



First Children's Finance

CHILD CARE NEEDS SUMMARY

2024

Central Minnesota

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Background Information

This report was prepared by First Children’s Finance through generous funding from the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

This report covers the following geographic area:

MN Economic Development Regions 5, 7E & 7W sorted by county

Central Minnesota Counties:

Benton	Kanabec	Stearns
Cass	Mille Lacs	Todd
Chisago	Morrison	Wadena
Crow Wing	Pine	Wright
Isanti	Sherburne	

Data Sources:

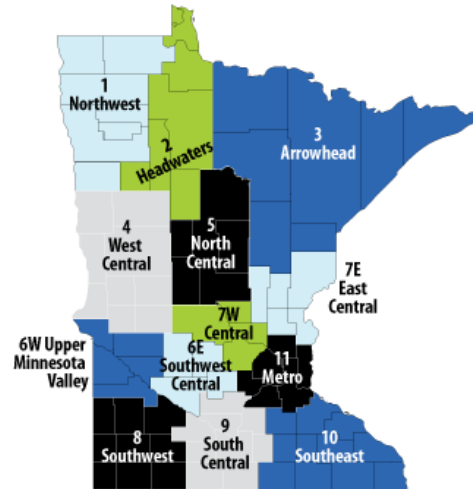
2018–2022 U.S. Census American Community Survey, 5–year estimates
 Minnesota Department of Human Services
 Minnesota Department of Health
 Minnesota Department of Education
 U.S. Postal Service

Assumptions

1. If a zip code falls in more than one city and/or county, data was placed in the primary city and/or county as determined by the U.S. Postal Service.
2. All programs offering less than all day, every-day child care were excluded.
3. Due to lack of publicly available capacity data, all certified and non-certified programs (generally school-based programs) were excluded.
4. Due to lack of publicly available Tribal licensing data, all tribally licensed child care programs are excluded

*Capacity is an internal calculation of First Children’s Finance based upon historical data collection

**Children under 5 is an adjusted calculation from 2018–2022 U.S. Census American Community Survey, 5–year estimates





Central Minnesota Child Care Needs Summary by County

June 2024

Totals:

Child Care Centers	CCC Capacity	Family Child Care	FCC Capacity	Total Capacity	Capacity*	Under '6' Working	Children Under 5**	Child Care Need
130	11,020	1,173	13,901	24,921	21,183	43,821	37,248	(16,065)

Zip Code	City	County	CCC #	CCC Capacity	FCC #	FCC Capacity	Total Capacity	Capacity*	Under '6' Working	Children Under 5**	Child Care Need
56329	Foley	Benton	2	160	26	306	466	396	679	577	-181
56357	Oak Park	Benton	0	0	6	72	72	61	84	71	-10
56367	Rice	Benton	0	0	27	316	316	269	501	426	-157
56379	Sauk Rapids	Benton	0	0	46	538	538	457	1085	922	-465
56435	Backus	Cass	0	0	3	34	34	29	117	99	-71
56626	Bena	Cass	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	-3
56633	Cass Lake	Cass	0	0	5	60	60	51	397	337	-286
56641	Federal Dam	Cass	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	25	-25
56452	Hackensack	Cass	0	0	1	10	10	9	18	15	-7
56655	Longville	Cass	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	37	-37
56662	Outing	Cass	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	20	-20
56473	Pillager	Cass	3	140	3	32	172	146	123	105	42
56474	Pine River	Cass	1	67	3	36	103	88	201	171	-83
56672	Remer	Cass	0	0	2	26	26	22	64	54	-32
55785	Swatara	Cass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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56484	Walker	Cass	0	0	8	96	96	82	102	87	-5
55012	Center City	Chisago	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	60	-60
55013	Chisago City	Chisago	2	183	3	36	219	186	480	408	-222
55032	Harris	Chisago	0	0	5	62	62	53	138	117	-65
55045	Lindstrom	Chisago	0	0	7	88	88	75	531	451	-377
55056	North Branch	Chisago	2	179	19	232	411	349	503	428	-78
55069	Rush City	Chisago	0	0	9	124	124	105	194	165	-60
55074	Shafer	Chisago	0	0	2	26	26	22	132	112	-90
55079	Stacy	Chisago	0	0	3	42	42	36	435	370	-334
55084	Taylors Falls	Chisago	0	0	1	10	10	9	72	61	-53
55092	Wyoming	Chisago	6	400	11	142	542	461	373	317	144
56425	Baxter	Crow Wing	1	74	11	138	212	180	332	282	-102
56401	Brainerd	Crow Wing	8	593	41	496	1089	926	1919	1631	-706
56441	Crosby	Crow Wing	0	0	3	32	32	27	65	55	-28
56442	Crosslake	Crow Wing	2	114	1	14	128	109	55	47	62
56444	Deerwood	Crow Wing	0	0	4	44	44	37	125	106	-69
56447	Emily	Crow Wing	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	17	-17
56448	Fifty Lakes	Crow Wing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56449	Fort Ripley	Crow Wing	0	0	3	32	32	27	107	91	-64
56450	Garrison	Crow Wing	0	0	2	21	21	18	23	20	-2
56455	Ironton	Crow Wing	0	0	4	46	46	39	71	60	-21
56465	Merrifield	Crow Wing	0	0	4	48	48	41	77	65	-25
56468	Nisswa	Crow Wing	1	66	3	36	102	87	178	151	-65
56472	Pequot Lakes	Crow Wing	3	216	7	80	296	252	492	418	-167
55006	Braham	Isanti	0	0	4	50	50	43	154	131	-88

