



2023 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 1



Demographics

Key Priority Area One

- 1-1 Geographic Locations
- 1-2 Racial/Ethnic Composition
- 1-3 Estimated Numbers
- 1-4 Estimated Languages Spoken

SUMMARY

	POPULATION HAS HAD A SLIGHT INCREASE
	148,919 PEOPLE LIVE IN THE SERVICE AREA
	62.33% OF SERVICE AREA IS RURAL AND 37.66% IS URBAN
	12.02% POPULATION IS HISPANIC (OVER .29% INCREASE)
	6.16% OF THE POPULATION IS UNDER 4 YRS OF AGE
	40.9 IS THE MEDIAN AGE IN THE SERVICE AREA

2.95% 5+ Population with Limited English Proficiency
51.26% Service Area Female Population
5.19% of Population Foreign Born
25 Median Age of Hispanic Population
29.74% Service Area Households w/Children
80.12% Households w/ Access to High Speed Internet
Fast Fact CSNT Service Area Population Density Estimated at 63 persons per square mile (less than Texas at 110 and the United States at 92 persons)



2023 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 2



HOMELESSNESS

Key Priority Area Two

2-1 Homelessness

SUMMARY



In 2021, AT ANY POINT-IN-TIME,
TEXAS HAD 7,518 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS



AN ESTIMATED 3,757 FAMILIES WITH
CHILDREN WERE HOMELESS IN TEXAS IN 2021



4 IN EVERY 10,000 PEOPLE WERE HOMELESS
IN TEXAS DURING 2021



799 ESTIMATED HOMELESS
UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH



972 ESTIMATED CHRONICALLY
HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN TEXAS



950 ESTIMATED HOMELESS
VETERANS IN TEXAS

1.33%
Texas School-Aged
Children Experienced
Homelessness

1.24%
Region 8 ESC Students
Experienced Homelessness

4.20%
Head Start Children
Experienced Homelessness

5.6%
Homeless Children
in Service Area 2022

Homelessness in Texas
hard to assess due to
COVID 2021

11,275
Homeless People in Texas
Found Shelter

Fast Fact

On a Single Night in 2021, an
estimated 326,000 people in
the United States were
experiencing homelessness
(4 in 10 were families)



2023 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 3



Foster Care Information

Key Priority Area Three

3-1 Children In Service Area

SUMMARY

- ➔ 37 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SERVICE AREA WERE IN FOSTER CARE
- ➔ 534 CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD PARENTS CONNECTED TO THE MILITARY
- ➔ 72% OF THE CHILDREN IN SERVICE AREA WERE CONSIDERED ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED
- ➔ 2,039 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE DYSLEXIC IN THE SERVICE AREA
- ➔ 3,428 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD A DIAGNOSED DISABILITY
- ➔ 92.75% OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE ELIGIBLE UNDER TITLE 1

14
Children in Foster Care
In Bowie County

82
Camp County Military
Families

5,408
Children in Cass County
Eligible Under Title 1

167
Morris County English
Language Learners

1,616
Children in Service Area
Gifted & Talented

Region 8 Had 158
Children in Foster Care
In the Service Area

Fast Fact
According to the Texas
Education Agency the State of
Texas had 14,181 Children In
the Foster Care System in the
2021- 2022 School Year.



2023 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 4

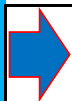


Children With Disabilities

Key Priority Area Four

4-1 Children with Disabilities

SUMMARY



10.5% OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CSNT
HAD A DISABILITY 2021-2022



13.0% SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
WITH A DISABILITY 2021-2022



16.6% OF THE POPULATION
IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD A DISABILITY



4.1% OF THE POPULATION IN THE
SERVICE AREA UNDER 18 HAD A DISABILITY



4.3% OF CHILDREN UNDER 18
IN TEXAS HAD A DISABILITY



11.5% OF POPULATION IN
TEXAS HAD A DISABILITY

3,428 Students In
Service Area Diagnosed
with a Disability

2,408 Students
Diagnosed With a
Learning Disability

1,565 Students
Diagnosed With a
Speech Impairment

836 Students
Diagnosed With
Autism

372 Students
Diagnosed With
Emotional Disturbance

910 Students
Diagnosed With
Intellectual Disability

Fast Fact

**CSNT Head Start works with
Local Education Agencies in
the Service Area to provide
Disability Services to Head
Start Children.**



