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Community Needs Assessment
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Mission Statement

The mission of Crossroads Youth & Family Services, Inc. is to support the healthy lifestyles and emotional well-being of children, youth, and families through the provision of effective, community-based programs.

Vision Statement

We are committed to promoting achievement and success for the children and families whose lives we touch and who touch ours.

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Purpose

Crossroads Youth & Family Services, Inc. engages in a community assessment to develop a better understanding of the needs and resources for low-income and distressed families in its four-county service area: Cleveland, Comanche, Pottawatomie, and Seminole counties. Using the results of the assessment, the agency determines how it can respond most effectively to the needs and gaps in services identified. As a part of the CATS process with the Office of Juvenile Affairs and The Office of Head Start, the purpose of this assessments is to ensure that funds match the community needs based on data-driven decisions.

Methodology

Crossroads uses a variety of methods to gather data. The main method is the use of statistical and narrative reports based on a community needs assessment survey and other surveys that measure the effectiveness of programs. Data collections originate from a variety of sources including current census data, public and private sector reports and Crossroads' program data. The Community Assessment includes community descriptions, demographics, achievements, and areas for growth. The Crossroads' four-county service area was assessed in area two within the context of national, state and local data this year.

The second method employed was the use of data generated from surveying program participants and community members. Members of the community participated in a Community Needs Assessment survey along with program employees, non-Head Start parents and agency partners to identify potential needs in the community. Results were tallied and used to inform program planning and service offerings.

The third component is the deployment of the Community Action with Targeted Solutions, CATS in collaboration with the Office of Juvenile Affairs. The process for this component of the needs assessment "promotes collaboration with community members, improves engagement of community leaders, explores data to inform service priorities and interventions, strengthens the provider network and increase referral paths, leverages existing resources, determines priority areas for services, programing and partnership, and establishes methods for tracking and measuring outcomes¹."

¹ [CATS Planning Manual](#)

Executive Summary

Crossroads Youth & Family Services 2022 Community Needs Assessment survey is the result of feedback from a variety of stakeholders in our catchment areas for the purpose of analyzing and improving the services that are offered by the organization. This report also serves as a means of sharing relevant data to gain an understanding of issues and trends affecting their families and their communities.

Many of the catchment areas Crossroads serves are showing signs of growth and expansion, while one area, Comanche County, seems to have a slow decline in population beginning in 2010. According to the United States Census, Comanche County shows a decrease of 2.7% population from 2010 to 2020. The area's largest city, Lawton, has a decrease of 4%. Another area we serve with a decrease in population is Seminole County which decreased roughly 4.8% over the past decade. In contrast, other areas within our service area are continually growing. Cleveland County, for example, has had an increase of 10.9% over the past 10 years growing from 255,990 residents to 284,014. The other county of growth is Pottawatomie County with a growth of roughly 4.5% over this same time span.

Oklahoma continues to struggle with poverty rates, education issues and childhood poverty that ranks among the highest in the nation. Of the 3,841,763 citizens in Oklahoma, an estimated 583,029 are living in poverty. Overall, this ranks Oklahoma 44th of the 50 states in poverty rates. This rate is calculated based on the percentage of people with incomes below the national poverty rate for 2019 of \$25,926 for a family of four.

Some of the contributing factors impacting this poverty rate include high teenage pregnancy rates, low rates of assets and savings, high levels of hunger and food insecurity, and limited health insurance coverage. In addition to these factors, there are extremely high crime rates in Pottawatomie and Comanche county despite being the ninth and fifth largest counties by population.

According to the 2020 Census, Oklahoma's child population of children under 5 maintains a rate of 6%. Each of the county's Crossroads serves to maintain roughly the same population of children under 5. Ranked in order, Comanche County has the largest rate with 6.9%, Seminole is 6.3%, Pottawatomie is at 6% and Cleveland County's rate is 5.2% for children under 5. This equates to around 29,000 children.

The poverty rates for children are among the highest in the nation with 19.6% of children living in poverty, on average. The numbers for each of Crossroads' areas is quite alarming as they all exceed the state average except for Cleveland County. According to the latest Annie E. Casey Foundation's latest Kids Count Data, rates of childhood poverty for each county is 26.8% in

Seminole County, 25.1% in Pottawatomie County, 23.6% in Comanche County and 12.5% in Cleveland County.

Crossroads' most recent Community Needs Assessment was conducted in Spring of 2021 and utilized the participation of Head Start, Early Head Start, Community Service and Youth Service program clients and community connections. Results from the Community Needs Assessment identified the top 10 service needs;

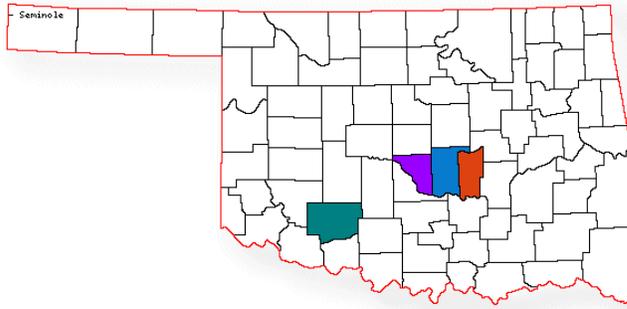
1. Mental Illness (i.e. depression, suicide, anxiety, eating disorders)
2. Substance Abuse
3. Child Abuse
4. Pandemic Related Hardships
5. Unemployment
6. Bullying
7. Basic Needs
8. Divorce
9. Absent father figure
10. Family communication

Crossroads is a trusted source of help for low income families in all four counties. As an agency, the goal is to continue to maximize funding dollars in order to provide supportive services for families.

Description of Service Area

Crossroads Youth

- Comanche
- Cleveland
- Pottawatomie
- Seminole

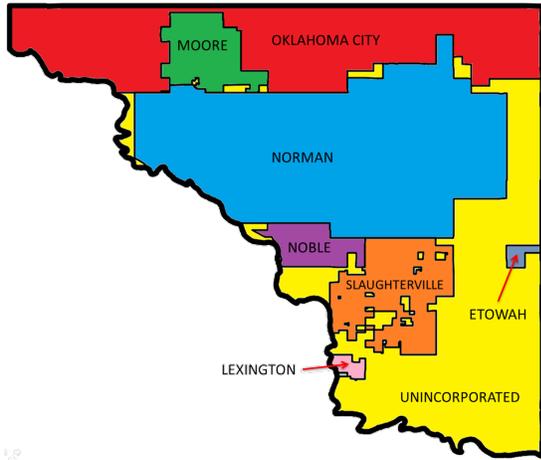


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Crossroads' Service Area provides services to low-income residents in the central and southwest counties of Cleveland, Pottawatomie, Seminole and Comanche counties. These counties are a blend between rural and metropolitan in nature. Seminole County is rural in nature. Cleveland County is metropolitan in character hosting Oklahoma's third largest city, Norman. Comanche and Pottawatomie Counties are often classified as metropolitan. Both the University of Oklahoma and Cameron University are major

educational institutions in the state located within our catchment areas. The main economic sectors range from military, university, government services, healthcare, manufacturing, insurance, banking, and other education roles.

