - SAN ANTONIO	8125 GLEN MONT DR	NORTH EAST ISD	PK-08	367
HARMONY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE- SAN ANTONIO	5566 WISEMAN BLVD	NORTHSIDE ISD	PK-07	602
HERITAGE ACADEMY OF WINDCREST	8750 FOURWINDS DR	NORTH EAST ISD	PK-05	98
IDEA AMBROSE AND FREDA ROBINSON ACADEMY	10170 KRIEWALD RD	SOUTHWEST ISD	KG-05	423
IDEA BRACKENRIDGE ACADEMY	5555 OLD PEARSALL RD	SOUTH SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-05	631
IDEA BURKE ACADEMY	10434 MARBACH RD	SOUTHWEST ISD	KG-05	730
IDEA CARVER ACADEMY	217 ROBINSON PL,	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-05	468
IDEA CONVERSE ACADEMY	5160 MARTINEZ,	EAST CENTRAL ISD	KG-05	743
IDEA EASTSIDE ACADEMY	2519 MARTIN LUTHER KING DR	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-05	392
IDEA EWING HALSELL ACADEMY	2523 W ANSLEY BLVD	SOUTH SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-05	704
IDEA HIDDEN MEADOW ACADEMY	10138 CULEBRA RD	NORTHSIDE ISD	KG-05	608
IDEA INGRAM HILLS ACADEMY	3115 MAJESTIC DR	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	KG-05	588
IDEA JUDSON ACADEMY	13427 JUDSON RD	NORTH EAST ISD	KG-05	701
IDEA MAYS ACADEMY	1210 HORAL RD	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	KG-05	663
IDEA MONTERREY PARK ACADEMY	222 SW 39TH ST	HARLANDALE ISD	KG-05	607
IDEA NAJIM ACADEMY	926 S WWW WHITE RD	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-05	540
IDEA SOUTH FLORES ACADEMY	6919 S FLORES	HARLANDALE ISD	KG-05	680
IDEA WALZEM ACADEMY	6445 WALZEM RD, SAN ANTONIO	NORTH EAST ISD	KG-05	611
JUBILEE - LAKE VIEW UNIVERSITY PREP	325 CASTROVILLE RD	SAN ANTONIO ISD	PK-12	548
JUBILEE HIGHLAND HILLS	1515 GOLIAD RD	SAN ANTONIO ISD	PK-08	686
JUBILEE SAN ANTONIO	4427 CHANDLER RD	EAST CENTRAL ISD	PK-12	1011
JUBILEE WESTWOOD	8038 W MILITARY DR	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	PK-05	240
KIPP ESPERANZA PRI	239 STARK ST	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-04	424
KIPP SOMOS PRIMARY	8915 CALLAGHAN RD	SAN ANTONIO ISD	PK-02	241
KIPP UN MUNDO PRI	4343 W COMMERCE ST	EDGEWOOD (BEXAR) ISD	KG-04	426

Name	Service Address	Service Located In	Grade Served	Enrollment
LEGACY TRADITIONAL SCHOOL - ALAMO RANCH	13632 OLD FARM TO MARKET 471 WEST	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	PK-08	855
LEGACY TRADITIONAL SCHOOL - BASSE PRIMARY	1826 BASSE RD	SAN ANTONIO ISD	PK-05	250
LEGACY TRADITIONAL SCHOOL - CIBOLO	2900 CIBOLO VALLEY DR	SAN ANTONIO ISD	PK-08	917
LIGHTHOUSE EL	8138 WESTSHIRE DR	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	PK-05	273
NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY CAMPUS	1258 AUSTIN HWY,	ALAMO HEIGHTS ISD	PK-05	68
PRELUDE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL	1707 CENTENNIAL BLVD	SOUTH SAN ANTONIO ISD	PK-04	162
PROMESA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	603 MERIDA	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-05	248
ROYAL ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE	4018 S PRESA ST	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-08	469
SOMERSET ACADEMY BROOKS	3803 GLOBAL WAY	EAST CENTRAL ISD	PK-12	1227
SOMERSET ACADEMY COLLEGIATE	4802 VANCE JACKSON RD	NORTH EAST ISD	PK-12	1080
SOMERSET ACADEMY LONE STAR	25 BURWOOD LN	NORTH EAST ISD	PK-05	98
SOMERSET ACADEMY OAKS	6070 BABCOCK RD	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	KG-06	199
SOUTHWEST PREP NORTHWEST EL	6535 CULEBRA RD	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	PK-05	101
SOUTHWEST PREPARATORY SOUTHEAST CAMPUS	735 S WW WHITE RD	SAN ANTONIO ISD	PK-12	172
SST ALAMO	11214 N WEIDNER RD	NORTH EAST ISD	PK-06	848
SST DISCOVERY	5707 BANDERA RD	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	PK- 08	508
SST HILL COUNTRY	9202 W LOOP 1604 N	NORTHSIDE ISD	PK-07	675
SST NORTHWEST	12042 CULEBRA RD	NORTHSIDE (BEXAR) ISD	PK- 08	661
THE GATHERING PLACE	5818 NW LOOP 410	NORTHSIDE ISD	KG-05	555
UT - UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL AT HIGH POINT	1603 BABCOCK RD STE 148	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-12	46
VALOR SAN ANTONIO	4300 CENTERVIEW DR	SAN ANTONIO ISD	KG-08	342
Total				38,244

Source: Map of Texas Charter Campuses, Texas Education Agency, 2026

Local Head Start Programs in Bexar County

There are nine Head Start programs operating within the Bexar County region, including the program managed by South San Antonio ISD. All Head Start enrollment in the county is center-based and offered on a full-day schedule (see Table 6-6). Collectively, these programs offered a total of 369 classrooms, supported by a dedicated workforce of 1,645 staff members and 3,949 volunteers.

Table 6-6 Combined Program, Staff and Enrollment Characteristics, Bexar County Head Start Providers, 2025-2026

Program Type	Head Start
Number of Programs	9
	Combined Program
Funded Enrollment	
Total Funded Enrollment	6,249
Full Day	6,249
Part Day	0
Center Based	6,249
Home Based	0
Number of pregnant women enrolled	0
Total Classes Operated	369
Staff Characteristics	
Staff	1,645
Volunteers	3,949
Source: Office of Head Start, Head Start Enterprise System, Summary Report, 2025-2026	

According to Table 6-7, a total of 1,158 children met the disability eligibility criteria for Head Start programs. Among those children, the majority had an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and qualified for special education services (16.3%). The most commonly reported primary disabilities were speech or language impairments (669 children, 9.43%), non-categorical/developmental delay (221 children, 3.11%) and autism (204 children, 2.88%).