2023 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 5



Socio-Economic Factors

Key Priority Area Five

- 5-1 Education Levels
- 5-2 Health Statistics
- 5-3 Nutrition Information
- 5-4 Social Service Needs

SUMMARY

	11.4% OF PERSONS LIVING IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
	109 DIRECT CARE PHYSICIANS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA
	25% OF ADULTS REPORTED FAIR OR POOR HEALTH
	22% OF POPULATION IN SERVICE AREA HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID
	21% OF ADULTS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA SMOKED
	19% OF ADULTS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA DRANK EXCESSIVELY

12.6% SNAP Recipients in the Service Area
58.4% Students Eligible For Free Lunches
70.6% of Children Under 18 Receiving Medicaid
20.1% of Head Start Children Were Obese
8.9% Low-Birth Weights In Service Area
9.5% Population Under 18 With No Health Insurance

Fast Fact
25.6% of population under age 18 in the service area are living at or below the Federal Poverty Level.



2023 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 6



Other Child Care Providers

Key Priority Area Six

- 6-1 Private Child Care Providers
- 6-2 Publicly Funded Pre-K

SUMMARY

	30 LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS IN THE SERVICE AREA
	1,758 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE
	1,259 CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN CHILD CARE
	2,147 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SCHOOL PROGRAM
	2,489 CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL PROGRAM
	9,270 CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA BIRTH TO 4 YEARS

7
ISD Partnerships

1
Early Head
Start Program

399
Students Enrolled in
ISD Partnerships

2%
Single-parent Male
Households

1,542
Children Enrolled in
Center-based Child Care

47.3%
Students Considered
At-Risk by ISDs

Fast Fact
CSNT Service Area has 23
Independent School
Districts (7 are in
partnership with CSNT Head
Start).



2023 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 7



Housing Needs

Key Priority Area Seven

1-1 Housing Resources

SUMMARY

	66,547 HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA
	17.6% OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA ARE VACANT
	\$712 MEDIAN RENT IN THE SERVICE AREA
	27% OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN SERVICE AREA WERE SUBSTANDARD
	44.1% OF RENTAL PAYMENTS AT OR ABOVE 30% TOTAL INCOME
	14 SUBSIDIZED HOUSING LOCATIONS IN THE SERVICE AREA

17,415 Households Renting in Service Area
\$1,082 Average Median Rent In Texas
620 Housing Units with no phone service
14,921 Housing Units Are Substandard
274 Housing Units Lacking Complete Plumbing
4,644 Housing Units Lacking A Complete Kitchen

Fast Fact
17.76% of Housing Units in the Service Area were built before 1960



2023 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 8



General Information

Key Priority Area Eight

- 8-1 Transportation
- 8-2 Preferred Services
- 8-3 Program Schedule
- 8-4 Barriers to Participation
- 8-5 School Readiness

SUMMARY

- ➡ LITTLE OR NOT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE SERVICE AREA
- ➡ 3,688 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD NO MOTOR VEHICLE
- ➡ HEAD START SCHEDULES MIRROR THE PARTNERSHIP ISDs
- ➡ PARENTS SURVEYED REQUESTED EARLY HEAD START SERVICES
- ➡ RURAL LOCATIONS AND LANGUAGE CAN BE BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION
- ➡ 11 OUT OF 23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAD AN INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT

23
School Districts
in the Service Area

CSNT Head Start
Partners With
Region 8 ESC

Texas Public Schools
Implement the
STAAR Assessment

500 Fewer Students
Enrolled in Service Area
2021/2022

CSNT Follows CDC
Guidelines When
Encountering COVID

All CSNT Partner School
Districts Ranked at or
Above "B" Rating

Fast Fact
CSNT IS Researching Ways to
Bring More Early Head Start
Slots To The Service Area in
the Future .



