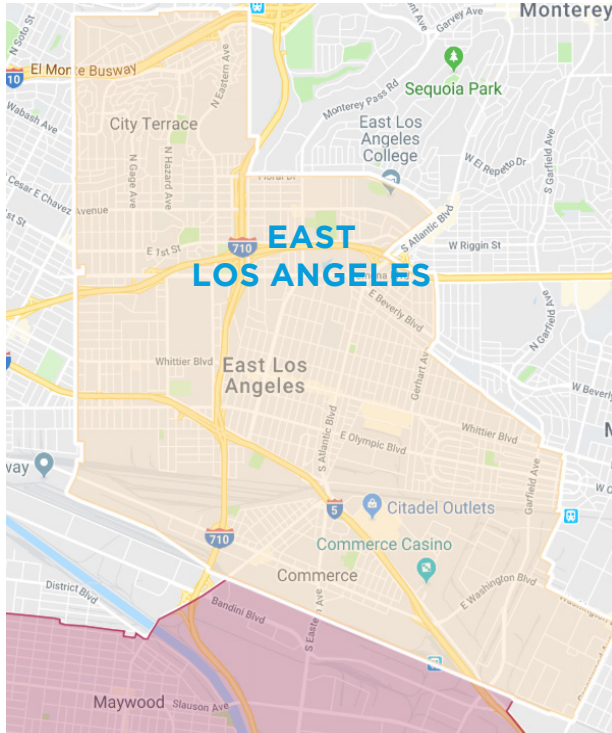


BEST START COMMUNITY RETROSPECTIVE

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

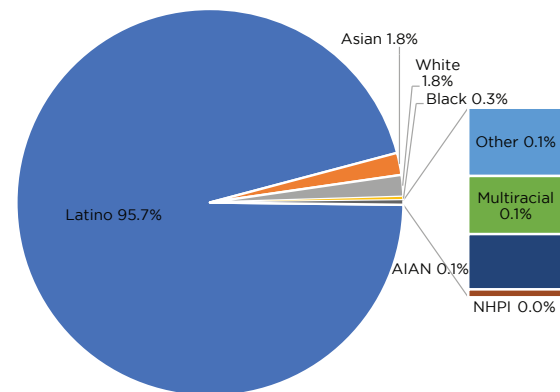
EAST LOS ANGELES



DEMOGRAPHICS

9,887 CHILDREN AGES 0-5
7.0% of population
 (6.3% in LA County)

RACE/ETHNICITY (TOTAL POPULATION)



OVERVIEW

East LA is a Best Start Community of 140,622 people, of which over 95% are Latinx. The number of children ages 0-5 in East LA decreased from 2012 to 2019, which matches the trend seen in the majority of Best Start Communities. Increased rates for service providers and support groups highlight that, while the number of support groups and providers in East LA did not change significantly, the reduced 0 to 5 population allows each child to have more access to these resources. There is a reduced number of teen births and late prenatal care births, which aligns with the trend in other Best Start Communities. Less children ages 0 to 5 are living in poverty, however the unemployed population increased which suggests that poverty rates could increase in the future.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. Explore the demographics of this Best Start Community. Were there changes from 2012 that surprise you?
2. How have the numbers and percentages of children 0-5 changed?
3. Which findings resonate with your experience in this Best Start Community and which surprise you?

COMMUNITY STRENGTHS

Findings/Implications

A large increase in the rate of support groups and service providers available to children 0 to 5 is partially a result of the lower number of children living in East LA. Since 2012, East LA saw large increases in the number of child care seats and foundations in the community.

● Decrease ● Increase ○ No Change

Indicator		2019 Report	2012 Report
Child Care Center Seats/100	●	22.4	12.3
Service Providers/1k	●	14.3	7.2
Support Groups/1k	●	2.6	0.9
Nonprofits/1k	●	4.7	3.3
Foundations/1k	●	0.5	0.1
Libraries/1k	●	0.7	0.3
Parks square miles/1k	●	0.02	0.01
Prenatal/Maternal/Pediatrics Grants /1k	○	0.1	0.1

GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. What do changing demographics mean for this community?
2. What is behind the changes in the 0-5 population?