Table 6-7 Service Characteristics for Combined Program, Bexar County Head Start Providers, 2025-2026

Disability Characteristics	Head Start Programs	
	Number	Percent
Have Individualized Education Program (IEP) and are eligible by LEA to receive special education services	1,158	16.3%
Diagnosed Primary Disability		
Health Impairment	36	0.51%
Emotional Disturbance	0	0.00%
Speech or Language Impairments	669	9.43%
Intellectual Disabilities	7	0.10%
Hearing Impairment, including Deafness	4	0.06%
Orthopedic Impairment	2	0.03%
Visual Impairment, including Blindness	3	0.04%
Specific Learning Disability	2	0.03%
Autism	204	2.88%
Traumatic Brain Injury	0	0.00%
Non-categorical/Developmental Delay	221	3.11%
Multiple Disabilities (excluding Deaf-Blind)	0	0.00%
Multiple Disabilities (including Deaf-Blind)	2	0.03%
Source: Office of Head Start, Head Start Enterprise System, Disability Services Report, 2025-2026		

Table 6-8 shows that between 2025-2026, the combined non-SSAISD Head Start programs in Bexar County had a total enrollment of over 6,778 children. The majority of Head Start enrollees, specifically 3,321, received services from the City of San Antonio through San Antonio ISD and Edgewood ISD. In contrast, SSAISD Head Start provided cumulative enrollment services to 317 children, which accounted for approximately 4.5% of the total Bexar County Head Start enrollment.

Table 6-8 Enrollment Status for South San Antonio ISD and Bexar County Head Start Providers, 2025-2026

Program Name	Cumulative Enrollment
	Head Start
Ascension	58
AVANCE-San Antonio	588
City of San Antonio	3,321
Education Service Center, Region 20	929
Family Service Association, San Antonio	1,073
Parent & Child Incorporated	809
Non-SSAISD Total Enrollment	6,778
South San Antonio ISD	317
Source: Head Start Enterprise System, Performance Indicator Report (PIR), 2025-2026	

7. Significant Changes between 2025 and 2026

Few significant changes were observed in South San Antonio ISD between the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 Community Assessment Updates. The limited variation is likely due to the short time frame and the limited availability of updated data for small geographic areas. However, minor shifts were noted in the estimated and projected figures related to bilingual course needs, foster care children, homeless children, income-eligible children for the Head Start program, children with disabilities, and the number of childcare facilities.

Although most changes were relatively modest, several trends warrant closer attention because of their potential implications for program planning and service delivery. In particular, the updated estimates indicate an increase in the projected number of income-eligible children, while the number of children with disabilities also continues to increase. These changes should be considered alongside the district's ongoing demand for Head Start and related supportive services.

Key Changes in the 2025–2026 Head Start Needs Assessment

1. Increase in the Projected Number of Income-Eligible Children.

The updated projected number of income-eligible children in this report represents a notable change from the last report. In the previous report, an estimated 467 income-eligible children in SSAISD were forecast for 2025, declining to 416 by 2028, an 11% decrease. In contrast, the updated forecasts in this year's report estimate 485 income-eligible children in 2025, projected to increase to 543 by 2029, representing a 12% increase. Although the poverty rate among young children (ages 0–4) is expected to continue declining, the rate of decline in poverty in SSAISD does not appear to offset the district's increasing share of Bexar County's young-child population. This pattern may be partly attributable to SSAISD's relatively higher birth rates compared with the county as a whole. Consequently, the growing number of young children in the district is expected to outweigh the effects of declining poverty rates, resulting in a projected increase in the number of income-eligible children.

2. Continued and increasing need for specialized services.

Despite the decline in the overall number of young children and the projected number of income-eligible children, SSAISD enrolled more students with various types of disabilities in 2025–2026 than in previous years, continuing a trend observed during the 2024–2025 school year. This increase highlights the importance of carefully evaluating resource allocation and program planning to ensure that the district's Head Start program can

adequately support children with special needs. While some other changes may fall within expected margins of error, decision-makers are encouraged to consider these updates carefully when planning future programs and evaluating service delivery.

8. Strengths of the Community

Families residing in the South San Antonio Independent School District (SSAISD) face significant socioeconomic challenges compared to other areas, including the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, the State of Texas, and the nation. Many of these families live with lower incomes, in older and less valuable housing, and experience higher rates of poverty. Despite these challenges, SSAISD residents benefit from a robust network of community resources available throughout San Antonio and Bexar County. These resources encompass a broad range of services, including health, nutrition, housing, childcare, and social support. Because poverty is concentrated in the city's core, many of these resources are specifically targeted to central, south, and southwest San Antonio, areas that include SSAISD. Families in SSAISD actively utilize these supports, as evidenced by higher public assistance rates relative to other geographic areas. This extensive network of support services represents a major community strength for SSAISD residents.

The South San Antonio ISD's Head Start program highlights the strength of local collaboration and family engagement. Through committed teachers, family service facilitators, supportive staff, and involved parents, the program fosters an inclusive environment that promotes early childhood development and school readiness. This dedicated network is vital to meeting the needs of vulnerable children and their families in the district.

Looking ahead, ongoing community investments and partnerships promise to enhance SSAISD's capacity to serve its families. The presence and growth of educational institutions in San Antonio, combined with coordinated social services, will continue to provide opportunities for children and families to thrive. These collaborative efforts bolster SSAISD's ability to address educational, social, and economic challenges and build a stronger, more resilient community.

9. Summary and Conclusion

The assessment of demographic, social, and economic conditions in the South San Antonio ISD Head Start area reveals a continued need for expanded services and targeted support. Compared to the county and state, SSAISD residents experience higher rates of poverty, lower educational attainment, and larger household sizes. Families are also more likely to be led by single parents. Additionally, the district serves a disproportionate share of low-income, disabled, homeless children, and foster children, underscoring the importance of accessible, high-quality early childhood programs.

Given these conditions, it is certainly clear that Head Start services play a critical role in supporting vulnerable children and families within SSAISD. By providing a nurturing, developmentally rich environment, these programs can help lay the foundation for long-term educational and economic success. Continued investment in and expansion of these services will be essential to improving outcomes and breaking cycles of disadvantage for families in the district.