2023 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 9









Program Survey Information

Key Priority Area Nine

- 9-1 Impacts To Service Area
- 9-2 Impacts To Children & Families

SUMMARY

IMPACTS TO SERVICE AREA

-  34.20% LACK OF JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT
-  14.51% IMPACTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC
-  13.47% LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
-  11.40% COST OF LIVING/RISING PRICES
-  4.66% LACK OF TRANSPORTATION
IN THE SERVICE AREA
-  4.15% CHANGES TO SCHOOL SCHEDULES/
DAYS IN SESSION

HIGHLIGHTS IMPACTS ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- 43.09%
Poor Parenting Skills/
Young Parents
- 9.94%
Children Raised by Family
Members Other Than
Parents
- 9.39%
Substance Abuse/
Addictive Behaviors
- 6.08%
Impacts of COVID-19
Pandemic
- 6.08%
Child Behaviors /Children
Acting Out

Fast Fact

Last year the COVID-19 Pandemic was the top or second highest impact on the community and children. This year it dropped to second and fourth on the lists of impacts.

2023 CA Update Executive Summary

Service Area (Snapshot):

LOCATIONS:

Bowie County Two Campus (es) – 160 HS Slots

Texarkana Head Start, 2315 West 10th Street, Texarkana, TX 75503 **(Slots 143)**

New Boston Head Start, 117 Robertson St., New Boston, TX 75570 **(Slots 17)**

Camp County One Campus (es) – 49 HS Slots

Pittsburg Head Start, 404 Broach St., Pittsburg, TX 75686 **(Slots 49)**

Cass County Five Campus (es) – 199 HS Slots & 16 EHS Slots

Atlanta Head Start, 505 Rabbit Blvd., Atlanta, TX 75551 **(Slots 108)**

Bloomburg Pre-K Academy, 201 W. Cypress, Bloomburg, TX 75556 **(Slots 17)**

Hughes Springs Head Start, 903 E. 1st, Hughes Springs, TX 75656 **(HS Slots 34)**

Hughes Springs ISD Campus, 871 Taylor Street, Hughes Springs, TX 75656

(HS Slots 40)

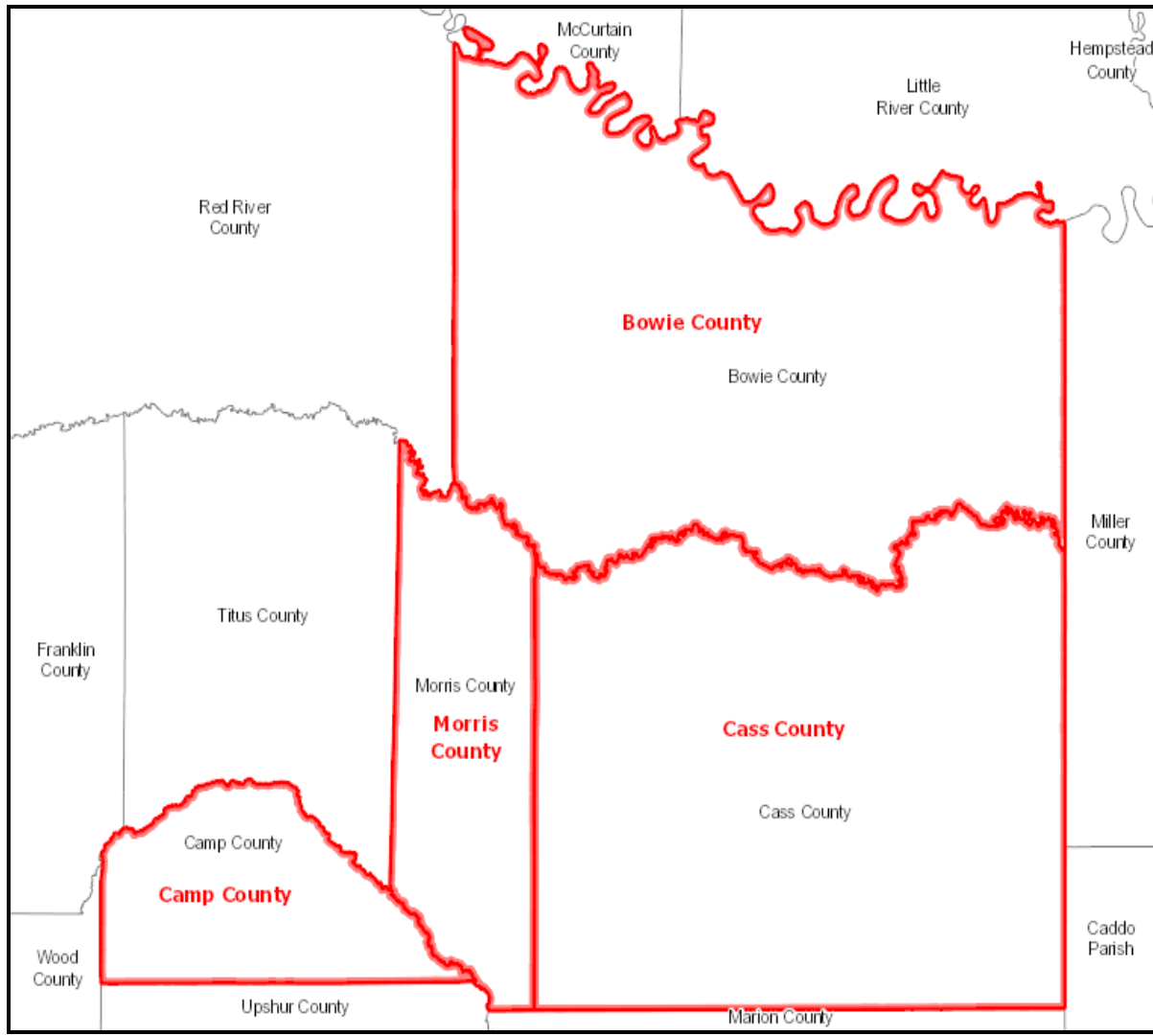
Hughes Springs Early Head Start, 903 E. 1st, Hughes Springs, TX 75656 **(EHS Slots 16)**