Cleveland County



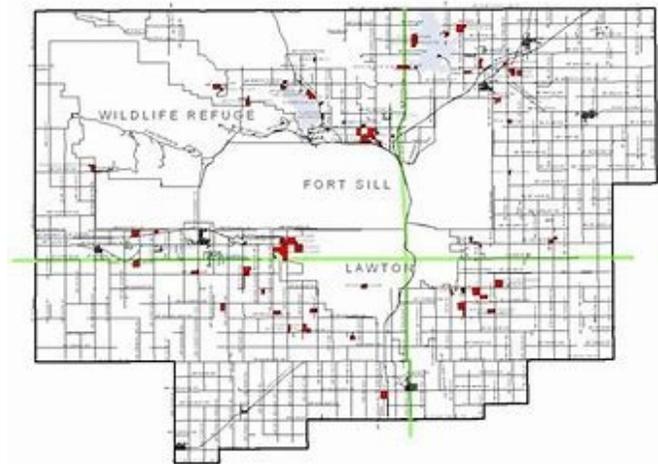
Crossroads Youth & Family Services' catchment area encompasses the Norman area of Cleveland County for Youth Services. Head Start/ Early Head Start Crossroads serves all of Cleveland County is considered to be urban in character, either by inclusion in or proximity to a major Metropolitan Statistical Area. Norman is also Oklahoma's third largest city located just 17 miles south of Oklahoma City, the state's capital and largest city. Cleveland County is one of Oklahoma's fastest growing areas with universities and programs of higher education like The University of Oklahoma and Moore-

Norman Technology Center bringing people from around the world. Norman has a strong presence of various tribes which impacts the employment and economic structure of the community greatly.

By population, Cleveland County consists of 284,014 people with our main area of focus being the city of Norman with a population of 124,880 which is a 12.6% increase from 2010 population data. Norman shares Cleveland County with Moore to the north and Noble to the south with a collective population of 69,118. Cleveland County is rapidly growing and with that so do the needs of the community.

Comanche County

Nestled against a military base and surrounded by the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge, Comanche County is the fifth largest county in Oklahoma. The population seems to be on a downward trend, although population size for children seems to be increasing. Lawton is the largest city in this county and is riddled with high crime rates and other barriers. Comanche County hosts many manufacturing jobs and has the state's ninth largest university at Cameron University. The military presence is evident in almost every aspect of life in Comanche County. By its namesake, Comanche County is named for the Comanche Nation tribal community.



Pottawatomie County



Pottawatomie County directly to the east of Oklahoma County and Cleveland County is centrally located. The population for Pottawatomie County has a slight increase with Shawnee representing the county seat and the largest town within the county. Many residents of Pottawatomie County seek employment in educational services, health care, and social assistance. Many other sources of employment in this area focus on construction and manufacturing.

Lining the streets of Shawnee, are redbud trees that bloom every Spring. Much agriculture originates from this portion of our service area.

This is also the home of Sonic Drive-in, which originally opened its doors in 1953.

Seminole County

Seminole county, named for the Seminole people who lived in the area when founded in 1906, has a rich history dating back before the incorporation of Oklahoma as a state. The population of roughly 24,258 inhabitants mainly reside in Seminole, Wewoka, Maud, Bowlegs or Konawa.

Seminole is roughly an hour east of Oklahoma City. There has been a slight decrease in population over the past 10 years with approximately 4.5% of the population moving out of the county.



Crossroads Youth & Family Services Program Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements

Description of Programs and Eligibility Requirements

Crossroads Youth & Family Services, Inc. (CYFS) was incorporated in 1969 to support the healthy lifestyles and emotional well-being of children, youth and families through the provision of effective, community-based programs:

Behavioral Health

Crossroads' Outpatient Youth and Family Counseling services are fully accredited as Outpatient Mental Health for Children and Adults by CARF International, an independent, nonprofit organization that accredits health and human services providers, focusing on quality and results.

First Time Offender Program

The First Time Offender Program works in conjunction with the juvenile court systems in Cleveland County Oklahoma. The goal is to provide support for families and training to young people who made difficult choices. The teen is provided services to help them make better decisions. The program provides counseling and support for youth and their families to help stop the cycle of criminal behavior.

Teens and Parents in Partnerships (Currently remote due to Covid)

Crossroads Youth & Family Services provides TAPP as an opportunity to solve tomorrow's problems today by supporting and guiding youth toward productive behaviors and lifestyles.

TAPP is based on the belief that early intervention, support and education will have a positive impact on the targeted youth and their parents, and will prevent the youth from repeating problem behaviors.

TAPP Goals

TAPP strives to:

- INTERVENE when a child first enters the juvenile justice system,
- DIVERT the child from continued negative behaviors through strategies that
- EDUCATE and SUPPORT the child and family, and
- LINK the child and family to other community services as needed.

TAPP Overview

Since 1994, TAPP has provided a comprehensive team approach to solving problems. The youth and family members work with certified facilitators and counselors to develop goals, strategies

and skills for success. TAPP offers a 14-hour education program for youth and their guardians. (Two hour weekly sessions for seven weeks.) Classes provide information regarding:

- Conflict Management
- Relationships
- Juvenile Justice System
- Stress Management
- Social Skills
- Communication Skills
- Anger Management
- Problem Solving
- Decision Making
- Value Awareness
- Cultural Sensitivity

Prevention Services

In efforts to assist students with becoming hope centered and to keep the agency in a hope centered trajectory, Crossroads implements many programs and services to assist with prevention.

- EPIC (Exploring Possibilities in Crossroads)
 - Community Members refer struggling students to Crossroads. These students often are dealing with stress, anxiety, depression or some other issue. The student receives a box mailed to them with resources to help them cope. If additional services are needed, the student can join one of the camps that provide additional support. Families are also encouraged to work either as a family unit or to work with the student in individual counseling as needed.
- Life Skills Experiences for Shelter Youth
 - Students displaced from foster care or their homes often live in the Crossroads Youth Shelter. This is the only Youth Shelter serving Cleveland and McClain Counties. These children often come from traumatic experiences. The goal of this program is to provide students with life skills training and experiences while they reside in the shelter.

Directions in Divorce

Crossroads YFS offers the Directions in Divorce (DID) class twice monthly. Attendees are usually referred by the Cleveland County District Court system.

- The focus of the seminar is to provide information pertinent for divorcing parents of minor children.
- The course will provide information about each child's developmental needs during the transition period of the divorcing families.
- A certificate is given to those completing the attendance requirements, at the end of the session.

Emergency Youth Shelter (CERC)

When a child needs immediate help, we're there. If a child's security is threatened, there's one thing they need to hear immediately, "you're safe here." The Emergency Youth Shelter meets the immediate needs regardless of the extenuating circumstance by helping find immediate housing solutions to youth in need. Each year several hundred children in the Norman and metro area find safety in the Emergency Youth Shelter. Since 1969, this secure, nurturing, home-like environment has been available 24 hours daily to children threatened by physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse, neglect or abandonment.

We provide:

- Short-term emergency youth shelter care for children from five to seventeen.
- Information and referral services 24 hours daily through the Youth and Family Crisis Hotline (405)321-0240
- A safe place for children awaiting abuse and neglect investigation results or out-of-home placement options.
- An appropriate detention alternative for youth awaiting release to parents or placement in treatment centers or group homes.
- A temporary, safe haven for children and youth in our communities to "cool off" during stressful situations.

- A shelter-based school with educational services provided by a certified teacher in collaboration with Norman Public Schools.
- Daily supervised recreational activities and individual guidance by a qualified staff.
- Individual and group counseling through licensed professional counselors.

Head Start/ Early Head Start

Through an integrated, comprehensive system of early learning and development to promote school readiness for children, Crossroads Early Head Start addresses the importance of health starting at pregnancy; inclusion and early intervention for children with special needs; developmentally appropriate early learning experiences; family goal planning and attainment; access to community resources; nutrition and health services; and other support services. Crossroads Early Head Start will implement an effective and sustainable program based on the following set of core values:

- Early childhood is the life period of most intensive development where positive and negative factors have the greatest impact.
- Children with disabilities or other special needs are best served in natural environments and inclusive programs.
- Family engagement is essential to meeting young children's needs; effective programs invite and support parents as fully engaged partners in the design and delivery of services.
- Practices, programs, and professionals are culturally and linguistically responsive, inclusive and accessible to all children.