Appendix A. Characteristics of Select Bexar County School Districts

Table A-1 Selected Social Characteristics Bexar County School Districts

	Label	East Central ISD		Edgewood ISD		Harlandale ISD		Northside Independent		San Antonio ISD		South San Antonio ISD		Southwest ISD	
		Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
1A	HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE														
	Total households	24,113	24,113	18,172	18,172	19,465	19,465	251,454	251,454	114,161	114,161	15,392	15,392	20,699	20,699
	Married-couple household	12,189	50.50%	6,377	35.10%	7,128	36.60%	113,805	45.30%	33,592	29.40%	5,822	37.80%	10,135	49.00%
	With children of the householder under 18 years	5,862	24.30%	2,425	13.30%	2,667	13.70%	50,810	20.20%	11,048	9.70%	2,505	16.30%	4,657	22.50%
	Male householder, no spouse/partner present	3,579	14.80%	3,519	19.40%	4,099	21.10%	48,299	19.20%	30,321	26.60%	2,771	18.00%	3,287	15.90%
	Female householder, no spouse/partner present	6,603	27.40%	6,931	38.10%	6,180	31.70%	68,865	27.40%	41,756	36.60%	5,205	33.80%	5,546	26.80%
	Average household size	2.99	(X)	3.19	(X)	3.1	(X)	2.67	(X)	2.57	(X)	3.15	(X)	3.33	(X)
	Average family size	3.5	(X)	3.76	(X)	3.68	(X)	3.33	(X)	3.5	(X)	3.57	(X)	3.62	(X)
1B	EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT														
	Population 25 years and over	46,227	46,227	35,998	35,998	38,884	38,884	439,755	439,755	205,578	205,578	29,667	29,667	42,486	42,486
	High school graduate or higher	39,531	85.50%	24,018	66.70%	26,857	69.10%	403,704	91.80%	154,680	75.20%	20,917	70.50%	33,111	77.90%
	Bachelor's degree	10,819	23.40%	2,306	6.40%	3,263	8.40%	168,335	38.30%	36,292	17.70%	3,123	10.50%	5,312	12.50%
	DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION														
1C	Under 18 years	20,015	20,015	16,731	16,731	15,400	15,400	164,054	164,054	69,495	69,495	13,941	13,941	21,033	21,033
	With a disability	945	4.70%	739	4.40%	1,288	8.40%	11,380	6.90%	5,472	7.90%	1,361	9.80%	1,917	9.10%
1D	PLACE OF BIRTH														
	Total population	72,555	72,555	58,211	58,211	60,734	60,734	678,044	678,044	307,153	307,153	49,040	49,040	71,162	71,162
	Native	64,982	89.60%	47,527	81.60%	49,936	82.20%	590,276	87.10%	256,791	83.60%	40,118	81.80%	61,883	87.00%
	Foreign born	7,573	10.40%	10,684	18.40%	10,798	17.80%	87,768	12.90%	50,362	16.40%	8,922	18.20%	9,279	13.00%
1E	LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME														
	Population 5 years and over	67,870	67,870	53,393	53,393	57,335	57,335	635,343	635,343	287,722	287,722	44,433	44,433	65,614	65,614
	English only	46,803	69.00%	18,505	34.70%	23,970	41.80%	418,687	65.90%	149,122	51.80%	19,033	42.80%	36,253	55.30%
	Language other than English	21,067	31.00%	34,888	65.30%	33,365	58.20%	216,656	34.10%	138,600	48.20%	25,400	57.20%	29,361	44.70%
	Speak English less than "very well"	6,770	10.00%	13,002	24.40%	10,821	18.90%	56,612	8.90%	49,181	17.10%	9,020	20.30%	8,563	13.10%
	Spanish	19,080	28.10%	34,755	65.10%	33,235	58.00%	174,796	27.50%	134,516	46.80%	25,144	56.60%	28,606	43.60%
	Speak English less than "very well"	6,293	9.30%	12,995	24.30%	10,749	18.70%	41,356	6.50%	47,867	16.60%	8,948	20.10%	8,403	12.80%
1F	COMPUTERS AND INTERNET USE														
	Total households	24,113	24,113	18,172	18,172	19,465	19,465	251,454	251,454	114,161	114,161	15,392	15,392	20,699	20,699
	With a computer	22,986	95.30%	16,637	91.60%	17,819	91.50%	246,728	98.10%	106,164	93.00%	14,672	95.30%	19,743	95.40%
	With a broadband Internet subscription	21,509	89.20%	15,532	85.50%	16,455	84.50%	236,655	94.10%	98,207	86.00%	13,389	87.00%	18,213	88.00%

Selected Social Characteristics

- 1A. East Central has the highest percent of households with married couples with children under 18 years (24.3%) followed by Southwest (22.5%) and Northside (20.2%).
- 1B. Educational attainment was greatest in Northside ISD (91.8% with High School/GED or greater) and lowest in Edgewood (66.7% with High School/GED or greater).
- 1C. South San Antonio ISD had the highest percent of children under 18 years with a disability (9.8%) and Edgewood had the lowest (4.4%).
- 1D. All school districts have at least 12 percent of their population being foreign born except East Central (10.4%).

- 1E. Edgewood (65.1%), Harlandale (58.0%) and South San Antonio (56.6%), had the highest percent of persons who speak Spanish at home and who speak English less than very well (24.3%, 18.7%, and 20.1%, respectively).
- 1F. Harlandale has the smallest percent of households with a computer (91.5%) and with broadband internet (84.5%).