Morris County Two Campus (es) – 57 HS Slots

Daingerfield/Lone Star (West Elementary School), 1305 W. Watson Blvd., Daingerfield, TX 75638 **(Slots 40)**

Naples/Omaha Head Start, 412 WL Doc Dodson, Naples, TX 75568 **(Slots 17)**

Map 1: CSNT Head Start Service Area



CSNT Head Start Counties Bowie, Camp, Cass, and Morris Counties in Northeast Texas

Priority Area 10-1 CSNT Head Start Identified Needs and Strategies

Need: Program that addresses the needs of children and their families (ages three and under)

Strategy: Request Early Head Start Grant/slots for CSNT Head Start service area including Camp, Cass, and Morris Counties

Strategy: Analyze program impact on transitioning designated slots from Head Start to Early Head Start

Need: Availability of high-quality health and dental care providers that will accept Medicaid and CHIP

Strategy: Form partnerships with State and local programs to assist families in meeting the needs of the children

Strategy: Educate parents on resources available through the state including CHIP and Medicaid

Strategy: Be an advocate in the community to promote awareness of the health resources that are available to low-income families

Need: Promotion of Mental Health and Wellness in the Program and Agency

Strategy: Form partnerships with Mental Wellness Providers

Strategy: Create a Mental Wellness Committee for the Agency

Strategy: Educate parents and the community on the benefits of Mental Wellness within the community

Need: Hire staff that are bi-lingual

Strategy: Post job openings on electronic Websites (i.e., Indeed, Workforce Commission, Region VIII ESC, etc.) listing the need for applicants with bi-lingual skills

Strategy: Attend job fairs within the service area indicating the need for bi-lingual staff

Strategy: Utilize partnership school district staff that are bi-lingual to assist Head Start staff, when available

Need: Provide activities within the Head Start Program that support best practices for parents

Strategy: Seek a parent curriculum that teaches parenting skills

Strategy: Survey parents to narrow the scope of parenting skills needed

Strategy: Provide activities that parents enjoy doing with their children

Need: Implement School Readiness within the Head Start Service area

Strategy: Create Partnerships with local School Districts and Child Care Programs that focus on School Readiness skills for children