Crossroads Early Head Start facilitates child development, supports parental roles and promotes family self-sufficiency. The program embodies the philosophy that a child and family will enjoy the benefits of an interdisciplinary program that fosters optimum growth and development for a lifetime.

OECP

Our Early Childhood Education programs prove to be impactful as children enter school ready to learn. Developmentally, children that participate in our Head Start/ Early Head Start programs enter school developmentally prepared to learn. Increasing enrollment efforts and continuing our services will allow these researched benefits to reach more families in need. With more effort of reaching parents where they are through programs

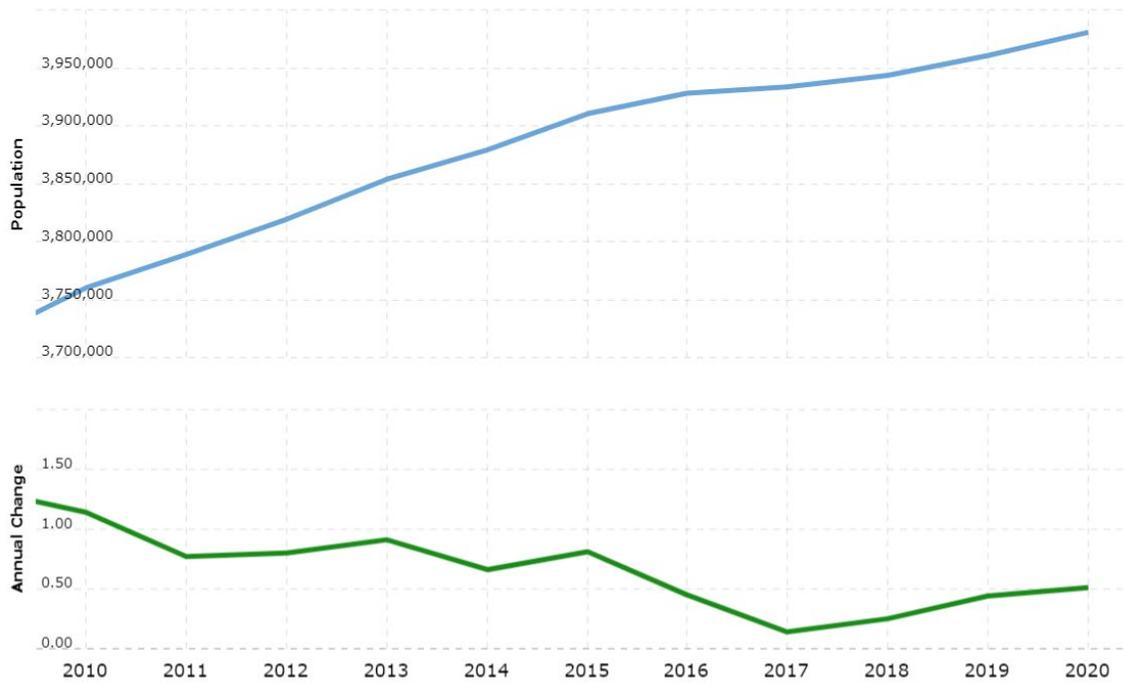
and services, as well as targeted one-on-one efforts to get more families enrolled in the programs, we aim to counter the growing effects of poverty in Lawton.

This program has been in place and successfully operating for several years. By purchasing additional supplies, marketing materials, and keeping the second instructional coach, the program will continue providing classrooms with more mentorship for staff as well. Crossroads will continue using a research-based curriculum to evaluate each child's strengths and weaknesses. As a part of OECP (CAP Tulsa), Crossroads also continues training and technical assistance opportunities. OECP regularly monitors Crossroads' progress. It is the goal of Crossroads to make sure home is a healthy, happy place for children and their families.

Community Profile

Population Growth and Distribution

During the last US Census in 2020, the state of Oklahoma increased in population by .42% bringing the total population in the state to 3,956,971. This increase in population is an upward trend by population and an increase by percentage change since 2017.

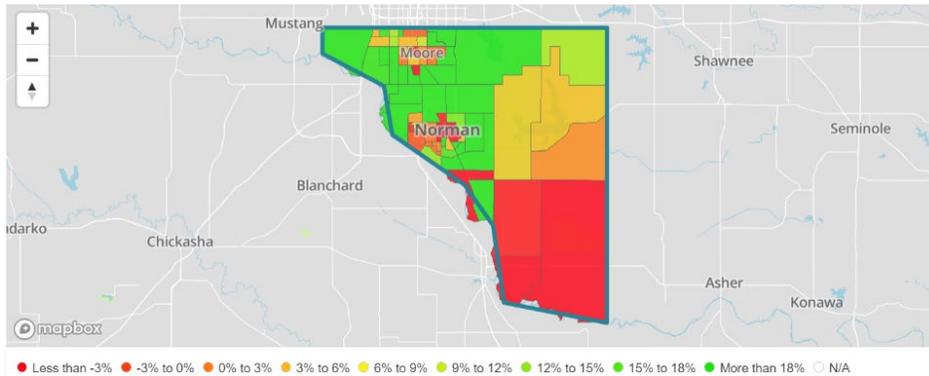


Population Growth and Decline: Crossroads Service Area

In the Crossroads service area, population increases were seen in some of the area, but also slight decline in others.

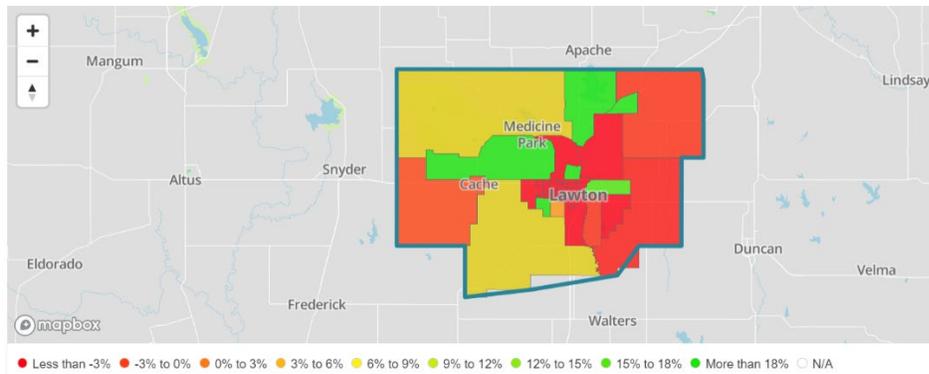
Cleveland

From 2010 to 2020, the population **increased** from 255,755 to 295,528 with persons under 5 representing 5.2% of the population. The expected growth through 2021 is 0.7% increase. Persons under 5, our target population account for 21.2% of the population.



