

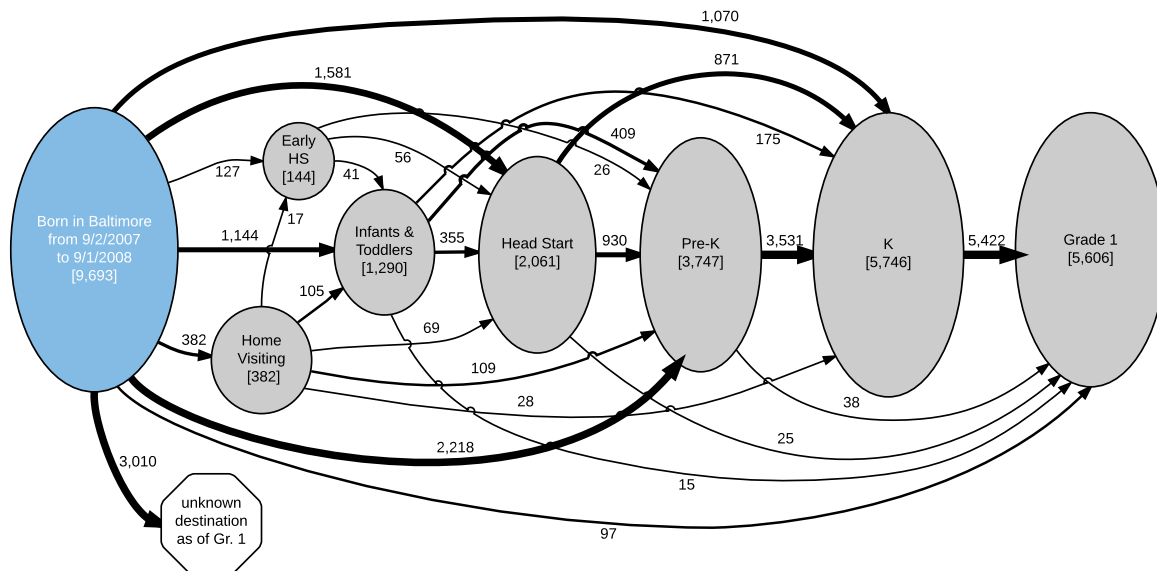
# Baltimore Youth in Publicly Funded Programs

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This brief provides a visual representation of the flow into and out of publicly funded programs for children born to mothers who lived in Baltimore from September 2, 2007 through September 1, 2008. The final program is enrolling in Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools). More about the development of the data collaborative and methodology can be found [here](#). Figure 1 contains the number of students served by each program and the pathways to those programs with weighted arrows reflecting the size of the group taking that pathway.

Figure 1. Flow of children born in Baltimore September 2, 2007 through September 1, 2008 through public programs.



**Not in Any Programs.** Of the 9,693 born that year, almost a third (3,010) were not seen in any of the programs. This may be due to the fact that the family moved out of the City or families may choose to enroll their children in independent private daycare, preschool, and kindergarten and not participate in publicly funded programs.

**Enrolling in City Schools.** Most children enroll in City Schools. That peaks in kindergarten where 59.3% (5,746/9693) of children born in the City enroll. By grade 1, that percent has reduced to reflect 57.8% (5,606/9,693).

**Most Common Pathways.** As seen in the figure the darkest pathways represent larger numbers of children. Pathways for children that represent 1,000 and more children are listed in Table 1. The most common pathway is from City Schools kindergarten to Grade 1 which represents 5,422 children. The next largest pathway represents 3,747 youth and represents moving Pre-K to kindergarten. The third largest represents children born in the City and not seen in any of these programs, a total of 3,010. The next two are for children moving from birth to pre-K (2,218) and Birth to Head Start (1,581). The sixth largest pathway is for children who were born in Baltimore and next appear in the Baltimore Infants and Toddlers program

(BITP). BITP enrollment is initiated with a referral by a pediatrician, parent, or early education staff working in programs, and assessment and determination to be ineligible (not a participants), or eligible (participant). Learn more about BITP [here](#). The final pathway that includes 1,000 or more students is from Birth to kindergarten.

Table 1  
Rank of Common Pathways by Number of Children Following

Pathway Rank by Size	Pathway Direction	Number of Children
1	K to Grade 1	5,422
2	Pre-K to K	3,747
3	Birth to unknown	3,010
4	Birth to Pre-K	2,218
5	Birth to Head Start	1,581
6	Birth to BITP	1,144
7	Birth to K	1,070

This suggests that most children are served through City Schools kindergarten through first grade, which is not surprising as kindergarten is compulsory for all children in Maryland and the natural next progressive step is first grade. Following that is the pathway from Pre-K to kindergarten which represents the growing number of seats offered for Pre-K students in the City. The next pathway was more of a surprise representing children not seen in any later data. The other common pathways represent birth to Head Start, BITP and enrolling directly in kindergarten. We hope that over time and with more funding, we will see more children and families receiving services early in life.

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