Strategy: Develop systems for parents to be a part of building School Readiness for their children

Strategy: Support highly qualified teaching staff that develop School Readiness skills within their classroom

Need: Create highly diverse classrooms that include dual-language learners

Strategy: Educate teachers on teaching strategies that benefit dual-language learners

Strategy: Educate teachers on strategies to utilize with families of dual-language learners

Strategy: Analyze/monitor data for success of dual-language learners in the program

Priority Area 10-2 CSNT Community Assessment

Update Conclusions Number of eligible Head Start

Children:

- 6.16% of the population within the service area were 0-4 years of age or 9,263 children (+7 population change from last year)

- The racial make-up of the service area did not have any significant changes (there was a slight increase in the Asian population.)
- There was a +.54% increase in the number of “Other Races” moving into the service area
- The Hispanic population had a slight increase from last year to 12.02% of the total population
- The Hispanic median age was 16 years younger than the average non-Hispanic median age of 41 years (the median age rose for most races living in the service area from last year) (White 44 yrs., Black 37 yrs., and Hispanic 25 yrs., Other Races 27 yrs., and Multiple Races 15 yrs.)
- Less than 1% of the population was considered Asian with more than 72% considered Caucasian (There was very little change from last year)
- English remains the dominant language spoken in the service area with only 2.95% of the population 5 years and older considered Linguistically Isolated (this was -.47% decrease from last year)
- 87.98% of the population were considered Non-Hispanic (-.28% increase from last year)
- 80.12% of households in the service area had high speed internet (+18.07 increase from last year; however, this is still less than the State of Texas at 96.35%)
- There were over 55,875 household in the service area (an increase of 143 households)
- The child homeless population was 1.13% for the State of Texas; 1.00% for Region VIII ESC and 1.11% in the CSNT Head Start

service area; However, it was 5.6% for the Head Start Program (**All areas of homelessness dropped due to COVID and the ability of communities to assess the numbers**)

- Over 58.39% of the children in the CSNT service area are eligible for Free/Reduced lunches (there was a .45% decrease from previous year)
- 37 students in the CSNT Head Start service area were in Foster Care compared to 57 the previous year
- Within the service area, there were 13.7% of school-aged children with a diagnosed disability; However, only 4.1% of the population in the service area under age 18 had a diagnosed disability

Location of eligible children:

- 14% of the birth to four-year-old children were not being served in a center-based early childhood education program
- While there are pockets of children birth to 4-yrs-old living in poverty throughout the four county CSNT Head Start service area, the bulk of the children are located within a few miles of the major towns and cities
- Most areas of poverty are within driving distance to any Head Start Campus
- Each of the nine Head Start and one Early Head Start locations are centrally positioned to serve the largest number of eligible children and families

Access to Head Start:

- Texarkana ISD Head Start is the largest campus in the CSNT service area serving 148 children and transporting over 26 children daily

- Atlanta ISD Head Start and the Daingerfield-Lone Star Head Start are the second largest campuses with the second greatest need for transportation with an estimated 52 AISD students transported daily and an estimated 28 D-LSISD students
- Head Start will provide transportation to the children who do not receive transportation through the school district when needed (All Head Start Transportation services were shut down due to COVID-19 and the inability to social distance students while on the bus; however, some transportation services were provided in the Spring 2022 due to the relaxing of requirements from CDC.)
- Transportation is a part of the partnerships that are formed with the ISDs and accounts for a large amount of in-kind for the Head Start Program each year

Service Needs:

- Families living within the service area have experienced financial problems and sought resources for assistance
- Families living within the service area obtained assistance with food, clothing, and shelter during the past year
- CSNT Head Start partners with resources within the community to assist families in need of assistance
- The greatest impact in the service area is unemployment/the lack of jobs
- With the lack of employment opportunities in most areas, it is beneficial when any new businesses open