Data Sources

Libraries, Childrens Service Providers, and Support Group Providers from 2-1-1 LA; Foundations and Pediatric Grants from Foundation Center; Parks and Open Space from California Protected Areas Database; Childcare Seats from Community Care Licensing Division.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Findings/Implications

More adults in East LA earned less than a high school diploma since 2012. The number of teenage births and late prenatal care births dropped substantially. Fewer children under 5 are living in poverty, and the number of families using public assistance showed little change. Ideally the rate of public assistance utilization will begin to decrease in alignment with the reduced poverty rate.

● Decrease ● Increase ○ No Change

Indicator		2019 Report	2012 Report
Unemployment	●	12.2	9.9
Families w/ Children under 5 rec Public Ast	●	11.9	10.8
Low Birthweight Births	●	7.0	6.5
Families w/ Children under 5 in Poverty	●	1.6	2.1
Adults w/ less than a H.S. Diploma	●	48.8	54.7
Teen Births	●	5.9	12.6
Late Prenatal Care Births	●	14.6	23.1

GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. East LA experienced improvements across a majority of the community strength indicators. Does this align with the community's lived experiences based on your perspective in the field?

Data Sources

Families w/ Children under 5 in Poverty, Adults w/ less than a H.S. Diploma and Unemployment from American Community Survey 5-year Census Tract Estimates 2013-2017; Teen Births, Late Prenatal Care Births, and Low Birthweight Births from Childcare Data Network.

BY THE NUMBERS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population	2019	2012
Age 0-5	9,887	14,528
Total	140,622	143,697
Latino	134,562	138,532
Black	399	493
White	2,561	2,445
Asian	2,575	1,615
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	22	19
American Indian/Alaska Native	153	203
Other	189	164
Multiracial	161	226

COMMUNITY STRENGTHS

Indicator	2019	2012
Prenatal/Maternal/Pediatric Grants (\$)	0	15,000
Foundations	5	1
Parks (area square miles)	0.2	0.2
Libraries	7	5
Service Providers	141	105
Support Groups	26	13
Nonprofits	46	38
Child Care Center Seats	2,211	1,788

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Indicator	2019	2012
Teen Births	137	406
Late Prenatal Care Births	338	744
Low Birthweight Births	161	208
Families w/ Children under 5 in Poverty	465	568
Families w/ Children under 5 rec Public Ast	4,487	4,483
Unemployed	8,312	5,756
Adults w/ less than a H.S. Diploma	42,257	41,228

METHODOLOGY NOTES

Introduction

This retrospective report compares data presented for Best Start communities in the 2012 F5LA Best Start Communities Report with related data today. It helps answer the question, “What’s changed in Best Start communities since they’ve begun?” The report is written from an outsider’s perspective and does not evaluate specific First 5 LA programming. Instead, it seeks to identify key birth, child, adult, and community factors that might have shifted over the past eight years or so.

This is version 1.0 of the report. Future versions will include new indicators, regional boundaries, and an examination of racial disparities.

About the data

Data for this report come from widely-used, public data sources, such as the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey, the California Department of Public Health, and the California Department of Education. Where possible, the same source and methodology used in the 2012 report are used in this report. To view the 2012 report and methodology, visit [URL](#). In some cases, data sources have changed the ways they’ve collected data or stopped publishing altogether. In those cases, this report finds comparable 2012 data, or makes no comparison.

Methodology

The primary work involved in creating estimates for Best Start communities is to gather data available at other geographies – such as addresses, census tracts, or ZIP codes – and transform them into Best Start estimates based on geographic overlap. For example, census tract data are used in Best Start community estimates if at least 10% of a census tract’s area overlaps a Best Start community. ZIP code estimates are also included in Best Start community estimates if 10% or more of a ZIP code’s area overlaps a Best Start community. Data by address are counted in Best Start community estimates if an address falls on or within a Best Start boundary. The school-to-Best-Start-community transformation is a hybrid exception, in that school data are used in Best Start community estimates if a school’s address falls on or within a Best Start boundary OR 10% or more a school’s attendance area overlaps a Best Start community.

For more detailed information on the data sources and indicators used in this report, see [URL](#).

GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. How do changing demographics affect First 5 LA’s work in this Best Start Community?
2. How does a reduced 0 to 5 population change First 5 LA’s approach to serving this Best Start Community?
3. How could the findings from this brief inform First 5 LA’s strategic plan implementation?
4. How could the findings from this brief inform the way we think about equity in Best Start Communities?
5. East LA is over 95% Latinx. Does this change how First 5 LA approaches provision of services for other racial groups?
6. Is the difference in poverty and employment rates surprising? How could this affect your work in this Best Start Community moving forward?