Table A-2 Selected Economic Characteristics Bexar County School Districts

Label	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
EMPLOYMENT STATUS														
2A Population 16 years and over	53,083	55.0%	48,432	48.4%	47,823	47.8%	533,227	53.2%	531,227	53.1%	244,834	24.5%	244,834	24.5%
In labor force	16,061	30.3%	25,758	53.2%	28,330	59.2%	308,077	63.0%	144,994	58.2%	22,237	60.7%	37,977	62.7%
Civilian labor force	15,216	28.7%	25,475	52.6%	28,253	58.9%	805,342	62.6%	143,577	57.8%	21,770	59.4%	37,797	62.4%
Employed	13,438	25.3%	23,196	47.9%	26,411	55.2%	840,776	84.0%	848,776	130.4%	130,444	130.4%	19,877	19.8%
Unemployed	1,778	3.3%	2,279	4.7%	2,842	5.9%	13,566	3.2%	11,726	4.5%	2,100	5.6%	2,022	3.8%
Not in labor force	19,020	35.8%	17,254	35.5%	19,570	40.9%	165,130	31.0%	99,840	38.8%	14,410	38.0%	19,453	37.3%
Civilian labor force	15,216	28.7%	25,475	52.6%	28,253	58.9%	805,342	62.6%	143,577	57.8%	21,770	59.4%	37,797	62.4%
Unemployment Rate	(%)	5.0%	(%)	8.9%	(%)	5.9%	(%)	5.4%	(%)	8.1%	(%)	9.6%	(%)	6.4%
COMMUTING TO WORK														
2B Workers 16 years and over	15,779	13.7%	22,258	22.2%	26,309	26.3%	840,771	84.0%	848,771	130.4%	130,444	130.4%	19,877	19.8%
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	34,584	72.8%	14,829	66.7%	18,029	68.0%	277,817	66.9%	87,281	64.8%	14,765	71.7%	22,945	75.5%
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	4,659	13.8%	4,081	18.4%	5,675	21.4%	15,276	11.2%	17,931	13.0%	3,189	16.0%	4,042	13.5%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	864	1.3%	863	3.9%	654	2.4%	3,702	1.1%	5,465	4.0%	400	2.0%	78	0.8%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.8	(%)	25.4	(%)	25	(%)	26.1	(%)	34.1	(%)	26.8	(%)	30.7	(%)
OCCUPATION														
2C Civilian employed population 16 years and over	13,438	25.3%	23,196	47.9%	26,411	55.2%	840,776	84.0%	848,776	131.9%	131,982	131.9%	19,877	19.7%
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	16,401	31.2%	8,971	17.1%	5,997	20.3%	152,714	44.8%	15,828	27.1%	9,619	18.4%	7,932	28.0%
Service occupations	6,472	19.4%	6,021	26.0%	6,269	23.6%	54,831	16.1%	31,730	28.7%	4,553	28.1%	5,739	19.0%
Sales and office occupations	7,797	23.1%	4,742	20.4%	6,046	22.7%	75,093	21.0%	37,871	31.1%	4,534	23.0%	6,170	23.1%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	8,467	10.4%	4,901	21.1%	8,912	34.1%	79,434	6.9%	19,635	14.9%	8,817	16.8%	4,550	15.8%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	5,902	16.0%	9,551	13.9%	4,987	18.7%	34,644	10.2%	17,427	13.2%	8,638	18.6%	4,844	15.7%
INDUSTRY														
2D Civilian employed population 16 years and over	13,438	25.3%	23,196	47.9%	26,411	55.2%	840,776	84.0%	848,776	131.9%	131,982	131.9%	19,877	19.7%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	445	1.3%	100	0.4%	711	0.8%	2,177	0.6%	1,054	0.6%	111	0.6%	588	2.0%
Construction	3,699	8.3%	4,192	18.1%	4,340	13.4%	15,827	5.9%	17,275	13.1%	2,795	34.5%	3,525	11.1%
Manufacturing	2,745	6.8%	3,462	7.2%	3,894	7.0%	15,312	5.0%	8,502	6.2%	2,424	12.4%	2,424	12.4%
Wholesale trade	1,175	3.5%	281	1.2%	315	1.3%	5,111	1.5%	5,111	1.5%	327	1.7%	328	0.8%
Retail trade	4,362	13.0%	2,234	9.6%	3,247	12.3%	39,273	11.5%	14,934	11.0%	2,684	13.4%	4,362	14.8%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	2,787	8.8%	1,930	3.0%	1,908	7.2%	37,743	5.3%	6,142	4.7%	2,142	5.8%	1,980	6.7%
Information	828	1.0%	172	0.7%	134	0.5%	5,919	1.7%	1,825	1.3%	136	0.6%	413	1.4%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	2,077	6.2%	1,040	4.5%	3,515	5.7%	85,575	10.4%	8,538	6.5%	1,254	6.4%	2,140	7.2%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	8,112	9.8%	2,427	10.3%	2,783	8.6%	43,643	12.8%	14,096	10.7%	2,029	10.8%	2,781	9.8%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	6,832	20.7%	5,302	22.9%	5,176	19.5%	83,573	24.5%	25,757	23.5%	8,334	17.8%	6,223	20.9%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	1,807	9.3%	2,607	11.3%	3,444	21.8%	36,514	10.7%	16,854	12.8%	2,582	13.8%	2,304	8.4%
Other services, except public administration	1,807	5.7%	1,258	5.4%	1,149	4.3%	19,314	4.0%	6,930	5.0%	1,056	3.4%	1,536	5.2%
Public administration	2,259	6.8%	682	3.0%	1,183	4.4%	19,677	5.0%	4,847	8.8%	574	2.8%	1,148	3.8%
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2022 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)														
2E Total households	24,111	24.1%	18,772	18.7%	19,463	19.4%	251,454	25.1%	251,454	114.1%	114,161	114.1%	15,897	15.8%
Less than \$10,000	694	2.9%	1,854	10.5%	1,584	8.1%	11,328	4.5%	10,404	4.1%	1,177	7.8%	1,024	6.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,945	8.1%	1,225	6.5%	875	4.5%	9,771	3.9%	8,505	3.4%	7,549	6.2%	7,549	6.2%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,325	5.5%	2,154	11.5%	1,804	9.3%	13,294	5.3%	13,170	5.3%	1,374	8.6%	1,355	8.6%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,251	5.2%	2,032	10.9%	2,703	13.9%	15,929	6.3%	13,106	5.3%	1,479	9.2%	1,721	10.8%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	2,281	9.4%	8,322	44.4%	7,874	40.5%	26,860	10.7%	14,988	5.9%	2,459	16.2%	2,467	15.6%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	4,128	17.1%	5,171	27.6%	5,844	30.0%	45,179	17.9%	19,631	7.8%	6,814	29.3%	7,759	19.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4,023	16.7%	1,537	8.2%	2,844	14.6%	35,397	14.1%	12,404	5.0%	1,829	11.8%	3,405	18.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,925	20.4%	1,482	7.9%	2,234	11.5%	46,871	18.6%	13,136	5.3%	1,701	11.3%	1,355	8.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,982	12.4%	527	2.8%	815	4.2%	23,171	9.2%	10,025	4.0%	1,425	9.0%	1,425	9.0%
\$200,000 or more	1,523	6.3%	407	2.2%	474	2.4%	27,143	10.8%	4,684	1.9%	247	1.6%	1,052	6.6%
Median household income (dollars)	80,801	(%)	42,655	(%)	31,977	(%)	80,408	(%)	46,710	(%)	52,808	(%)	49,807	(%)
With Social Security	6,199	7.7%	5,728	31.3%	6,814	35.0%	57,343	22.8%	55,443	31.0%	4,224	27.3%	4,979	24.1%
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	20,139	(%)	13,566	(%)	18,132	(%)	21,849	(%)	17,704	(%)	18,132	(%)	18,132	(%)
With Supplemental Security Income	8,944	(%)	10,854	(%)	9,893	(%)	10,751	(%)	9,202	(%)	10,833	(%)	10,115	(%)
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	2,646	(%)	10,954	(%)	8,933	(%)	10,731	(%)	10,219	(%)	10,833	(%)	10,115	(%)
With cash public assistance income	580	2.4%	330	4.4%	784	8.0%	7,075	2.8%	3,759	3.2%	808	2.0%	434	2.1%
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	1,021	(%)	2,367	(%)	4,977	(%)	8,402	(%)	3,591	(%)	3,677	(%)	4,797	(%)
With Food Stamp/ SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	3,025	12.5%	7,021	40.3%	6,631	29.8%	26,119	10.4%	28,928	25.8%	4,365	28.4%	4,679	19.7%
Families	17,834	17.8%	18,462	18.4%	19,929	19.9%	143,113	14.3%	64,144	64.1%	13,393	13.3%	14,792	14.7%
Less than \$10,000	543	3.0%	723	9.1%	1,111	8.1%	4,812	8.1%	4,647	8.0%	845	7.4%	845	7.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	469	2.6%	950	8.0%	444	3.0%	3,184	3.0%	2,840	4.4%	469	3.0%	264	1.6%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	644	3.6%	1,344	10.2%	1,131	8.1%	5,377	3.4%	5,525	9.2%	800	7.0%	871	3.2%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	662	3.7%	1,618	12.1%	1,727	8.0%	7,281	4.9%	6,567	10.7%	1,314	9.8%	1,343	8.8%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,419	8.0%	2,244	18.5%	1,673	11.7%	14,049	8.7%	8,541	13.2%	1,487	11.0%	2,732	19.8%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,295	18.4%	2,546	19.0%	2,844	20.3%	24,127	15.6%	12,882	19.8%	3,131	27.3%	3,084	19.4%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,569	14.6%	1,587	11.8%	2,623	13.0%	23,477	14.9%	9,620	13.4%	1,489	13.1%	1,723	13.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,845	10.2%	1,241	9.3%	2,771	16.0%	15,311	10.0%	9,546	13.4%	1,327	11.7%	1,138	10.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,345	14.0%	426	3.0%	867	4.0%	21,443	13.5%	3,054	4.8%	519	4.5%	925	5.3%
\$200,000 or more	1,406	7.8%	487	2.7%	979	2.7%	21,358	14.0%	1,197	5.0%	226	2.0%	980	8.0%
Median family income (dollars)	89,341	(%)	43,182	(%)	60,024	(%)	88,914	(%)	55,807	(%)	59,361	(%)	74,799	(%)
Mean family income (dollars)	104,801	(%)	63,777	(%)	70,812	(%)	128,505	(%)	77,231	(%)	67,731	(%)	86,840	(%)
Per capita income (dollars)	32,859	(%)	19,457	(%)	22,991	(%)	39,681	(%)	26,006	(%)	21,347	(%)	24,347	(%)
Nonfamily households	6,279	6.2%	4,764	4.7%	5,537	5.5%	89,421	8.9%	49,997	4.9%	4,027	4.0%	5,604	5.6%
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	48,005	(%)	34,148	(%)	40,099	(%)	32,099	(%)	32,412	(%)	35,019	(%)	34,017	(%)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	61,129	(%)	40,438	(%)	51,811	(%)	65,321	(%)	31,382	(%)	42,939	(%)	47,434	(%)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	42,780	(%)	28,781	(%)	32,444	(%)	44,754	(%)	31,646	(%)	31,600	(%)	36,811	(%)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	54,676	(%)	41,432	(%)	42,144	(%)	62,818	(%)	43,975	(%)	41,832	(%)	49,467	(%)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	49,853	(%)	34,883	(%)	37,229	(%)	52,547	(%)	37,862	(%)	34,781	(%)	41,004	(%)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE														
2F Civilian noninstitutionalized population	71,426	71.4%	57,977	57.9%	60,384	60.3%	695,330	69.5%	694,330	299.6%	48,333	48.3%	67,643	67.6%
With health insurance coverage	66,876	84.0%	42,863	73.9%	47,313	78.2%	583,181	87.8%	229,305	76.5%	35,288	73.0%	54,961	79.8%
With private health insurance	46,819	65.7%	18,802	32.6%	25,777	42.7%	478,197	70.1%	127,799	42.7%	17,451	36.1%	34,144	50.5%
With public coverage	21,057	29.6%												

