



**First Children's Finance**

# CHILD CARE NEEDS SUMMARY

**2024**

**West 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:

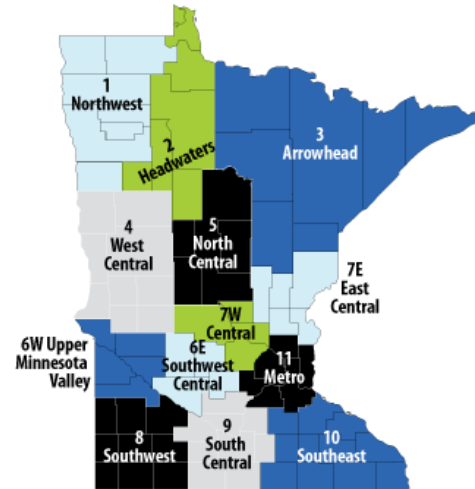
MN Economic Development Region 4 sorted by county

### West Central Minnesota Counties:

Becker	Grant	Stevens
Clay	Otter Tail	Traverse
Douglas	Pope	Wilkin

### 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



# West 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
28	1,844	485	5,850	7,694	6,540	13,063	11,104	(4,565)

Zip Code	City	County	CCC #	CCC Capacity	FCC #	FCC Capacity	Total Capacity	Capacity*	Under '6' Working	Children Under 5**	Child Care Need
56511	Audubon	Becker	0	0	4	50	50	43	60	51	-9
56521	Callaway	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	20	-20
56501	Detroit Lakes	Becker	3	115	37	462	577	490	947	805	-315
56544	Frazee	Becker	0	0	11	138	138	117	273	232	-115
56554	Lake Park	Becker	0	0	5	62	62	53	185	157	-105
56569	Ogema	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	82	-82
56570	Osage	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	41	-41
56575	Ponsford	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	14	-14
56578	Rochert	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	-3
56589	Waubun	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	67	-67
56591	White Earth	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	59	-59
56514	Barnesville	Clay	1	62	14	168	230	196	281	239	-43
56525	Comstock	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	-3
56529	Dilworth	Clay	4	269	11	136	405	344	104	88	256
56536	Felton	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	28	-28

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56546	Georgetown	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	-9
56547	Glyndon	Clay	0	0	3	32	32	27	213	181	-154
56549	Hawley	Clay	0	0	19	218	218	185	384	326	-141
56552	Hitterdal	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	79	-79
56560	Moorhead	Clay	7	652	83	970	1622	1379	2937	2496	-1118
56562	Moorhead	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56563	Moorhead	Clay	1	74	0	0	74	63	0	0	63
56580	Sabin	Clay	0	0	2	22	22	19	113	96	-77
56585	Ulen	Clay	0	0	1	12	12	10	26	22	-12
56308	Alexandria	Douglas	4	329	62	814	1143	972	1538	1307	-336
56315	Brandon	Douglas	0	0	6	80	80	68	161	137	-69
56319	Carlos	Douglas	0	0	3	42	42	36	66	56	-20
56326	Evansville	Douglas	0	0	3	38	38	32	72	61	-29
56327	Farwell	Douglas	0	0	1	12	12	10	58	49	-39
56332	Garfield	Douglas	0	0	3	40	40	34	133	113	-79
56343	Kensington	Douglas	0	0	1	14	14	12	36	31	-19
56354	Miltona	Douglas	0	0	3	38	38	32	66	56	-24
56355	Nelson	Douglas	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	60	-60
56360	Osakis	Douglas	0	0	7	90	90	77	157	133	-57
56309	Ashby	Grant	0	0	2	24	24	20	129	110	-89
56311	Barrett	Grant	0	0	2	22	22	19	32	27	-9
56531	Elbow Lake	Grant	0	0	6	65	65	55	110	94	-38
56248	Herman	Grant	0	0	2	24	24	20	23	20	1
56339	Hoffman	Grant	0	0	3	36	36	31	56	48	-17

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56274	Norcross	Grant	0	0	2	22	22	19	20	17	2
56590	Wendell	Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	14	-14
56515	Battle Lake	Otter Tail	1	46	1	12	58	49	105	89	-40
56518	Bluffton	Otter Tail	0	0	2	22	22	19	29	25	-6
56524	Clitherall	Otter Tail	0	0	1	12	12	10	10	9	2
56324	Dalton	Otter Tail	0	0	3	34	34	29	41	35	-6
56527	Deer Creek	Otter Tail	0	0	2	24	24	20	57	48	-28
56528	Dent	Otter Tail	0	0	1	6	6	5	56	48	-43
56533	Elizabeth	Otter Tail	0	0	2	24	24	20	20	17	3
56534	Erhard	Otter Tail	0	0	1	12	12	10	53	45	-35
56537	Fergus Falls	Otter Tail	1	82	45	529	611	519	1060	901	-382
56551	Henning	Otter Tail	0	0	7	82	82	70	97	82	-13
56567	New York Mills	Otter Tail	0	0	9	102	102	87	213	181	-94
56571	Ottertail	Otter Tail	0	0	2	24	24	20	75	64	-43
56361	Parkers Prairie	Otter Tail	1	20	1	14	34	29	138	117	-88
56572	Pelican Rapids	Otter Tail	0	0	10	114	114	97	338	287	-190
56573	Perham	Otter Tail	1	42	28	336	378	321	477	405	-84
56576	Richville	Otter Tail	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	25	-25
56586	Underwood	Otter Tail	0	0	3	38	38	32	71	60	-28
56587	Vergas	Otter Tail	0	0	1	12	12	10	43	37	-26
56588	Vining	Otter Tail	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	-9
56323	Cyrus	Pope	0	0	1	10	10	9	27	23	-14
56334	Glenwood	Pope	0	0	11	126	126	107	269	229	-122
56349	Lowry	Pope	0	0	3	34	34	29	33	28	1
56381	Starbuck	Pope	2	69	2	24	93	79	129	110	-31

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56385	Villard	Pope	0	0	2	24	24	20	49	42	-21
56207	Alberta	Stevens	0	0	1	12	12	10	15	13	-3
56221	Chokio	Stevens	0	0	3	36	36	31	33	28	3
56235	Donnelly	Stevens	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	15	-15
56244	Hancock	Stevens	0	0	3	36	36	31	62	53	-22
56267	Morris	Stevens	1	62	16	192	254	216	310	264	-48
56219	Browns Valley	Traverse	0	0	1	12	12	10	46	39	-29
56236	Dumont	Traverse	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	30	-30
56583	Tintah	Traverse	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	-6
56296	Wheaton	Traverse	0	0	7	80	80	68	76	65	3
56520	Breckenridge	Wilkin	0	0	15	178	178	151	146	124	27
56522	Campbell	Wilkin	0	0	1	12	12	10	11	9	1
56543	Foxhome	Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10	-10
56553	Kent	Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	-8
56565	Nashua	Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	-2
56579	Rothsay	Wilkin	1	22	4	46	68	58	85	72	-14
56594	Wolverton	Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	21	-21
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