

A photograph of two young children sitting on a wooden floor in a playroom. The child on the left is a girl with dark hair, wearing a blue and white striped long-sleeved shirt and a red skirt with white polka dots. She is holding a small white toy. The child on the right is a boy with light hair, wearing a green long-sleeved shirt and blue pants. He is holding a large, colorful stuffed animal. In the background, there are various wooden toys, including a rocking horse and a wooden structure with a blue top. The image is partially obscured by a large blue diagonal shape on the left and bottom right.

# CHILD CARE NEEDS SUMMARY

West Central Minnesota

2023

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# Background Information

This report was prepared by First Children’s Finance through generous funding from the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

## This report covers the following geographic area:

MN Economic Development Region 4 sorted by county

### West Central Minnesota Counties:

Becker	Pope
Clay	Stevens
Douglas	Traverse
Grant	Wilkin
Otter Tail	

### Data Sources:

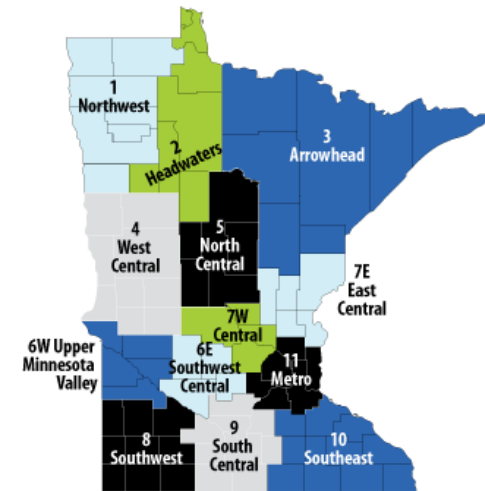
2017–2021 U.S. Census American Community Survey, 5–year estimates  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
Minnesota Department of Health  
Minnesota Department of Education  
U.S. Postal Service

### 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.

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

\*\* Children under 5 is an adjusted calculation from 2017–2021 U.S. Census American Community Survey, 5–year estimates



# West Central Minnesota Child Care Need Summary by County

June 2023

## Totals:

Child Care Centers	CCC Capacity	Family Child Care	FCC Capacity	Total Capacity	Capacity*	Under '6' Working	Children Under 5**	Child Care Need
29	1,999	475	5,724	7,723	6,565	13,061	11,102	(4,537)

Zip Code	City	County	CCC #	CCC Capacity	FCC #	FCC Capacity	Total Capacity	Capacity*	Under '6' Working	Children Under 5**	Child Care Need
56501	Detroit Lakes	Becker	3	115	38	464	579	492	881	749	-257
56502	Detroit Lakes	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56511	Audubon	Becker	0	0	4	50	50	43	60	51	-9
56521	Callaway	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	20	-20
56544	Frazee	Becker	0	0	11	138	138	117	229	195	-77
56554	Lake Park	Becker	0	0	4	48	48	41	195	166	-125
56569	Ogema	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	77	-77
56570	Osage	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	52	-52
56575	Ponsford	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	17	-17
56577	Richwood	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56578	Rochert	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	-3
56589	Waubun	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	80	-80
56591	White Earth	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	60	-60
56593	Wolf Lake	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56514	Barnesville	Clay	1	62	13	162	224	190	293	249	-59
56525	Comstock	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	-3

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<b>56529</b>	Dilworth	Clay	4	269	13	156	425	361	127	108	<b>253</b>
<b>56536</b>	Felton	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	17	<b>-17</b>
<b>56546</b>	Georgetown	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	<b>-9</b>
<b>56547</b>	Glyndon	Clay	0	0	3	32	32	27	223	190	<b>-162</b>
<b>56549</b>	Hawley	Clay	0	0	18	208	208	177	432	367	<b>-190</b>
<b>56552</b>	Hitterdal	Clay	0	0	1	12	12	10	111	94	<b>-84</b>
<b>56560</b>	Moorhead	Clay	8	691	77	896	1587	1349	2884	2451	<b>-1102</b>
<b>56561</b>	Moorhead	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>56562</b>	Moorhead	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>56563</b>	Moorhead	Clay	1	74	0	0	74	63	0	0	<b>63</b>
<b>56580</b>	Sabin	Clay	0	0	2	22	22	19	116	99	<b>-80</b>
<b>56585</b>	Ulen	Clay	0	0	2	22	22	19	34	29	<b>-10</b>
<b>56308</b>	Alexandria	Douglas	4	329	62	816	1145	973	1312	1115	<b>-142</b>
<b>56315</b>	Brandon	Douglas	0	0	7	90	90	77	151	128	<b>-52</b>
<b>56319</b>	Carlos	Douglas	0	0	4	52	52	44	82	70	<b>-26</b>
<b>56326</b>	Evansville	Douglas	0	0	2	28	28	24	86	73	<b>-49</b>
<b>56327</b>	Farwell	Douglas	0	0	1	12	12	10	70	60	<b>-49</b>
<b>56332</b>	Garfield	Douglas	0	0	3	34	34	29	106	90	<b>-61</b>
<b>56341</b>	Holmes City	Douglas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>56343</b>	Kensington	Douglas	0	0	1	14	14	12	49	42	<b>-30</b>
<b>56354</b>	Miltona	Douglas	0	0	3	36	36	31	64	54	<b>-24</b>
<b>56355</b>	Nelson	Douglas	0	0	2	26	26	22	71	60	<b>-38</b>
<b>56360</b>	Osakis	Douglas	0	0	8	96	96	82	127	108	<b>-26</b>
<b>56248</b>	Herman	Grant	0	0	2	24	24	20	31	26	<b>-6</b>
<b>56274</b>	Norcross	Grant	0	0	2	22	22	19	20	17	<b>2</b>