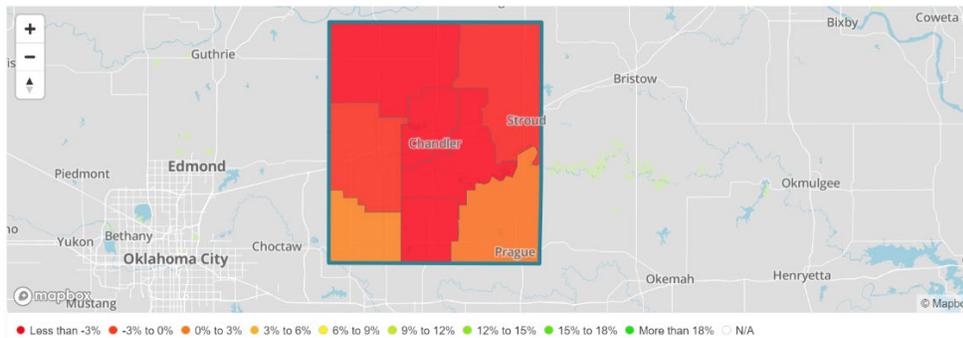
Comanche

From 2010 to 2020, the population **decreased** from 124,098 to 121,125 with persons under 5 representing 6.9% of the population. The expected decline through 2021 is 2.7% decrease. Persons under 18, our target population, account for 23.5% of the population.



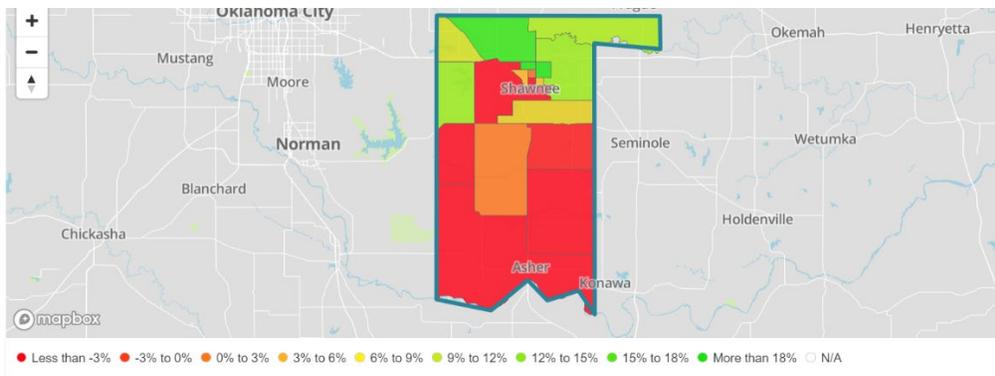
Lincoln

From 2010 to 2020, the population **decreased** from 34,273 to 33,458 with persons under 5 representing 5.7% of the population. The expected growth through 2021 is 0.118% increase. Persons under 18, our target population, account for 23.5% of the population.



Pottawatomie

From 2010 to 2020, the population **increased** from 69,441 to 72,454 with persons under 5 representing 6.0% of the population. The expected growth through 2021 is 0.7% increase. Persons under 18, our target population, account for 23.4% of the population.



Seminole

From 2010 to 2020, the population **decreased** from 24,248 to 25,487 with persons under 5 representing 5.7% of the population. The expected decline through 2021 is 0.5% decrease. Persons under 18, our target population, account for 23.5% of the population.

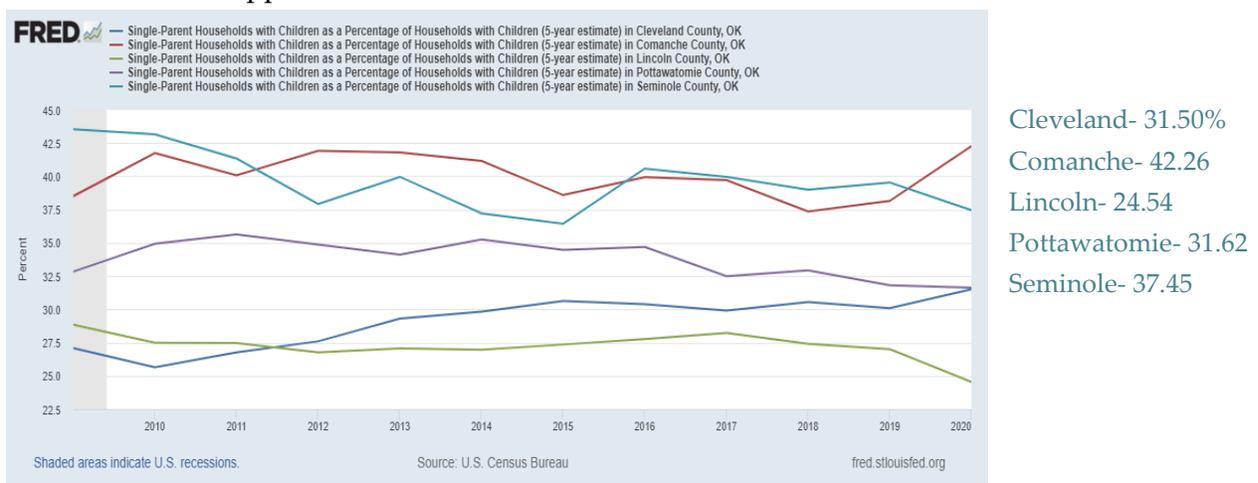
Population by Age: Crossroads Service Area

In the Crossroads service area, population increases were seen in some of the areas, but also slight decline in others.

	Pregnant	2021	2020	2019	Under 5
Cleveland		2,696	2,695	2,810	15,475 (5.2%)
Comanche		1,567	1,708	1,725	8,422 (6.9%)
Lincoln		343	353	372	1,928 (5.7%)
Pottawatomie		871	869	873	4,381 (6.0%)
Seminole		300	268	278	1,484 (6.3%)

Family Structure: Crossroads Service Area

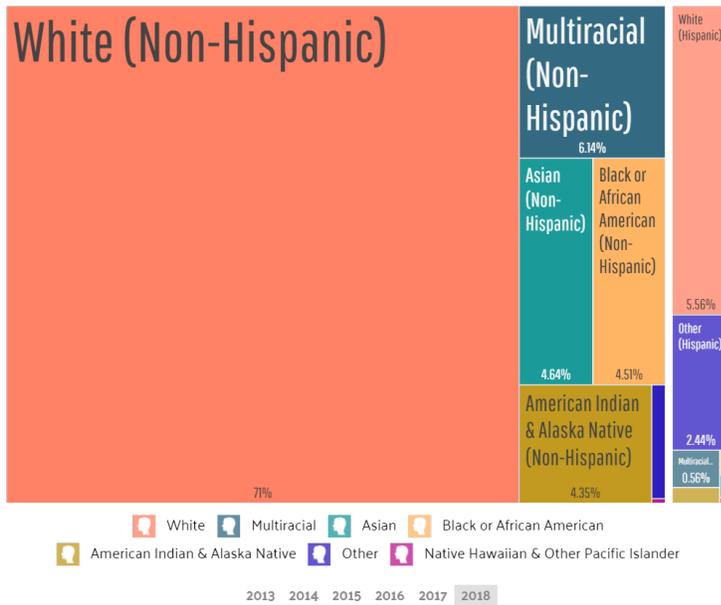
In the Crossroads service area, single parent populations increases were seen in some of the area, but also slight decline in others. This is one indicator of community members that may need additional support.