Selected Economic Characteristics

- 2A. Edgewood (41.0%) and San Antonio (40.8%) ISDs have the highest percent of the working age population not in the labor force.**
- 2B. San Antonio (4.2%), Edgewood (3.9%) and Harlandale (2.5%) had the highest percent of workers commuting using public transit.**
- 2C. There is substantial variation across school districts in the occupational composition of the workforce, with Edgewood (26.0%), San Antonio (23.7%) and Harlandale (23.6%) had the highest percent of service occupations.**
- 2D. There is substantial variation across school districts in the industrial composition of the workforce.**
- 2E. Median household income was lowest in Edgewood (\$42,055), San Antonio (\$46,710), and Harlandale (\$51,927). Edgewood has the highest percent using SNAP benefits (40.3%) and Northside (10.4%) has the smallest percent. Per capita income was lowest in Edgewood (\$19,667) and low in South San Antonio (\$21,347) and Harlandale (\$22,991) ISDs.**
- 2F. South San Antonio (27.0%), Edgewood (26.1%), and San Antonio (23.5%) have the highest percent without health insurance.**
- 2G. Edgewood (29.4%) and San Antonio (27.0%) ISDs had the highest percent of people living below poverty. Edgewood (49.7%), San Antonio (43.4%), and Harlandale (30.7%) had the highest percent of children under 5 years living below poverty.**

