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 **First Children's Finance**

CHILD CARE NEEDS SUMMARY

Northeast Minnesota

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This report covers the following geographic area:

MN Economic Development Region 3 sorted by county

Northeast Minnesota Counties:

Aitkin	Koochiching
Carlton	Lake
Cook	St. Louis
Itasca	

Data Sources:

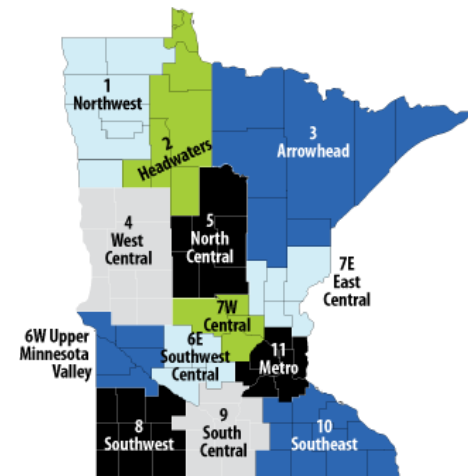
2019–2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey, 5-year estimates
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Minnesota Department of Health
Minnesota Department of Education
U.S. Postal Service

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 2025

Totals:

Child Care Centers	CCC Capacity	Family Child Care	FCC Capacity	Total Capacity	Capacity*	Under '6' Working	Children Under 5**	Child Care Need
65	4,585	248	2,975	7,560	6,426	12,680	10,931	(4,505)

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	11	132	182	155	245	208	-54
55748	Hill City	Aitkin	0	0	2	26	26	22	70	60	-37
56350	Mc Grath	Aitkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	13	-13
55760	Mcgregor	Aitkin	1	42	4	44	86	73	98	83	-10
56469	Palisade	Aitkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	14	-14
55787	Tamarack	Aitkin	1	49	1	14	63	54	6	5	48
55707	Barnum	Carlton	1	80	1	14	94	80	163	139	-59
55718	Carlton	Carlton	0	0	2	26	26	22	225	191	-169
55720	Cloquet	Carlton	6	319	20	240	559	475	978	831	-356
55726	Cromwell	Carlton	0	0	1	14	14	12	39	33	-21
55733	Esko	Carlton	2	171	6	72	243	207	212	180	26
55749	Holyoke	Carlton	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	15	-15
55757	Kettle River	Carlton	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	20	-20
55767	Moose Lake	Carlton	1	22	0	0	22	19	156	133	-114
55780	Sawyer	Carlton	0	0	1	10	10	9	6	5	3

55797	Wrenshall	Carlton	0	0	3	38	38	32	52	44	-12
55798	Wright	Carlton	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	32	-32
55604	Grand Marais	Cook	1	42	3	36	78	66	120	102	-36
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	17	14	-14
55613	Schroeder	Cook	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	20	-20
55615	Tofte	Cook	0	0	2	24	24	20	49	42	-21
56628	Bigfork	Itasca	0	0	2	26	26	22	49	42	-20
55709	Bovey	Itasca	0	0	9	106	106	90	103	88	3
55716	Calumet	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	-3
55721	Cohasset	Itasca	1	84	2	22	106	90	273	232	-142
55722	Coleraine	Itasca	0	0	2	24	24	20	12	10	10
56636	Deer River	Itasca	1	132	2	26	158	134	209	178	-43
56639	Effie	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	-7
55742	Goodland	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	-7
55744	Grand Rapids	Itasca	6	424	33	391	815	693	627	533	160
55752	Jacobson	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55753	Keewatin	Itasca	1	34	0	0	34	29	69	59	-30
55764	Marble	Itasca	0	0	1	14	14	12	38	32	-20
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	0	0	3	36	36	31	119	101	-71
55775	Pengilly	Itasca	0	0	1	12	12	10	20	17	-7
56680	Spring Lake	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	-4
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	20	1	12	32	27	0	0	27
56637	Talmoon	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55793	Warba	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	38	-38
56688	Wirt	Itasca	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	-6
56627	Big Falls	Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	-2
56629	Birchdale	Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	12	-12
56649	International Falls	Koochiching	2	98	9	110	208	177	370	315	-138
56669	Kabetogama	Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1
56653	Littlefork	Koochiching	0	0	2	28	28	24	38	32	-9
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	17	14	3
56668	Ranier	Koochiching	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	-4
55601	Beaver Bay	Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	-3
55603	Finland	Lake	0	0	1	14	14	12	10	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	109	93	-38
55616	Two Harbors	Lake	1	62	6	66	128	109	295	251	-142
55702	Alborn	Saint Louis	0	0	1	10	10	9	10	9	0
55703	Angora	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	18	-18
55705	Aurora	Saint Louis	0	0	1	14	14	12	77	65	-54
55706	Babbitt	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	46	-46
55708	Biwabik	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	52	-52
55602	Brimson	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55710	Britt	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	-8

55711	Brookston	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	29	-29
55713	Buhl	Saint Louis	0	0	1	12	12	10	51	43	-33
55717	Canyon	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	-5
55719	Chisholm	Saint Louis	0	0	6	68	68	58	167	142	-84
55723	Cook	Saint Louis	0	0	2	26	26	22	75	64	-42
55724	Cotton	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	30	-30
55725	Crane Lake	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55802	Duluth	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	19	-19
55803	Duluth	Saint Louis	5	441	10	122	563	479	538	457	21
55804	Duluth	Saint Louis	2	187	16	198	385	327	742	631	-303
55805	Duluth	Saint Louis	4	399	0	0	399	339	562	478	-139
55806	Duluth	Saint Louis	2	130	6	72	202	172	554	471	-299
55807	Duluth	Saint Louis	1	18	9	100	118	100	337	286	-186
55808	Duluth	Saint Louis	0	0	2	22	22	19	143	122	-103
55810	Duluth	Saint Louis	0	0	9	110	110	94	450	383	-289
55811	Duluth	Saint Louis	11	865	17	204	1069	909	1311	1114	-206
55812	Duluth	Saint Louis	2	66	1	12	78	66	390	332	-265
55814	Duluth	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55731	Ely	Saint Louis	2	66	3	36	102	87	114	97	-10
55732	Embarrass	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	47	-47
55734	Eveleth	Saint Louis	1	149	6	74	223	190	331	281	-92
55736	Floodwood	Saint Louis	1	66	1	14	80	68	40	34	34
55738	Forbes	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	17	-17
55741	Gilbert	Saint Louis	0	0	1	10	10	9	90	77	-68
55746	Hibbing	Saint Louis	4	314	9	106	420	357	610	519	-162
55750	Hoyt Lakes	Saint Louis	0	0	2	22	22	19	61	52	-33
55751	Iron	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	45	-45

55758	Kinney	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	-5
55763	Makinen	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	14	-14
55765	Meadowlands	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	-9
55768	Mountain Iron	Saint Louis	1	100	2	24	124	105	130	111	-5
55772	Nett Lake	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	-3
55771	Orr	Saint Louis	0	0	1	14	14	12	61	52	-40
55779	Saginaw	Saint Louis	0	0	2	26	26	22	200	170	-148
55781	Side Lake	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	-9
55782	Soudan	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	19	-19
55790	Tower	Saint Louis	0	0	1	12	12	10	67	57	-47
55792	Virginia	Saint Louis	1	103	5	58	161	137	228	194	-57
55796	Winton	Saint Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	-2
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