Population Race and Ethnicity/ Primary Language: Crossroads Service Area

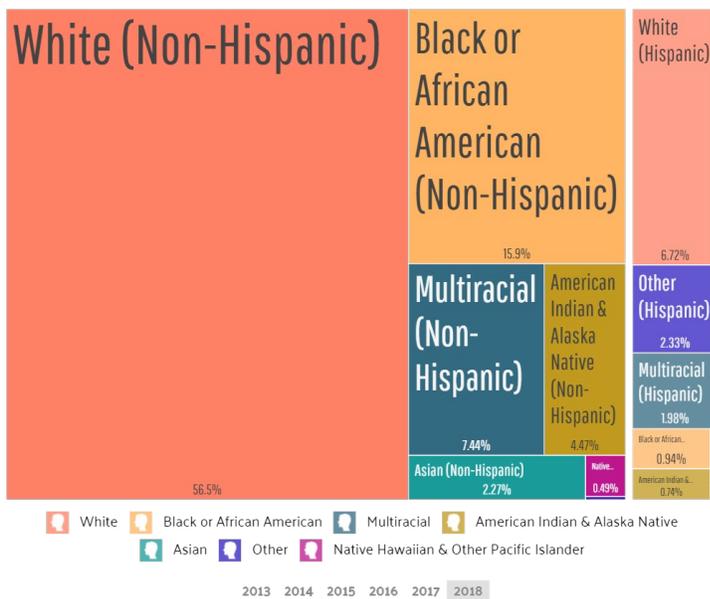
In the Crossroads service area, population increases were seen in some of the area, but also slight decline in others.

Cleveland



Cleveland County is a diverse population. There are some changes in the population in the area with an increase in all race categories including Hispanic increasing by 69.4%, two or more races increasing by 170.9%, Other increasing 96.9%, and Asian and Black increasing considerably by 32.3% and 39.6%.

Comanche

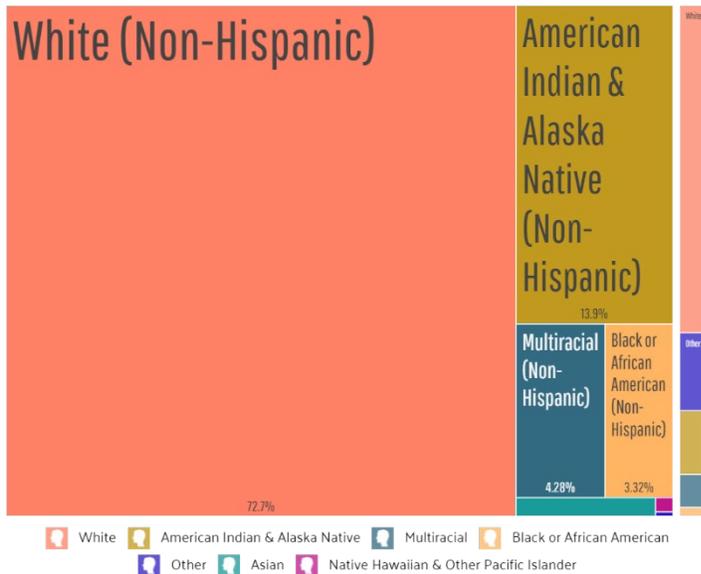


Comanche County is a diverse population. There are some changes in the population in the area with a decrease in white and black populations, but an increase in the Hispanic population by 19.8%. Also, there is an increase in two or more races by 93.5%. Another increase is the Asian and Pacific Islander populations by 13.1% and 27.8%.

Lincoln County

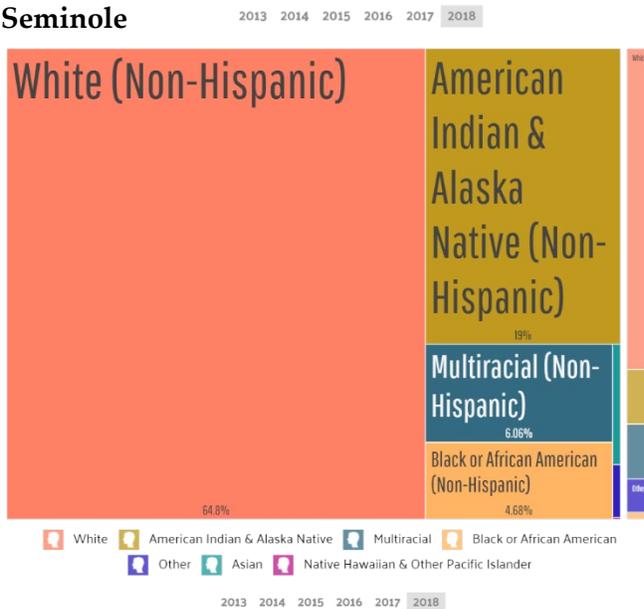
Lincoln County is a diverse population. There are some changes in the population in the area with a decrease in white and black populations, but an increase in the Hispanic population by 19.8%. Also, there is an increase in two or more races by 93.5%. Another increase is the Asian and Pacific Islander populations by 13.1% and 27.8%.

Pottawatomie County



Pottawatomie County is a diverse population located to the east of Oklahoma City. There are some changes in the population in the area with a decrease in white populations, but an increase in the Hispanic population by 49.0%. Also, there are increases in every other race category with two or more races accounting for a 95.3% increase, other increasing 113.6%, and Asian increasing 33.5%.

Seminole



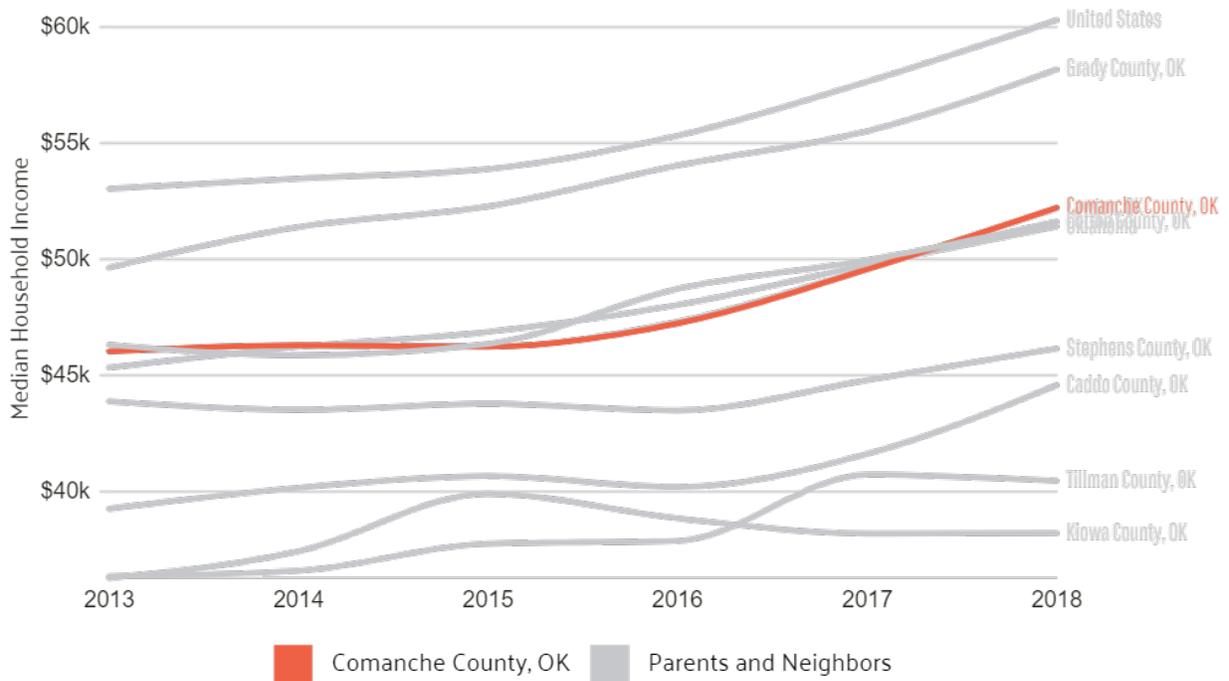
Seminole County is a diverse population located to the east of Oklahoma City. There are some changes in the population in the area with a decrease in white populations, but an increase in the Hispanic population by 30.2%. There is a decrease in each racial category except a steady rate of tribal citizens remained constant. Those with two or more races increased by 68.8%

Employment and Income: Crossroads Service Area

In the Crossroads service area, population increases were seen in some of the area, but also a slight decline in others.

