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First Children's Finance

CHILD CARE NEEDS SUMMARY

Southeast Minnesota

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This report covers the following geographic area:

MN Economic Development Region 9 & 10 sorted by county

Southeast Minnesota Counties:

Blue Earth	Freeborn	Mower	Steele
Brown	Goodhue	Nicollet	Wabasha
Dodge	Houston	Olmsted	Waseca
Faribault	Le Sueur	Rice	Watonwan
Fillmore	Martin	Sibley	Winona

Data Sources:

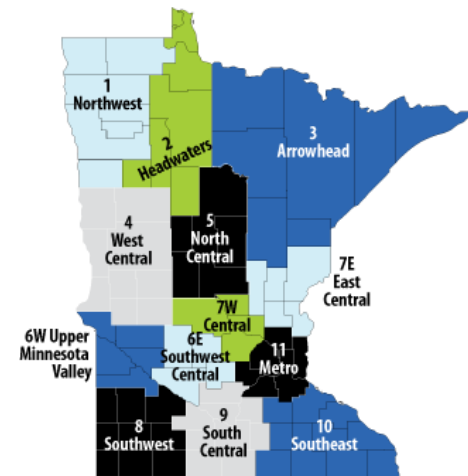
2019–2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey, 5-year estimates

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 2019-2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey, 5-year estimates*

Southeast 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
149	13,467	1,115	13,177	26,644	22,647	39,124	33,255	(10,608)

Zip Code	City	County	CCC #	CCC Capacity	FCC #	FCC Capacity	Total Capacity	Capacity*	Under '6' Working	Children Under 5**	Child Care Need
56010	Amboy	Blue Earth	0	0	2	24	24	20	62	53	-32
56024	Eagle Lake	Blue Earth	1	62	5	58	120	102	288	245	-143
56034	Garden City	Blue Earth	1	42	0	0	42	36	9	8	28
56037	Good Thunder	Blue Earth	1	87	0	0	87	74	85	72	2
56055	Lake Crystal	Blue Earth	1	90	15	188	278	236	235	200	37
56063	Madison Lake	Blue Earth	1	97	1	12	109	93	169	144	-51
56001	Mankato	Blue Earth	11	1259	34	408	1667	1417	2096	1782	-365
56065	Mapleton	Blue Earth	1	22	6	74	96	82	204	173	-92
56078	Pemberton	Blue Earth	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	23	-23
56080	Saint Clair	Blue Earth	0	0	3	34	34	29	38	32	-3
56090	Vernon Center	Blue Earth	0	0	1	10	10	9	34	29	-20
56019	Comfrey	Brown	0	0	2	26	26	22	40	34	-12
56030	Essig	Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1
56041	Hanska	Brown	0	0	1	12	12	10	75	64	-54
56073	New Ulm	Brown	5	415	38	462	877	745	779	662	83

56085	Sleepy Eye	Brown	1	44	16	200	244	207	312	265	-58
56087	Springfield	Brown	1	62	13	152	214	182	241	205	-23
55924	Claremont	Dodge	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	53	-53
55927	Dodge Center	Dodge	0	0	10	124	124	105	229	195	-89
55940	Hayfield	Dodge	0	0	3	38	38	32	169	144	-111
55944	Kasson	Dodge	3	213	18	211	424	360	777	660	-300
55955	Mantorville	Dodge	0	0	4	46	46	39	63	54	-14
55985	West Concord	Dodge	0	0	3	36	36	31	65	55	-25
56013	Blue Earth	Faribault	1	72	4	52	124	105	238	202	-97
56014	Bricelyn	Faribault	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	23	-23
56023	Delavan	Faribault	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	20	-20
56025	Easton	Faribault	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	43	-43
56027	Elmore	Faribault	0	0	1	12	12	10	31	26	-16
56033	Frost	Faribault	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	19	-19
56051	Kiester	Faribault	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	14	-14
56068	Minnesota Lake	Faribault	0	0	1	12	12	10	39	33	-23
56097	Wells	Faribault	2	62	7	84	146	124	273	232	-108
56098	Winnebago	Faribault	0	0	4	48	48	41	49	42	-1
55922	Canton	Fillmore	0	0	1	12	12	10	36	31	-20
55923	Chatfield	Fillmore	1	50	10	112	162	138	253	215	-77
55935	Fountain	Fillmore	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	39	-39
55939	Harmony	Fillmore	1	99	0	0	99	84	46	39	45
55949	Lanesboro	Fillmore	1	95	0	0	95	81	73	62	19
55954	Mabel	Fillmore	1	42	1	10	52	44	33	28	16
55961	Ostrander	Fillmore	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	33	-33
55962	Peterson	Fillmore	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	42	-42
55965	Preston	Fillmore	1	80	0	0	80	68	113	96	-28

