



First Children's Finance

CHILD CARE NEEDS SUMMARY

2024

Northeast 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:

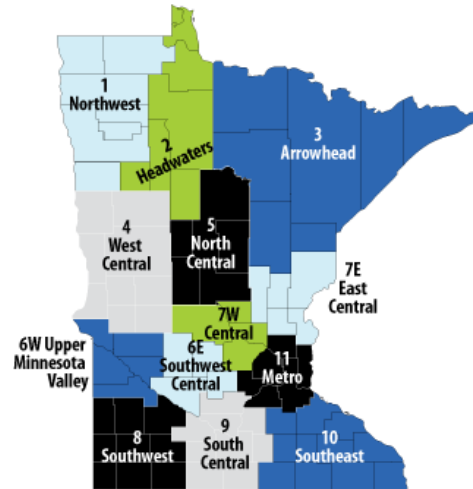
MN Economic Development Region 3 sorted by county

Northeast Minnesota Counties:

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| Aitkin | Koochiching |
| Carlton | Lake |
| Cook | St. Louis |
| Itasca | |

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



Northeast 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
65	4,757	267	3,213	7,970	6,775	12,791	10,872	(4,098)

Zip Code	City	County	CCC #	CCC Capacity	FCC #	FCC Capacity	Total Capacity	Capacity*	Under '6' Working	Children Under 5**	Child Care Need
56431	Aitkin	Aitkin	1	50	12	148	198	168	221	188	-20
55748	Hill City	Aitkin	0	0	5	58	58	49	42	36	14
56350	Mc Grath	Aitkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	-9
55760	Mcgregor	Aitkin	0	0	5	62	62	53	138	117	-65
56469	Palisade	Aitkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	14	-14
55787	Tamarack	Aitkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10	-10
55707	Barnum	Carlton	1	80	1	14	94	80	171	145	-65
55718	Carlton	Carlton	0	0	2	26	26	22	205	174	-152
55720	Cloquet	Carlton	6	264	23	282	546	464	907	771	-307
55726	Cromwell	Carlton	0	0	1	14	14	12	41	35	-23
55733	Esko	Carlton	2	171	7	82	253	215	183	156	60
55749	Holyoke	Carlton	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	14	-14
55757	Kettle River	Carlton	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	20	-20
55767	Moose Lake	Carlton	0	0	1	14	14	12	137	116	-105
55780	Sawyer	Carlton	0	0	1	10	10	9	9	8	1

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55797	Wrenshall	Carlton	0	0	3	38	38	32	41	35	-3
55798	Wright	Carlton	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	24	-24
55604	Grand Marais	Cook	1	42	4	50	92	78	151	128	-50
55605	Grand Portage	Cook	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	27	-27
55606	Hovland	Cook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55612	Lutsen	Cook	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	19	-19
55613	Schroeder	Cook	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	-9
55615	Tofte	Cook	0	0	1	14	14	12	40	34	-22
56628	Bigfork	Itasca	0	0	2	26	26	22	29	25	-3
55709	Bovey	Itasca	0	0	10	110	110	94	70	60	34
55716	Calumet	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	16	-16
55721	Cohasset	Itasca	1	84	2	22	106	90	342	291	-201
55722	Coleraine	Itasca	0	0	2	24	24	20	0	0	20
56636	Deer River	Itasca	1	132	2	26	158	134	202	172	-37
56639	Effie	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	-6
55742	Goodland	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	-4
55744	Grand Rapids	Itasca	4	282	36	423	705	599	657	558	41
55752	Jacobson	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55753	Keewatin	Itasca	1	34	0	0	34	29	72	61	-32
55764	Marble	Itasca	0	0	1	14	14	12	23	20	-8
56657	Marcell	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56659	Max	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55769	Nashwauk	Itasca	1	12	3	36	48	41	118	100	-60
55775	Pengilly	Itasca	0	0	1	12	12	10	19	16	-6
56680	Spring Lake	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	-7