Cleveland

Comanche



Pottawatomie

Seminole

2021 Community Needs Assessment Survey Responses

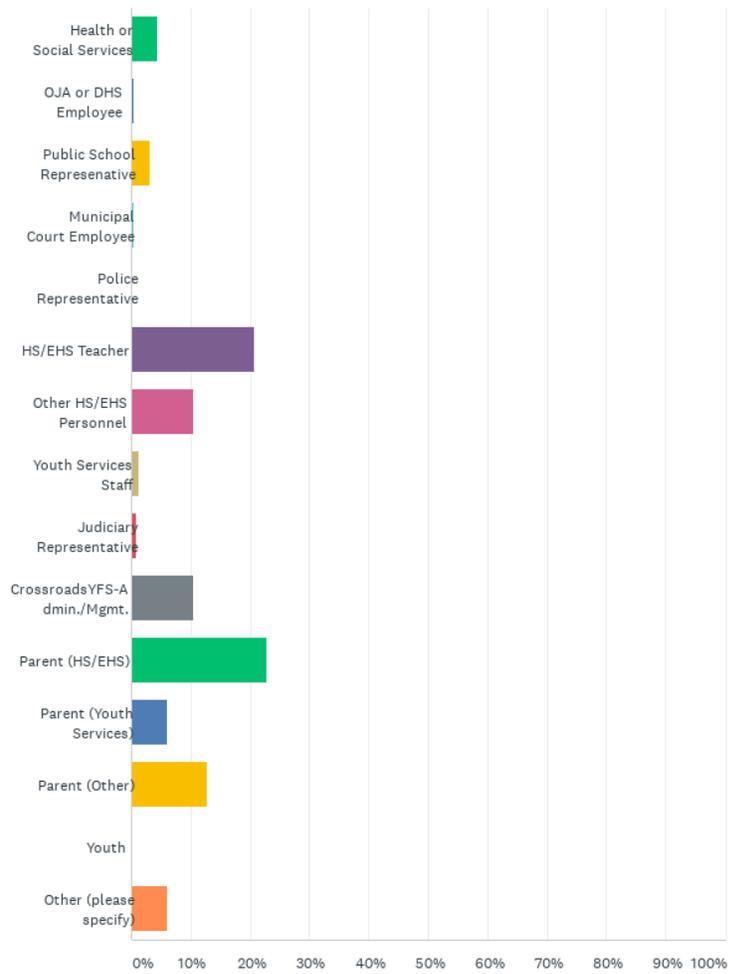
This year's Community Needs Assessment survey is the result of input from a wide range of individuals and groups to Crossroads Youth & Family Services for the purpose of analyzing and improving the services that are offered by the organization. This resulting report also provides an opportunity for the public to receive statistical data on issues that directly affect children, parents and families in Crossroads' service area. Survey results are also used to update the five-year Head Start/Early Head Start Plan and to develop the Strategic Organizational Plan.

Respondents consisted of parents, Crossroads' staff, public school educators, members of the judiciary, staff of Crossroads' funding agencies, and other community partners and leaders throughout Cleveland, Comanche, Pottawatomie, and Seminole Counties. The survey featured questions about the Head Start/Early Head Start program and the Youth Services program, because both facets of the agency work very closely together.

Head Start/Early Head Start

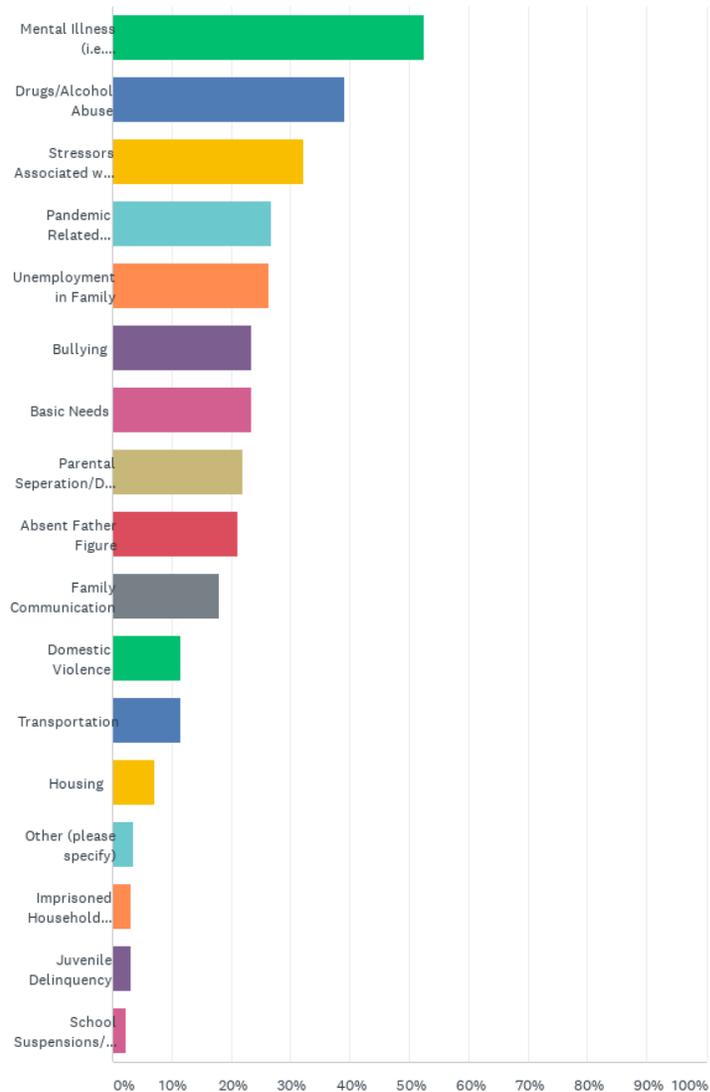
Crossroads' Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) Program sites are located in the following areas: Cleveland County (HS and EHS), Comanche County (HS and EHS), Pottawatomie County (HS and EHS), and Seminole County (EHS only). Towns and cities in which HS and/or EHS are offered include Norman, Moore, Noble, Lawton, Shawnee, Maud, Tecumseh, and Seminole.

Q1 Which category best describes you?



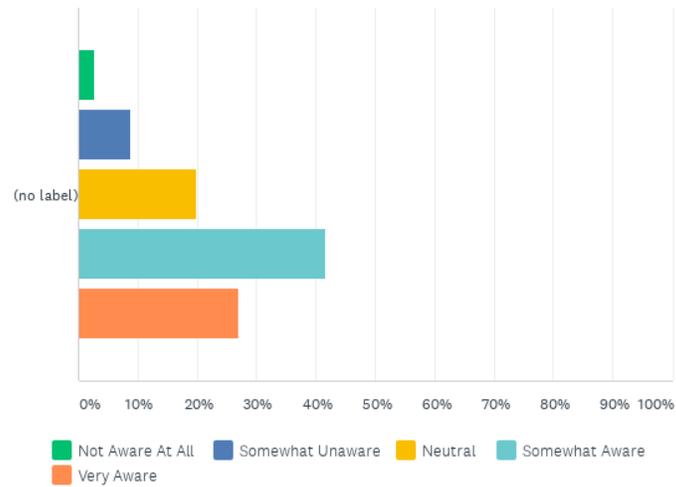
The majority of survey respondents are associated with the Head Start/ Early Head Start program.