55971	Rushford	Fillmore	1	66	5	60	126	107	197	167	-60
55975	Spring Valley	Fillmore	0	0	12	142	142	121	249	212	-91
55990	Wykoff	Fillmore	0	0	3	34	34	29	38	32	-3
56007	Albert Lea	Freeborn	2	203	35	434	637	541	995	846	-304
56009	Alden	Freeborn	0	0	1	14	14	12	61	52	-40
56016	Clarks Grove	Freeborn	0	0	1	12	12	10	68	58	-48
56020	Conger	Freeborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	-9
56029	Emmons	Freeborn	0	0	1	10	10	9	23	20	-11
56032	Freeborn	Freeborn	0	0	1	10	10	9	29	25	-16
56035	Geneva	Freeborn	0	0	1	10	10	9	34	29	-20
56036	Glenville	Freeborn	0	0	3	34	34	29	84	71	-43
56042	Hartland	Freeborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	39	-39
56043	Hayward	Freeborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10	-10
56045	Hollandale	Freeborn	0	0	1	10	10	9	51	43	-35
56089	Twin Lakes	Freeborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	-3
55009	Cannon Falls	Goodhue	2	127	7	80	207	176	394	335	-159
55018	Dennison	Goodhue	0	0	1	12	12	10	20	17	-7
55026	Frontenac	Goodhue	0	0	1	12	12	10	49	42	-31
55027	Goodhue	Goodhue	0	0	11	124	124	105	189	161	-55
55946	Kenyon	Goodhue	0	0	7	82	82	70	144	122	-53
55963	Pine Island	Goodhue	0	0	10	118	118	100	376	320	-219
55066	Red Wing	Goodhue	5	453	9	108	561	477	592	503	-26
55983	Wanamingo	Goodhue	0	0	2	22	22	19	46	39	-20
55089	Welch	Goodhue	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	65	-65
55992	Zumbrota	Goodhue	1	40	11	130	170	145	359	305	-161
55919	Brownsville	Houston	0	0	1	12	12	10	20	17	-7
55921	Caledonia	Houston	2	132	7	76	208	177	215	183	-6

55931	Eitzen	Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	35	-35
55941	Hokah	Houston	1	35	3	34	69	59	40	34	25
55943	Houston	Houston	0	0	7	80	80	68	173	147	-79
55947	La Crescent	Houston	3	174	4	42	216	184	320	272	-88
55974	Spring Grove	Houston	0	0	5	58	58	49	105	89	-40
56017	Cleveland	Le Sueur	1	52	1	12	64	54	149	127	-72
56028	Elysian	Le Sueur	1	92	1	12	104	88	63	54	35
56050	Kasota	Le Sueur	0	0	2	26	26	22	84	71	-49
56057	Le Center	Le Sueur	0	0	9	112	112	95	179	152	-57
56058	Le Sueur	Le Sueur	0	0	10	130	130	111	463	394	-283
56069	Montgomery	Le Sueur	0	0	12	144	144	122	182	155	-32
56096	Waterville	Le Sueur	0	0	5	64	64	54	135	115	-60
56121	Ceylon	Martin	0	0	1	10	10	9	11	9	-1
56127	Dunnell	Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	15	-15
56031	Fairmont	Martin	1	66	34	408	474	403	543	462	-59
56039	Granada	Martin	0	0	3	36	36	31	67	57	-26
56075	Northrop	Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	12	-12
56162	Ormsby	Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	23	-23
56171	Sherburn	Martin	0	0	4	46	46	39	97	82	-43
56176	Trimont	Martin	0	0	4	46	46	39	73	62	-23
56088	Truman	Martin	0	0	7	86	86	73	154	131	-58
56181	Welcome	Martin	0	0	4	50	50	43	46	39	3
55909	Adams	Mower	0	0	3	30	30	26	70	60	-34
55912	Austin	Mower	4	503	27	318	821	698	1660	1411	-713
55918	Brownsdale	Mower	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	40	-40
55926	Dexter	Mower	0	0	1	12	12	10	51	43	-33
55933	Elkton	Mower	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	-6