- Unemployment (at 5.1% in the service area) has decreased over a 2.8% within past year; However, with the increase in the rate of inflation, the unemployment rate may increase even more
- There are 134 direct care physicians in the service area – a significant drop from 278 the year before
- There are 73 dentists within the service area – a significant increase from 52 the year before
- 22% of the population within the service area tested positive for COVID-19 (this was a 14.2% increase from the previous year)
- 40% of the population in the service area are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (this is lower than the state or national average around an estimated 65%)
- 25% of the service area population reported fair or poor health which is higher than the average of 23% for the State of Texas and the US average of 19%
- 32% of the adults in the service area had little or no physical activity which is higher than Texas with 27% and the US at 23%
- 21% of the population were smokers (smoking on a regular basis); this was up over 2% from the previous year
- 16.6% of the total population were diagnosed with a disability, 13.7% of students, and 4.1% of children under age 18 (a slight increase from last year)
- 14% of low-income preschoolers were considered obese within the service area and 24% of adults (there was a slight decrease from last year)

- 8.9% of all births were considered low-weight births and 4.5% of teen births ages 15-19 (a slight decrease from previous year)
- 534 births were to mothers aged 15-19 within the service area (an increase of 250 births)
- 23,772 individuals received SNAP benefits with 3,133 children under 5 were receiving benefits or 12.6% (SNAP) is the service area Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (this was similar to last year)
- 70.6% of the population under 21 years of age received Medicaid (This is 17% higher than last year)
- Only 10% of the population under 18 was w/o Medical Insurance (This was 1% higher than last year)
- 1.3% of the children under 18 years of age were receiving CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) (This was 1% lower than last year)
- Average income per capita for the service area was \$25,409 (this was an average of \$1,512 higher than last year)
- 3.3% of the population under age 18 were receiving Supplemental Security Income (this was .1% less than last year)
- 14 Subsidized Housing Locations were available within the service area
- 44% of households in the service area had rental costs that were at least 30% or higher part of their total income (higher than last year)
- 27% of the households in the service area had one or more substandard conditions (about the same as last year)

- 0.82 is the vulnerability Index Score within the service area (This score may be an indicator of how well a community may be able to respond to human suffering and financial loss in the event of a disaster)
- 25.6% of the population under Age 18 residing in the service area were considered living in poverty (this .60% lower than last year and 5.5% higher than the average in Texas)
- 85% of the households within the service drove to work alone and 23 minutes was the average commute time
- Only 6.6% of the households within the service area reported that they did not own a motor vehicle (this was about the same as last year)
- According to STAAR (State of Texas Academic Assessment Report 2022) data Bowie County had the lowest percentage of students at grade level or above all subjects at 43% of students and Camp County had the highest at 50%
- According to the STAAR (State of Texas Academic Assessment Report 2022) data Bowie County had the lowest percentage of students at grade level or above ELA/reading rate at 47% of students and Cass had the highest at 60%
- According to the STAAR (State of Texas Academic Assessment Report 2022) data Morris County had the lowest percentage of students at grade level or above math rate at 35% of students and Camp had the highest at 56%
- According to the STAAR (State of Texas Academic Assessment Report 2022) data Morris County had the lowest percentage of

students at grade level or above science rate at 40% of students and Camp had the highest at 58%

- According to the STAAR (State of Texas Academic Assessment Report 2022) data Morris County had the lowest percentage of all students at grade level or above social studies rate of 38% of students and Camp had the highest at 48%
- Pittsburg ISD scored highest on the State of Texas Performance Index 1 - Student Achievement at 94 (A = 90 - 100)
- Pittsburg ISD scored the highest on the State of Texas Performance Index 2 – Student Progress at 94 (A = 90 - 100)
- Pittsburg ISD scored highest on the State of Texas Performance Index 3 – Closing Performance Gaps at 100 (A = 90 - 100)
- Pittsburg ISD scored highest on the State of Texas Performance Index 4 – Overall Accountability at 94 (A = 90 - 100)

The results stated above were from the 2021-2022 School year.

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USDA (CACFP)

Texas Education Agency (TEA)

Region VIII Education Service Center

Texas Department of Health (Center for Health Statistics)

Texas Department of Family and Protective Service

US Housing and Urban Development

Texas Department of Health and Human Services

Community Commons

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Texas Education Agency

The National Center on Homelessness