Q2 What are the three most important issues facing children and youth in our community today? (check three)



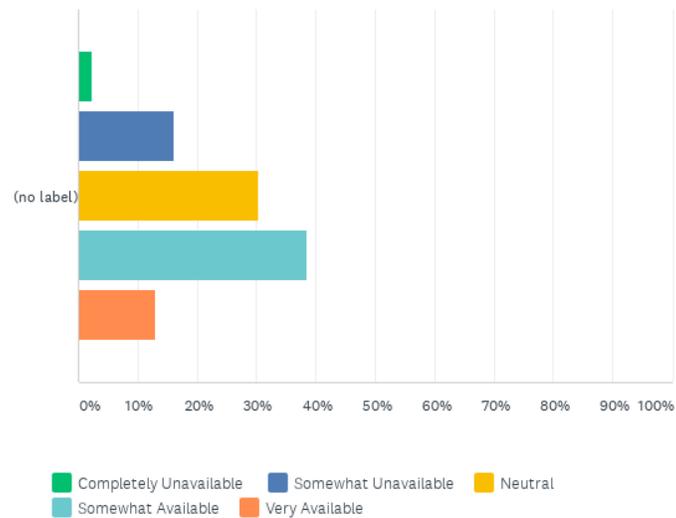
Given a selection of options for issues that affect the community the most, the top three issues relate to mental illness, drugs/ alcohol abuse, and stressors associated with adverse childhood experiences. The next growing concern relates to pandemic related issues such as income, housing, and mental stress.

Q3 How would you rate your awareness of existing resources to address these problems?



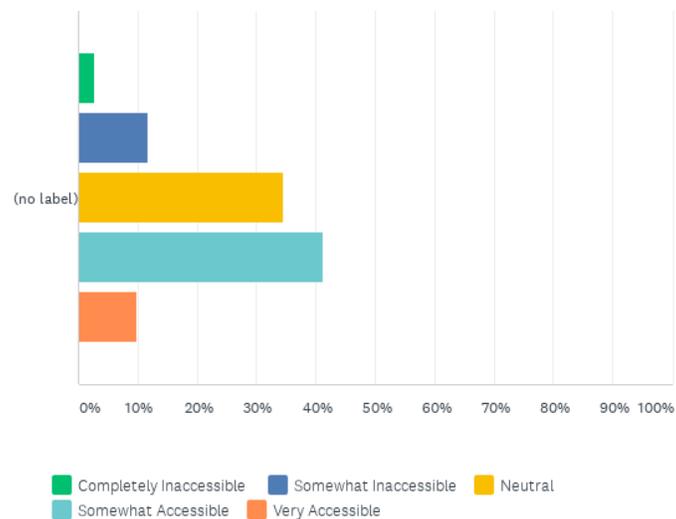
The majority of participants indicate that there is some or extensive awareness of programs available to assist with the above issues highlighted in each community.

Q4 How would you rate the availability of existing resources in your community to address these problems?



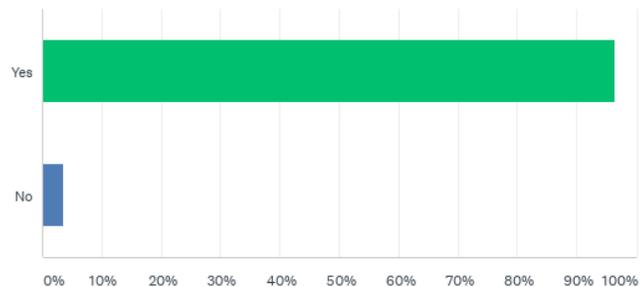
There is a split of roughly 50% of participants considering resources available and 50% stating that resources are not readily available.

Q5 How would you rate the accessibility of existing resources to address these problems?



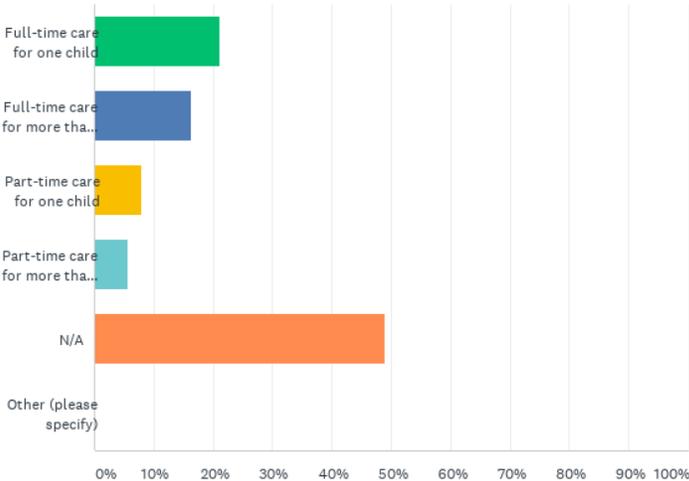
Along with availability, there is an even split regarding the accessibility of resources. As depicted later many respondents indicate the lack of transportation among other barriers to receive needed services.

Q6 Are you aware of Head Start/ Early Head Start services in your community?



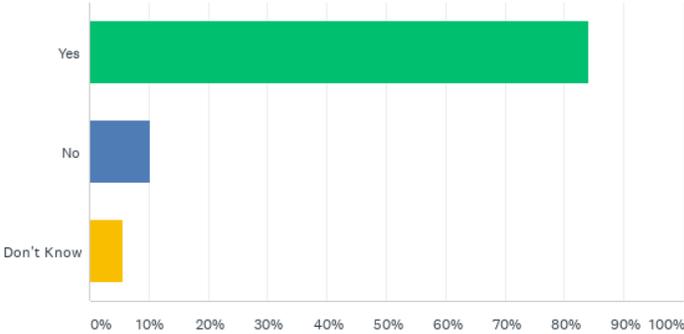
Based on the number of participants participating in the Head Start/ Early Head Start Program, over 90% of respondents know about the services and programs directly associated with Head Start/ Early Head Start in each catchment area.

Q7 If you need childcare and/ or early childhood education for your child(ren), which type of care do you need?



Many of the respondents already participate in Head Start/ Early Head Start. Most need full-time care for their children.

Q8 In your county, do you think there is access to quality early childhood education?

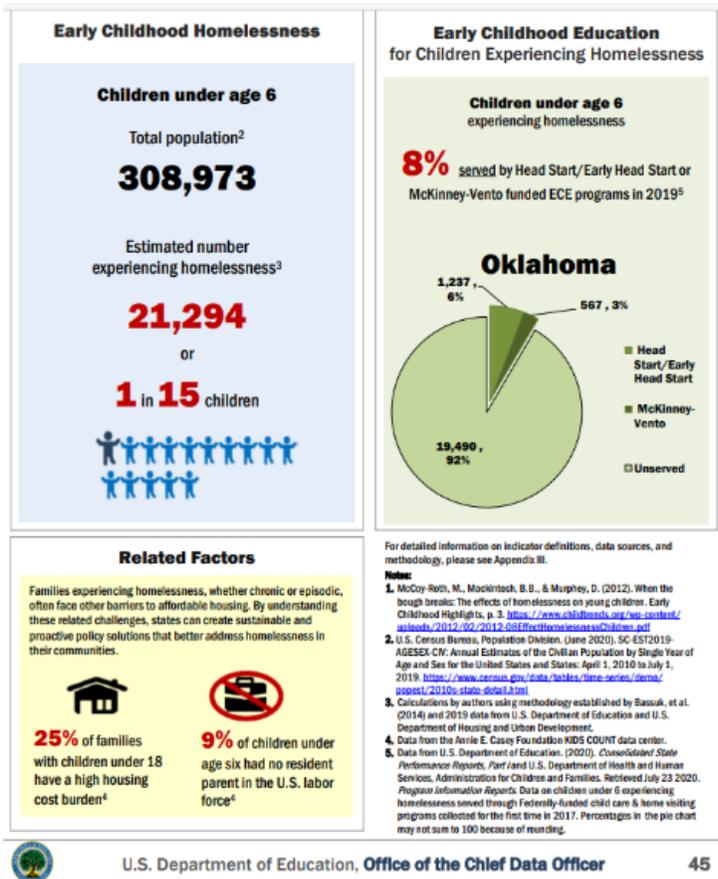


Most participants conclude that there is adequate childcare in each of the counties Crossroads serves.