55936	Grand Meadow	Mower	0	0	3	32	32	27	106	90	-63
55950	Lansing	Mower	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55951	Le Roy	Mower	0	0	1	12	12	10	31	26	-16
55953	Lyle	Mower	0	0	3	36	36	31	56	48	-17
55967	Racine	Mower	0	0	5	50	50	43	53	45	-3
55970	Rose Creek	Mower	0	0	4	54	54	46	45	38	8
55973	Sargeant	Mower	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	-9
55977	Taopi	Mower	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	14	-14
55982	Waltham	Mower	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	20	-20
56021	Courtland	Nicollet	0	0	2	24	24	20	80	68	-48
56054	Lafayette	Nicollet	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	37	-37
56003	Mankato	Nicollet	7	489	15	178	667	567	903	768	-201
56074	Nicollet	Nicollet	1	36	3	38	74	63	81	69	-6
56082	Saint Peter	Nicollet	4	379	14	170	549	467	493	419	48
55920	Byron	Olmsted	2	301	20	232	533	453	437	371	82
55929	Dover	Olmsted	0	0	1	10	10	9	94	80	-71
55934	Eyota	Olmsted	2	172	10	116	288	245	253	215	30
55960	Oronoco	Olmsted	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	94	-94
55901	Rochester	Olmsted	26	2929	92	1079	4008	3407	3855	3277	130
55902	Rochester	Olmsted	5	572	24	278	850	723	1214	1032	-309
55903	Rochester	Olmsted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55904	Rochester	Olmsted	6	300	37	442	742	631	1971	1675	-1045
55905	Rochester	Olmsted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55906	Rochester	Olmsted	6	640	12	136	776	660	974	828	-168
55976	Stewartville	Olmsted	1	99	19	214	313	266	475	404	-138
55019	Dundas	Rice	1	38	5	58	96	82	143	122	-40
55021	Faribault	Rice	4	291	30	340	631	536	1523	1295	-758

56052	Kilkenny	Rice	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	13	-13
55046	Lonsdale	Rice	0	0	19	210	210	179	495	421	-242
55052	Morristown	Rice	0	0	4	46	46	39	106	90	-51
55053	Nerstrand	Rice	0	0	1	12	12	10	67	57	-47
55057	Northfield	Rice	5	442	14	160	602	512	798	678	-167
55087	Warsaw	Rice	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	19	-19
55088	Webster	Rice	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	74	-74
55307	Arlington	Sibley	0	0	7	88	88	75	268	228	-153
55334	Gaylord	Sibley	0	0	11	140	140	119	60	51	68
55335	Gibbon	Sibley	0	0	1	12	12	10	86	73	-63
55338	Green Isle	Sibley	0	0	3	36	36	31	37	31	-1
56044	Henderson	Sibley	0	0	3	38	38	32	158	134	-102
55366	New Auburn	Sibley	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	-8
55396	Winthrop	Sibley	1	60	6	72	132	112	102	87	26
55917	Blooming Prairie	Steele	1	134	10	118	252	214	301	256	-42
56026	Ellendale	Steele	0	0	6	72	72	61	73	62	-1
56046	Hope	Steele	0	0	1	10	10	9	24	20	-12
55049	Medford	Steele	0	0	7	90	90	77	239	203	-127
55060	Owatonna	Steele	4	606	65	762	1368	1163	1212	1030	133
55932	Elgin	Wabasha	0	0	15	172	172	146	108	92	54
55945	Kellogg	Wabasha	0	0	2	22	22	19	61	52	-33
55041	Lake City	Wabasha	1	40	16	186	226	192	323	275	-82
55956	Mazeppa	Wabasha	0	0	6	68	68	58	171	145	-88
55957	Millville	Wabasha	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	27	-27
55964	Plainview	Wabasha	1	63	12	140	203	173	443	377	-204
55968	Reads Landing	Wabasha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55981	Wabasha	Wabasha	0	0	7	80	80	68	69	59	9

55991	Zumbro Falls	Wabasha	0	0	2	24	24	20	84	71	-51
56048	Janesville	Waseca	1	20	8	94	114	97	226	192	-95
56072	New Richland	Waseca	0	0	4	44	44	37	99	84	-47
56091	Waldorf	Waseca	0	0	1	12	12	10	8	7	3
56093	Waseca	Waseca	2	134	16	186	320	272	801	681	-409
56120	Butterfield	Watonwan	0	0	1	14	14	12	76	65	-53
56022	Darfur	Watonwan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56056	La Salle	Watonwan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56060	Lewisville	Watonwan	0	0	1	12	12	10	36	31	-20
56062	Madelia	Watonwan	1	63	4	54	117	99	219	186	-87
56160	Odin	Watonwan	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	31	-31
56081	Saint James	Watonwan	1	88	6	76	164	139	390	332	-192
55910	Altura	Winona	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	35	-35
55925	Dakota	Winona	0	0	1	10	10	9	62	53	-44
55952	Lewiston	Winona	0	0	8	94	94	80	129	110	-30
55959	Minnesota City	Winona	0	0	5	58	58	49	81	69	-20
55969	Rollingstone	Winona	0	0	3	36	36	31	103	88	-57
55972	Saint Charles	Winona	1	101	11	128	229	195	314	267	-72
55979	Utica	Winona	0	0	3	38	38	32	75	64	-31
55987	Winona	Winona	6	634	43	505	1139	968	1266	1076	-108
Totals			149	13,467	1,115	13,177	26,644	22,647	39,124	33,255	(10,608)