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56309	Ashby	Grant	0	0	1	12	12	10	143	122	-111
56311	Barrett	Grant	0	0	2	22	22	19	36	31	-12
56339	Hoffman	Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	60	-60
56531	Elbow Lake	Grant	0	0	6	67	67	57	100	85	-28
56590	Wendell	Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	-7
56324	Dalton	Otter Tail	0	0	3	36	36	31	43	37	-6
56361	Parkers Prairie	Otter Tail	1	82	3	38	120	102	121	103	-1
56515	Battle Lake	Otter Tail	1	46	2	24	70	60	106	90	-31
56518	Bluffton	Otter Tail	0	0	3	34	34	29	26	22	7
56524	Clitherall	Otter Tail	0	0	1	12	12	10	8	7	3
56527	Deer Creek	Otter Tail	0	0	1	12	12	10	46	39	-29
56528	Dent	Otter Tail	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	69	-69
56533	Elizabeth	Otter Tail	0	0	2	24	24	20	22	19	2
56534	Erhard	Otter Tail	0	0	1	12	12	10	59	50	-40
56537	Fergus Falls	Otter Tail	1	82	50	589	671	570	1119	951	-381
56538	Fergus Falls	Otter Tail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56551	Henning	Otter Tail	0	0	4	48	48	41	67	57	-16
56567	New York Mills	Otter Tail	0	0	10	120	120	102	216	184	-82
56571	Ottertail	Otter Tail	0	0	2	24	24	20	73	62	-42
56572	Pelican Rapids	Otter Tail	0	0	10	110	110	94	348	296	-202
56573	Perham	Otter Tail	2	57	25	302	359	305	560	476	-171
56576	Richville	Otter Tail	0	0	1	12	12	10	30	26	-15
56586	Underwood	Otter Tail	0	0	3	36	36	31	69	59	-28
56587	Vergas	Otter Tail	0	0	1	12	12	10	35	30	-20
56588	Vining	Otter Tail	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	-2

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56323	Cyrus	Pope	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	-9
56334	Glenwood	Pope	1	108	12	136	244	207	272	231	-24
56349	Lowry	Pope	0	0	3	36	36	31	38	32	-2
56381	Starbuck	Pope	0	0	3	34	34	29	142	121	-92
56385	Villard	Pope	0	0	2	24	24	20	42	36	-15
56207	Alberta	Stevens	0	0	1	10	10	9	0	0	9
56221	Chokio	Stevens	0	0	2	22	22	19	33	28	-9
56235	Donnelly	Stevens	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	13	-13
56244	Hancock	Stevens	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	46	-46
56267	Morris	Stevens	1	62	12	150	212	180	337	286	-106
56219	Browns Valley	Traverse	0	0	1	12	12	10	55	47	-37
56236	Dumont	Traverse	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	34	-34
56296	Wheaton	Traverse	0	0	7	82	82	70	80	68	2
56583	Tintah	Traverse	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	-6
56520	Breckenridge	Wilkin	0	0	14	164	164	139	266	226	-87
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	6	5	-5
56565	Nashua	Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1
56579	Rothsay	Wilkin	1	22	3	36	58	49	86	73	-24
56594	Wolverton	Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	11	-11
<b>Totals</b>			<b>29</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>5,724</b>	<b>7,723</b>	<b>6,565</b>	<b>13,061</b>	<b>11,102</b>	<b>(4,537)</b>