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55008	Cambridge	Isanti	4	262	13	148	410	349	686	583	-235
55017	Dalbo	Isanti	0	0	1	12	12	10	52	44	-34
55029	Grandy	Isanti	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	16	-16
55040	Isanti	Isanti	3	303	12	138	441	375	804	683	-309
55080	Stanchfield	Isanti	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	94	-94
55051	Mora	Kanabec	2	72	15	196	268	228	343	292	-64
56358	Ogilvie	Kanabec	0	0	4	48	48	41	141	120	-79
56313	Bock	Mille Lacs	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	-3
56330	Foreston	Mille Lacs	0	0	3	32	32	27	111	94	-67
56342	Isle	Mille Lacs	0	0	3	34	34	29	82	70	-41
56353	Milaca	Mille Lacs	1	129	14	164	293	249	551	468	-219
56359	Onamia	Mille Lacs	1	59	1	12	71	60	190	162	-101
56363	Pease	Mille Lacs	0	0	1	12	12	10	10	9	2
55371	Princeton	Mille Lacs	3	285	21	242	527	448	924	785	-337
56386	Wahkon	Mille Lacs	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	14	-14
56314	Bowlus	Morrison	0	0	1	12	12	10	41	35	-25
56443	Cushing	Morrison	0	0	2	26	26	22	44	37	-15
56328	Flensburg	Morrison	0	0	1	10	10	9	13	11	-3
56338	Hillman	Morrison	0	0	1	12	12	10	55	47	-37
56345	Little Falls	Morrison	1	69	29	328	397	337	829	705	-367
56466	Motley	Morrison	0	0	5	58	58	49	99	84	-35
56364	Pierz	Morrison	0	0	20	234	234	199	358	304	-105
56475	Randall	Morrison	0	0	7	86	86	73	117	99	-26
56373	Royalton	Morrison	0	0	11	132	132	112	152	129	-17
56382	Swanville	Morrison	0	0	3	34	34	29	65	55	-26