Head Start/Early Head Start

Crossroads' Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) Program centers are located in the following geographic areas: Cleveland County (HS and EHS), Comanche County (HS and EHS), Pottawatomie County (HS and EHS), and Seminole County (EHS only). Towns and cities in which HS and/or EHS are offered include Norman, Moore, Noble, Lawton, Shawnee, Maud, Tecumseh, and Seminole.

AVAILABILITY OF PUBLICLY-FUNDED PRE-KINDERGARTEN



All school districts in the Crossroads service area were contacted via telephone to determine the availability of publicly-funded Pre-K classes, how the Pre-K programs meet the needs of parents and children served, and whether they are offered full-day or part-day in length. The following results provide a brief overview of the status of Pre-K in the school districts that Crossroads YFS serves.



Cleveland County School Districts: Norman Area

1. Do you offer Pre-K? *Yes*
2. Do you plan to increase availability of your Pre-K program? *Yes*
3. Is this an increase from two years ago? *Yes*
4. Currently, how many children are served? 500 full-day (6+ hours), 360 half-day (3-4 hours)
5. Are you able to serve all four-year-old children in your area? *Yes*
6. Do you have a waiting list? *Yes, all programs except for 2 sites*
7. What is your estimate of how many children under age 5 have younger siblings?
Unknown
8. How do you select the children who participate in your pre-K program? Drawing process, then open enrollment.
9. Do you collaborate with other entities? Head Start Programs, and other community agencies (YMCA, CCFI, CASP, etc.)
10. Does your community need Head Start or Early Head Start slots? Yes. Definitely Early Head Start.
11. Are you aware of Crossroads HS/EHS? Yes

Cleveland County School Districts: Moore

1. Do you offer Pre-K? Yes
2. Do you plan to increase availability of your Pre-K program? No
3. Is this an increase from two years ago? Yes
4. Currently, how many children are served? 841 Part-Day (4 hours)
5. Are you able to serve all four-year-old children in your area? Yes
6. Do you have a waiting list? No
7. What is your estimate of how many children under age 5 have siblings? 420
8. How do you select the children who participate in your pre-K program? On-site enrollment
9. Do you collaborate with other entities? No
10. Does your community need Head Start or Early Head Start slots? No
11. Are you aware of Crossroads HS/EHS? Yes

Cleveland County School Districts: Robin Hill, Noble, Lexington, Little Axe

1. Do you offer Pre-K?

Robin Hill- Yes

Noble- Yes

Lexington- Yes (left voicemail)

Little Axe- Yes

2. Do you plan to increase availability of your Pre-K program?

Robin Hill- Yes

Noble- Yes

Lexington- (no response)

Little Axe- Yes

3. Is this an increase from 2 years ago?

Robin Hill- *Yes*

Noble- *Yes*

Lexington- *(no response)*

Little Axe- *Yes*

4. Currently, how many children are served?

Robin Hill- 58 full-day (6+ hours)

Noble- 150 full-day (6+ hours)

Lexington- (no response)

Little Axe- 80 full-day (6+ hours)

5. Are you able to serve all four-year-old children in your area?

Robin Hill- Yes

Noble- Yes

Lexington-

Little Axe- No

6. Do you have a waiting list?

Robin Hill- Yes, but it is made up of transfers.

Noble- No

Lexington- (no response)

Little Axe- Yes

7. What is your estimate of how many children under age 5 have siblings?

Robin Hill- 45

Noble- Unknown

Lexington- (no response)

Little Axe- Unknown

8. How do you select the children who participate in your pre-K program?

Robin Hill-On-site enrollment. In-district kids first, then order that they apply.

Noble- On-site enrollment

Lexington- (no response)

Little Axe- On-site enrollment

9. Do you collaborate with other entities?

Robin Hill-No

Noble- Head Start for speech services

Lexington- (no response)

Little Axe- Just Crossroads Youth & Family Services.

10. Does your community need more Head Start or Early Head Start slots?

Robin Hill-Yes

Noble- Yes

Lexington- (no response)

Little Axe- Unknown

1. Are you aware of Crossroads HS/EHS?

Robin Hill- Yes

Noble- Yes

Lexington- (no response)

Little Axe- Yes

Comanche County School Districts

1. Do you offer Pre-K?

Lawton-Yes

[Lawton Public Schools did not provide a response to the rest of the questions.]

Pottawatomie County School Districts

1. Do you offer Pre-K?

Shawnee- Yes

Maud- Yes

Tecumseh- Yes

2. Do you plan to increase availability of your Pre-K program?

Shawnee- No

Maud- No

Tecumseh- No

3. Is this an increase from 2 years ago?

Shawnee- No

Maud -Yes

Tecumseh- Yes

4. Currently, how many children are served?

Shawnee- approximately 220 full-day (6+ hours)

Maud -20 full-day (6+ hours)

Tecumseh- 120 full-day (6+ hours)

5. Are you able to serve all 4-year-old children in your area?

Shawnee- Yes

Maud- No

Tecumseh- Yes

6. Do you have a waiting list?

Shawnee- No

Maud- Yes

Tecumseh- No

7. What is your estimate of how many children under age 5 have siblings?

Shawnee- Unknown

Maud- 10

Tecumseh- Unknown

8. How do you select the children who participate in your pre-K program?

Shawnee- Online & on-site enrollment

Maud- On-site enrollment

Tecumseh- On-site enrollment

9. Do you collaborate with other entities? If so, who?

Shawnee- Head Start Special Education Programs.

Maud- Yes. Crossroads Head Start/Early Head Start Centers.

Tecumseh- No

10. Does your community need more Head Start or Early Head Start slots?

Shawnee- Unknown

Maud- Yes

Tecumseh- Unknown

11. Are you aware of Crossroads HS/EHS?

Shawnee- Yes

Maud – Yes

Tecumseh - Yes

Seminole County School Districts

1. Do you offer Pre-K? Yes

2. Do you plan to increase availability of your Pre-K program? Only if there is need.

3. Is this an increase from 2 years ago? Yes

4. Currently, how many children are served? 80 full-day (6+ hours)

5. Are you able to serve all four-year-old children in your area? No

6. Do you have a waiting list? Yes

7. What is your estimate of how many children under age 5 have siblings? Approximately 75

8. How do you select the children who participate in your pre-K program? On-site enrollment. First come, first serve.

9. Do you collaborate with other entities? No. Only if the child has special needs

10. Does your community need more Head Start or Early Head Start slots? Yes

11. Are you aware of Crossroads HS/EHS? Yes

Survey participants were asked to respond to a question concerning their need for full-day care versus part-day Head Start/Early Head Start. The need for a full-day session was indicated by 13.43% of the respondents, while a part-day session was the preference of 1.83% of those responding. The question did not apply to 82.31% of the survey respondents and 2.44% indicated “other” as an answer, with the following comments provided:

- Need a Head Start in Lexington
- Not Sure

This level of need for full-day versus part-day care was significantly increased over last year’s level.