Table A-3 Selected Housing Characteristics Bexar County School Districts

	Label	East Central ISD		Edgewood ISD		Harlandale ISD		Northside ISD		San Antonio ISD		South San Antonio		Southwest ISD	
		Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
3A	HOUSING OCCUPANCY														
	Total housing units	25,579	25,579	20,668	20,668	21,683	21,683	272,760	272,760	132,412	132,412	16,792	16,792	21,773	21,773
	Occupied housing units	24,113	94.30%	18,172	87.90%	19,465	89.80%	251,454	92.20%	114,161	86.20%	15,392	91.70%	20,699	95.10%
	Vacant housing units	1,466	5.70%	2,496	12.10%	2,218	10.20%	21,306	7.80%	18,251	13.80%	1,400	8.30%	1,074	4.90%
	Homeowner vacancy rate	1.5	(X)	1.2	(X)	1.3	(X)	1.2	(X)	1.9	(X)	3.2	(X)	1	(X)
	Rental vacancy rate	7.1	(X)	4.7	(X)	9.8	(X)	10.3	(X)	8	(X)	6.9	(X)	5.4	(X)
3B	UNITS IN STRUCTURE														
	Total housing units	25,579	25,579	20,668	20,668	21,683	21,683	272,760	272,760	132,412	132,412	16,792	16,792	21,773	21,773
	1-unit, detached	18,834	73.60%	15,332	74.20%	17,326	79.90%	166,641	61.10%	80,202	60.60%	11,104	66.10%	17,724	81.40%
	10 to 19 units	405	1.60%	583	2.80%	585	2.70%	25,624	9.40%	6,951	5.20%	1,113	6.60%	431	2.00%
	20 or more units	1076	4.20%	1,452	7.00%	882	4.10%	36,429	13.40%	19,799	15.00%	970	5.80%	556	2.60%
	Mobile home	4,260	16.70%	334	1.60%	369	1.70%	2,943	1.10%	850	0.60%	337	2.00%	2,484	11.40%
3C	YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT														
	Total housing units	25,579	25,579	20,668	20,668	21,683	21,683	272,760	272,760	132,412	132,412	16,792	16,792	21,773	21,773
	Built 2010 or later	11,106	43.4%	1,292	6.3%	1,347	6.3%	72,784	26.7%	15,012	11.4%	2,611	15.5%	7,913	36.4%
	Built 1990 to 2009	6,830	26.7%	3,050	14.7%	1,893	8.7%	97,019	35.6%	11,685	8.8%	3,041	18.1%	5,620	25.8%
	Built 1960 to 1989	6,298	24.7%	8,361	40.5%	7,884	36.3%	94,959	34.8%	35,304	26.6%	8,179	48.7%	7,281	33.5%
	Built 1959 or Earlier	1,345	5.3%	7,965	38.5%	10,559	48.8%	7,998	2.9%	70,411	53.1%	2,961	17.7%	959	4.4%
3D	HOUSING TENURE														
	Occupied housing units	24,113	24,113	18,172	18,172	19,465	19,465	251,454	251,454	114,161	114,161	15,392	15,392	20,699	20,699
	Owner-occupied	18,466	76.60%	10,416	57.30%	12,452	64.00%	145,754	58.00%	54,583	47.80%	7,510	48.80%	15,389	74.30%
	Renter-occupied	5,647	23.40%	7,756	42.70%	7,013	36.00%	105,700	42.00%	59,578	52.20%	7,882	51.20%	5,310	25.70%
	Average household size of owner-occupied unit	3.04	(X)	3.26	(X)	3.23	(X)	2.95	(X)	2.83	(X)	3.12	(X)	3.27	(X)
	Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.86	(X)	3.1	(X)	2.87	(X)	2.28	(X)	2.33	(X)	3.18	(X)	3.49	(X)
3E	VEHICLES AVAILABLE														
	Occupied housing units	24,113	24,113	18,172	18,172	19,465	19,465	251,454	251,454	114,161	114,161	15,392	15,392	20,699	20,699
	No vehicles available	1,029	4.30%	2,225	12.20%	2,158	11.10%	12,602	5.00%	15,361	13.50%	1,092	7.10%	573	2.80%
	1 vehicle available	7,114	29.50%	6,099	33.60%	6,469	33.20%	91,039	36.20%	46,793	41.00%	5,798	37.70%	5,667	27.40%
	2 vehicles available	9,652	40.00%	5,943	32.70%	6,499	33.40%	96,992	38.60%	32,828	28.80%	5,140	33.40%	8,609	41.60%
	3 or more vehicles available	6,318	26.20%	3,905	21.50%	4,339	22.30%	50,821	20.20%	19,179	16.80%	3,362	21.80%	5,850	28.30%
3F	VALUE														
	Owner-occupied units	18,466	18,466	10,416	10,416	12,452	12,452	145,754	145,754	54,583	54,583	7,510	7,510	15,389	15,389
	Median (dollars)	239,000	(X)	116,000	(X)	137,000	(X)	292,900	(X)	169,800	(X)	144,200	(X)	207,400	(X)
3G	GROSS RENT														
	Occupied units paying rent	5,390	5,390	6,783	6,783	6,475	6,475	103,365	103,365	56,570	56,570	7,508	7,508	5,086	5,086
	Median (dollars)	1,484	(X)	1058	(X)	1,111	(X)	1,414	(X)	1,125	(X)	1,184	(X)	1,420	(X)

Selected Housing Characteristics

- 3A. Southwest ISD had the highest percent of housing units that are single family detached (81.4%) followed by Harlandale ISD (79.9%). Northside had the highest percent of housing units that are apartments/condos (22.8%). East Central (16.7%) and Southwest (11.4%) ISDs had the highest percent of housing units that are mobile homes.**
- 3B. San Antonio (53.1%), Harlandale (48.8%), and Edgewood (38.5%) ISDs all had a high percentage of the housing stock being older (built 1959 or earlier).**
- 3C. East Central (76.6%) and Southwest (74.3%) ISDs had the highest percent of housing units that are owner-occupied. Average Household size was largest in Southwest (3.27 for owner households and 3.49 for renter households) and smallest in San Antonio (2.83 for owner households and 2.33 for renter households) and Northside (2.95 for owner households and 2.28 for renter households).**
- 3D. San Antonio (13.5%) and Edgewood (12.2%) ISDs had the highest percent of households without a car.**
- 3E. Owner-occupied housing units in Northside ISD were worth the most (\$292,900) and worth the least in Edgewood ISD (\$116,000).**
- 3F. Renter-occupied housing units in East Central ISD paid the highest median rent (\$1,484) and paid the lowest rent in Edgewood ISD (\$1,058).**

Table A-4 Demographic and Housing Estimates Bexar County School Districts

		East Central		Edgewood		Harlandale		Northside		San Antonio		South San Antonio		Southwest	
	Label	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
4A	SEX AND AGE														
	Total population	72,555	72,555	58,211	58,211	60,734	60,734	678,044	678,044	307,153	307,153	49,040	49,040	71,162	71,162
	Male	35,631	49.10%	27,685	47.60%	30,369	50.00%	337,995	49.80%	154,347	50.30%	24,263	49.50%	36,902	51.90%
	Female	36,924	50.90%	30,526	52.40%	30,365	50.00%	340,049	50.20%	152,806	49.70%	24,777	50.50%	34,260	48.10%
	Sex ratio (males per 100 females)	96.5	(X)	90.7	(X)	100	(X)	99.4	(X)	101	(X)	97.9	(X)	107.7	(X)
	Under 5 years	4,685	6.50%	4,818	8.30%	3,399	5.60%	42,701	6.30%	19,431	6.30%	4,607	9.40%	5,548	7.80%
	Median age (years)	34.4	(X)	33.6	(X)	36	(X)	33.6	(X)	35.8	(X)	31.7	(X)	31.8	(X)
4B	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE														
	Total population	72,555	72,555	58,211	58,211	60,734	60,734	678,044	678,044	307,153	307,153	49,040	49,040	71,162	71,162
	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	41,737	57.50%	54,526	93.70%	54,755	90.20%	381,945	56.30%	237,936	77.50%	43,403	88.50%	56,044	78.80%
	Not Hispanic or Latino	30,818	42.50%	3,685	6.30%	5,979	9.80%	296,099	43.70%	69,217	22.50%	5,637	11.50%	15,118	21.20%
	White alone	19,200	26.50%	1,976	3.40%	4,950	8.20%	185,815	27.40%	39,898	13.00%	3,677	7.50%	9,797	13.80%
	Black or African American alone	8,829	12.20%	1,124	1.90%	81	0.10%	48,944	7.20%	21,356	7.00%	927	1.90%	3,075	4.30%
	Asian alone	1,628	2.20%	15	0.00%	86	0.10%	34,029	5.00%	2,439	0.80%	98	0.20%	425	0.60%
	All Other non-hispanic races	1,023	1.41%	523	0.90%	789	1.30%	26,611	3.92%	5,023	1.64%	929	1.89%	1,760	2.47%

Demographic and Housing Estimates

- 4A. Northside ISD was the most populated (678,044) school district and South San Antonio (49,040) the least populated.
- 4B. Edgewood ISD had the highest percent of Latino population (93.7%) followed by Harlandale (90.2%) and South San Antonio ISD (88.5%). Northside ISD had the highest percent non-Hispanic White population (27.4%) followed by East Central ISD (26.5%). East Central ISD had the highest percent non-Hispanic Black population (12.2%) and Northside had the highest percent non-Hispanic Asian population (5.0%).