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56681	Squaw Lake	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1
55784	Swan River	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	-2
55786	Taconite	Itasca	1	62	1	12	74	63	10	9	54
56637	Talmoon	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55793	Warba	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	28	-28
56688	Wirt	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	-8
56627	Big Falls	Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	-2
56629	Birchdale	Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	11	-11
56649	International Falls	Koochiching	1	53	15	180	233	198	391	332	-134
56669	Kabetogama	Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	-3
56653	Littlefork	Koochiching	0	0	3	38	38	32	40	34	-2
56654	Loman	Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56658	Margie	Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56660	Mizpah	Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	13	-13
56661	Northome	Koochiching	0	0	2	20	20	17	27	23	-6
56668	Ranier	Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	-3
55601	Beaver Bay	Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	-3
55603	Finland	Lake	0	0	1	14	14	12	11	9	3
55607	Isabella	Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55609	Knife River	Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55614	Silver Bay	Lake	1	52	1	12	64	54	139	118	-64
55616	Two Harbors	Lake	1	62	8	86	148	126	288	245	-119
55702	Alborn	Saint Louis	0	0	1	10	10	9	11	9	-1
55703	Angora	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	13	-13

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55705	Aurora	Saint Louis	0	0	1	14	14	12	65	55	-43
55706	Babbitt	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	48	-48
55708	Biwabik	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	35	-35
55602	Brimson	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55710	Britt	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	-6
55711	Brookston	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	21	-21
55713	Buhl	Saint Louis	0	0	1	12	12	10	45	38	-28
55717	Canyon	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	-4
55719	Chisholm	Saint Louis	1	30	6	68	98	83	218	185	-102
55723	Cook	Saint Louis	1	24	2	26	50	43	87	74	-31
55724	Cotton	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	31	-31
55725	Crane Lake	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1
55802	Duluth	Saint Louis	0	0	1	12	12	10	22	19	-9
55803	Duluth	Saint Louis	4	382	9	110	492	418	578	491	-73
55804	Duluth	Saint Louis	2	174	16	196	370	315	761	647	-332
55805	Duluth	Saint Louis	4	389	0	0	389	331	533	453	-122
55806	Duluth	Saint Louis	3	191	5	64	255	217	472	401	-184
55807	Duluth	Saint Louis	2	72	9	104	176	150	464	394	-245
55808	Duluth	Saint Louis	0	0	2	22	22	19	149	127	-108
55810	Duluth	Saint Louis	0	0	8	100	100	85	407	346	-261
55811	Duluth	Saint Louis	14	1205	18	220	1425	1211	1466	1246	-35
55812	Duluth	Saint Louis	2	66	1	12	78	66	386	328	-262
55814	Duluth	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55731	Ely	Saint Louis	0	0	3	36	36	31	60	51	-20
55732	Embarrass	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	41	-41

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55734	Eveleth	Saint Louis	1	140	6	72	212	180	286	243	-63
55736	Floodwood	Saint Louis	0	0	1	14	14	12	24	20	-9
55738	Forbes	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	16	-16
55741	Gilbert	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	70	-70
55746	Hibbing	Saint Louis	4	348	11	130	478	406	637	541	-135
55750	Hoyt Lakes	Saint Louis	0	0	1	12	12	10	52	44	-34
55751	Iron	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	39	-39
55758	Kinney	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	-4
55763	Makinen	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	-7
55765	Meadowlands	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	-9
55768	Mountain Iron	Saint Louis	1	90	1	12	102	87	57	48	38
55772	Nett Lake	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	-4
55771	Orr	Saint Louis	0	0	1	14	14	12	47	40	-28
55779	Saginaw	Saint Louis	0	0	2	24	24	20	196	167	-146
55781	Side Lake	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	12	-12
55782	Soudan	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10	-10
55790	Tower	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	57	-57
55792	Virginia	Saint Louis	3	266	4	48	314	267	242	206	61
55796	Winton	Saint Louis	0	0	1	14	14	12	1	1	11
Totals			65	4,757	267	3,213	7,970	6,775	12,791	10,872	(4,098)