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56384	Upsala	Morrison	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	13	-13
55704	Askov	Pine	0	0	2	24	24	20	48	41	-20
55007	Brook Park	Pine	0	0	2	24	24	20	63	54	-33
55712	Bruno	Pine	0	0	1	14	14	12	2	2	10
55735	Finlayson	Pine	0	0	1	14	14	12	73	62	-50
55030	Grasston	Pine	0	0	1	14	14	12	102	87	-75
55036	Henriette	Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55037	Hinckley	Pine	1	15	3	36	51	43	200	170	-127
55756	Kerrick	Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	-8
55063	Pine City	Pine	3	208	19	232	440	374	425	361	13
55072	Sandstone	Pine	2	120	1	14	134	114	116	99	15
55783	Sturgeon Lake	Pine	0	0	3	36	36	31	106	90	-60
55795	Willow River	Pine	0	0	2	28	28	24	83	71	-47
55308	Becker	Sherburne	1	148	23	265	413	351	616	524	-173
55309	Big Lake	Sherburne	1	120	32	370	490	417	1313	1116	-700
55319	Clear Lake	Sherburne	0	0	6	74	74	63	440	374	-311
55330	Elk River	Sherburne	8	1074	62	740	1814	1542	2617	2224	-683
56304	Saint Cloud	Sherburne	4	250	13	145	395	336	948	806	-470
55398	Zimmerman	Sherburne	4	286	37	436	722	614	1218	1035	-422
56307	Albany	Stearns	2	71	13	156	227	193	294	250	-57
56310	Avon	Stearns	1	32	20	236	268	228	268	228	0
56312	Belgrade	Stearns	0	0	6	70	70	60	184	156	-97
56316	Brooten	Stearns	1	40	1	14	54	46	75	64	-18
56320	Cold Spring	Stearns	3	162	16	186	348	296	607	516	-220
56321	Collegetville	Stearns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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56325	Elrosa	Stearns	0	0	2	22	22	19	11	9	9
56331	Freeport	Stearns	1	50	10	124	174	148	260	221	-73
56335	Greenwald	Stearns	0	0	1	12	12	10	22	19	-9
56340	Holdingford	Stearns	0	0	14	164	164	139	157	133	6
55353	Kimball	Stearns	0	0	1	12	12	10	161	137	-127
56352	Melrose	Stearns	2	101	17	202	303	258	499	424	-167
56356	New Munich	Stearns	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	27	-27
56362	Paynesville	Stearns	0	0	11	126	126	107	314	267	-160
56368	Richmond	Stearns	4	211	8	92	303	258	214	182	76
56369	Rockville	Stearns	2	59	0	0	59	50	51	43	7
56371	Roscoe	Stearns	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	-9
56301	Saint Cloud	Stearns	10	791	24	288	1079	917	2191	1862	-945
56303	Saint Cloud	Stearns	6	506	24	290	796	677	1508	1282	-605
56374	Saint Joseph	Stearns	1	163	17	212	375	319	407	346	-27
56376	Saint Martin	Stearns	0	0	2	22	22	19	15	13	6
56375	Saint Stephen	Stearns	0	0	1	12	12	10	47	40	-30
56377	Sartell	Stearns	3	438	46	554	992	843	1522	1294	-451
56378	Sauk Centre	Stearns	1	67	21	246	313	266	503	428	-162
56387	Waite Park	Stearns	0	0	7	86	86	73	369	314	-241
56437	Bertha	Todd	1	12	2	20	32	27	52	44	-17
56438	Browerville	Todd	0	0	7	86	86	73	137	116	-43
56318	Burtrum	Todd	0	0	2	22	22	19	30	26	-7
56440	Clarissa	Todd	0	0	2	22	22	19	69	59	-40
56446	Eagle Bend	Todd	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	77	-77
56336	Grey Eagle	Todd	0	0	3	34	34	29	70	60	-31

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56453	Hewitt	Todd	0	0	2	22	22	19	34	29	-10
56347	Long Prairie	Todd	0	0	13	156	156	133	387	329	-196
56389	West Union	Todd	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1
56434	Aldrich	Wadena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56464	Menahga	Wadena	0	0	3	36	36	31	218	185	-155
56477	Sebeka	Wadena	0	0	4	44	44	37	108	92	-54
56479	Staples	Wadena	1	49	5	60	109	93	231	196	-104
56481	Verndale	Wadena	1	102	3	36	138	117	92	78	39
56482	Wadena	Wadena	1	49	15	178	227	193	462	393	-200
55301	Albertville	Wright	3	524	23	270	794	675	670	570	105
55302	Annandale	Wright	2	201	7	82	283	241	435	370	-129
55313	Buffalo	Wright	2	579	26	302	881	749	1236	1051	-302
55320	Clearwater	Wright	0	0	11	126	126	107	388	330	-223
55321	Cokato	Wright	1	35	3	38	73	62	224	190	-128
55328	Delano	Wright	1	151	8	90	241	205	709	603	-398
55341	Hanover	Wright	1	60	5	58	118	100	288	245	-145
55349	Howard Lake	Wright	0	0	6	72	72	61	196	167	-105
55358	Maple Lake	Wright	0	0	8	92	92	78	317	269	-191
55362	Monticello	Wright	2	166	39	458	624	530	1314	1117	-587
55363	Montrose	Wright	1	48	6	68	116	99	362	308	-209
55373	Rockford	Wright	2	145	6	72	217	184	185	157	27
55376	Saint Michael	Wright	4	616	34	394	1010	859	1291	1097	-239

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55382	South Haven	Wright	0	0	8	96	96	82	139	118	-37
55390	Waverly	Wright	0	0	7	80	80	68	137	116	-48
Totals			130	11,020	1,173	13,901	24,921	21,183	43,821	37,248	(16,065)