SOUTH SAN ISD HEAD START DEPARTMENT



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VISION AND MISSION



South San ISD Early Childhood Education Department Vision

To provide students a strong foundation for kindergarten and future learning through a curriculum that addresses their social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development.

Vision

South San, a learning community where all students achieve excellence.

Mission

Together we inspire, educate, and prepare all South San students for success today and beyond.

Core Values

South San ISD values a culture of care:

Student- centered

Service First

Collaboration

Integrity

High expectations

[Early Childhood and Head Start Department](#): 210.977-7051

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE



**Superintendent
Dr. Saul Hinojosa**



**Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez**

BOARD OF MANAGERS



Program Governance is a responsibility share by families, district and campus governing bodies, and Head Start staff. All members’ ideas, opinions, and concerns are heard and respected according to the bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order.

South San ISD Board of Managers



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SOUTH SAN ISD HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL

The SSAISD Head Start Policy Council is a cornerstone of our collaborative approach, ensuring parent leadership remains central to our mission. Representing each campus, parent advocates serve on the Council to directly shape program planning and decision-making. Meetings feature campus goal updates and open dialogue with staff, fostering a transparent, inclusive community built on mutual trust.



Head Start Policy Council Representative	Campus
Yulissa Robles	Neil Armstrong Elementary
Arianna Hernandez	Neil Armstrong Elementary
Jenny Flores	Neil Armstrong Elementary
Khristina Cuzzocreo	Roy Benavidez Elementary
Ana Jimenez	Roy Benavidez Elementary
Cheyenne Rendon	Miguel Carrillo Elementary
Mayra Gonzalez	Miguel Carrillo Elementary
Virginia Coronado	Hutchins Elementary
Samantha Alanis	Hutchins Elementary

HEAD START ENROLLMENT



The SSAISD Head Start Program uses Federal Poverty Guidelines to determine family income eligibility.

During the 2025–2026 program year, the program was funded to serve 288 children and achieved a cumulative enrollment of 331 children, representing 310 families. Cumulative enrollment reflects the total number of children receiving services throughout the year, naturally exceeding funded slots as turnover occurs.



HEAD START ATTENDANCE

2025-2026 School Year Head Start Attendance Percentages by Month		
Month	2025	2026
August	97%	
September	94%	
October	93%	
November	93%	
December	91%	
January		92%
February		90%
March		93%
April		93%
May		88%



HEAD START DEMOGRAPHICS

During the 2025–2026 program year, the SSAISD Head Start Program served 331 families representing diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. Of the families served, 323 identified as multiracial, Hispanic, or African American.

The program also served families with diverse language backgrounds. Among families served, 210 identified English as the primary language spoken at home , 69 are Spanish speakers, and 52 are families acquiring a second language.



HEAD START FAMILY SERVICES

Family engagement is a cornerstone of the SSAISD Head Start program, rooted in the belief that parents are a child's first and most influential teachers. We are committed to empowering families and fostering positive home environments where children can thrive.



To deliver tailored support, we conduct comprehensive needs assessments at the beginning of each school year, helping families establish personal goals for family strengthening and academic success.



HEAD START FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Dedicated family facilitators on every campus host a variety of parent involvement activities, creating positive, safe, and engaging environments for families to learn together.

Program offerings include:

- **Parenting Classes:** Utilizing the Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) curriculum.
- **Fatherhood Initiative Events:** Highlighting and supporting the vital role of fathers.
- **Financial Literacy Presentations:** Building essential money management skills for families.
- **Volunteering & Art Projects:** Giving parents hands-on opportunities to participate in classroom learning.
- **Conscious Discipline Behavior Strategies:** Aligning positive behavior guidance with district-wide Response to Intervention (RTI) practices.



HEAD START COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The SSAISD Community Partnerships Initiative supports significant improvements in student educational and developmental outcomes by providing access to great schools within supportive communities. Our partner agencies collaborate with SSAISD to nurture the whole child—academically, physically, and financially. We proudly partner with the following organizations:

- Brident Dental & Orthodontics
- DYS Group LLC, a subsidiary of Diversified Youth Services (Baby Paws)
- Catholic Charities
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- Assistance League of San Antonio
- Empower House
- San Antonio Food Bank
- Care Zone
- Children's Bereavement Center
- ESC 20
- Center for Health Care Services - Bexar Cares
- UT Health San Antonio School of Nursing's Wellness Pediatrics 360
- Superior Health
- Providence Place



HEAD START HEALTH SERVICES

Comprehensive health care services are coordinated for every Head Start student to address health, nutrition, dental, and mental health needs. Our health team partners with campus staff to support healthy lifestyles through physical health screenings, daily nutritious snacks, family wellness education, and mental health resources.



To emphasize oral health, we collaborate with Brident Dental to provide educational programming and annual student dental screenings. Brident Dental conducts a yearly dental screening to identify any oral disease or other oral conditions that may require management and/or treatment by an oral health professional. Additionally, we connect families with vital community partnerships to ensure access to quality health care and social services.



HEAD START HEALTH SCREENINGS

Conducting routine health screenings, including height, weight, blood pressure, hearing, and vision checks, is essential for early childhood development. Unaddressed vision and hearing issues can significantly impede academic growth, while early detection ensures students receive timely support to thrive in the classroom.

Key Health Screening Results for the 2025-2026 school year:

- **Dental Care:** Brident Dental completed 501 dental screenings. 23 students were identified as needing further treatment, and 12 completed their recommended care within the school year.
- **45-Day Screenings:** 291 students successfully completed their 45-day health screenings.
- **Vision Services:** 37 students failed their initial vision screening, leading to 26 receiving necessary follow-up care or prescribed glasses.
- **UT Health Partnership:** Provided 20 physicals and lead screenings to uninsured children, alongside 12 physical examinations for South San Antonio Head Start teachers.



HEAD START NUTRITION

Establishing healthy eating habits early in life provides long-term benefits for a child's development and academic success. To support our families, SSAISD Head Start partners with Texas A&M AgriLife to offer educational programs and resources that promote lasting health and wellness. This helps parents understand the importance of healthy habits for their families. Teaching children to eat nutritional and healthy foods prepares them for learning and helps them stay healthy for the rest of their lives.

In addition, SSAISD provides a healthy daily snack during school hours to keep blood sugar levels stable, supporting sustained energy, focus, and positive mood throughout the day.



HEAD START DISABILITIES



Head Start works closely with campus teachers and the SSAISD Special Education Department to enroll and serve IDEA-eligible students. Through screenings and evaluations, individualized intervention plans are established, allowing the program to serve 35 children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) during the 2025–2026 school year.

Recognizing an important opportunity for growth, district leadership is actively restructuring the RTI/MTSS framework and internal staffing structures to streamline evaluation timelines, resolve past delays, and better support student success.

Primary Disabilities

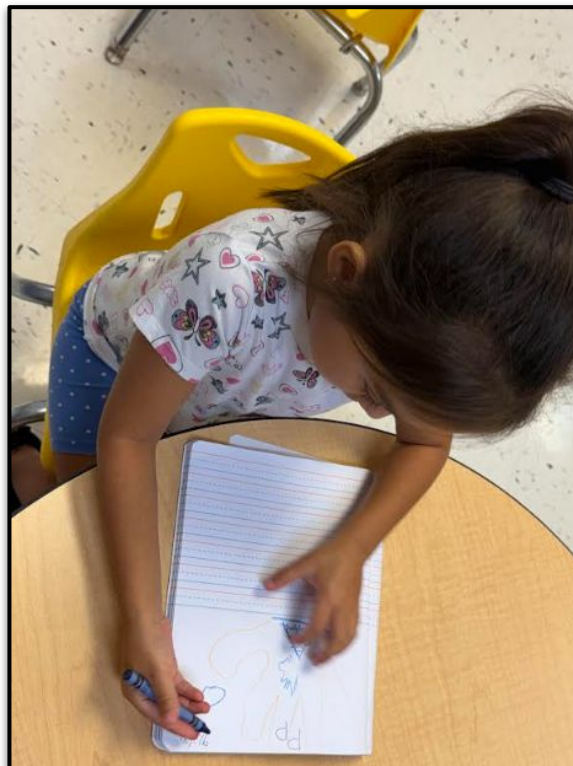


HEAD START KINDERGARTEN READINESS

SSAISD and its Head Start program work together to boost school readiness through strategic planning and targeted skill-building. Aligned with the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework and Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines, our curriculum emphasizes self-help skills, daily routines, and personal responsibility.

To ensure a smooth transition to kindergarten, we collaborate closely with South San families through dedicated events:

- **Student Experiences:** Pre-K students visit kindergarten classrooms to observe and ask questions, while teachers pass student assessment portfolios directly to future kindergarten staff.
- **Family Connections:** Campuses host "Kindergarten Round-Up" and end-of-year Transition to Kindergarten meetings to prepare parents for what to expect.
- **Governance Support:** The Policy Council dedicates its spring meetings to refining and enhancing school readiness strategies across all campuses.



HEAD START EDUCATION SERVICES

The SSAISD Head Start program incorporates the Frog Street Pre-K curriculum, endorsed by the Texas State Board of Education. This curriculum aligns instructional goals with both the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework and the Texas Pre-Kindergarten Guidelines, ensuring children develop essential kindergarten-readiness skills.

Guided by Developmentally Appropriate Practices, our program utilizes Circle Progress Monitoring to gather data in the fall, winter, and spring. This ongoing assessment strategy tracks student advancement across five critical domains: Social and Emotional Development, Language and Literacy, Approaches to Learning, Cognition and Perceptual Skills, and Motor and Physical Development.



HEAD START SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Head Start program integrates both Conscious Discipline and Second Step to build a foundation for a positive, inclusive culture centered on social-emotional competencies, including empathy, emotion processing, conflict resolution, and relationship building.

Conscious Discipline is a trauma-informed, evidence-based methodology grounded in four key components: the Brain State Model, Seven Powers for Conscious Adults, Creating the School Family, and Seven Skills of Discipline. It takes an "adult-first" approach, focusing on educator self-regulation so staff can effectively model and teach these skills to children.

Second Step complements this framework as a leading research-based social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum. Through weekly grade-appropriate lessons and activities, it provides structured guidance to strengthen foundational social skills in young learners.



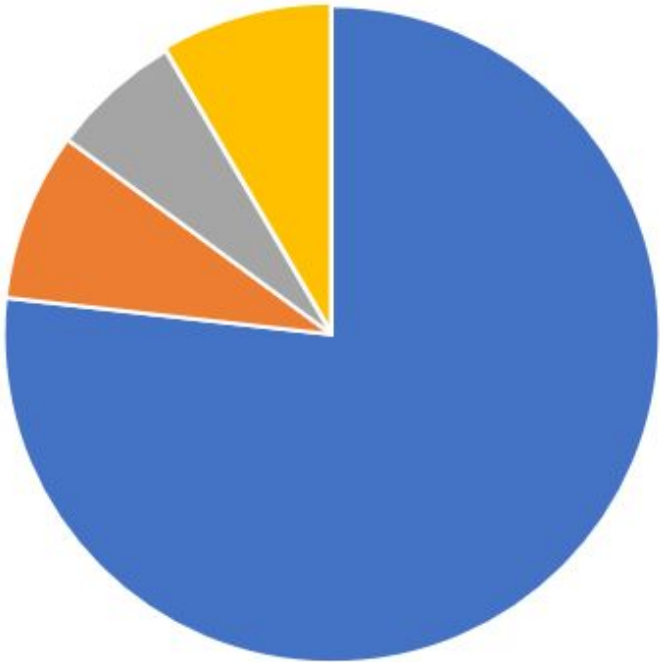
HEAD START ANNUAL FINANCIAL BUDGET



Every academic year, SSAISD carries out an annual evaluation of the Head Start Financials. The pie chart provided below illustrates the distribution of funds for the 2025-2026 period, indicating the percentage allocated to various program expenses such as operations, professional development, quality improvement, and investments in technology. It is important to note that contract funds can be utilized for a diverse range of program expenditures.

Year 02 Budget

- 6100 – Salaries and Benefits: \$2,150,982
- 6200 – Contracted Services: \$233,145
- 6300 – Materials and Supplies: \$180,677
- 6400 – Travel & Misc. Oper. Costs: \$236,582
- 6500 – Capital Lease Interest: \$0
- 6600 – Capital Outlay: \$0
- Subtotal: \$2,801,386
- Indirect Cost: \$128,205
- Grand Total: \$2,929,591
- Non-Federal Share Required: \$751,132



- 6100 - Salaries and Benefits
- 6200 - Contracted Services
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- 6600 - Capital Outlay



The SSAISD Head Start program delivers profound benefits for children, families, and our broader community. Through integrated early education, health, nutrition, and family services, we build a strong foundation for lifelong success.

Our initiatives foster cognitive, social, and emotional development while empowering parents as key leaders in their child's education.

Investing in Head Start is an investment in our shared future—promoting educational equity, narrowing the achievement gap, and ensuring every child in South San Antonio has access to quality early learning.

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