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 **First Children's Finance**

CHILD CARE NEEDS SUMMARY

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:

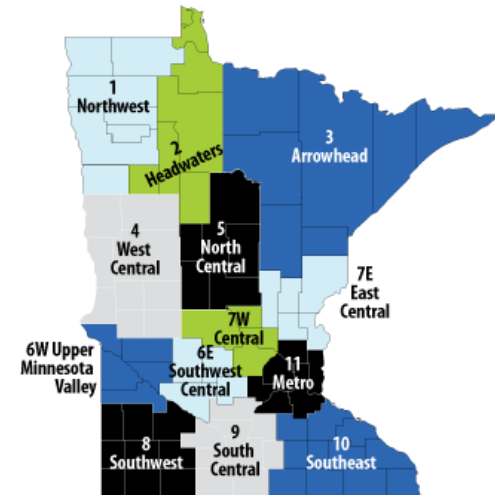
MN Economic Development Region 4 sorted by county

West Central Minnesota Counties:

Becker	Grant	Stevens
Clay	Otter Tail	Traverse
Douglas	Pope	Wilkin

Data Sources:

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 data, all certified and non-certified programs (generally school-based programs), and Tribal licensed child care 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*

West Central 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
27	1,931	460	5,547	7,478	6,356	12,594	10,705	(4,349)

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	48	48	41	78	66	-26
56521	Callaway	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	14	-14
56501	Detroit Lakes	Becker	3	115	32	402	517	439	759	645	-206
56544	Frazee	Becker	0	0	10	128	128	109	277	235	-127
56554	Lake Park	Becker	0	0	4	50	50	43	114	97	-54
56569	Ogema	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	71	-71
56570	Osage	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	27	-27
56575	Ponsford	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10	-10
56578	Rochert	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	-4
56589	Waubun	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	54	-54
56591	White Earth	Becker	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	51	-51
56514	Barnesville	Clay	1	64	13	154	218	185	303	258	-72
56525	Comstock	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	-2
56529	Dilworth	Clay	2	116	11	136	252	214	125	106	108
56536	Felton	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	36	-36

56546	Georgetown	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	-8
56547	Glyndon	Clay	0	0	4	42	42	36	221	188	-152
56549	Hawley	Clay	0	0	18	208	208	177	374	318	-141
56552	Hitterdal	Clay	0	0	1	12	12	10	89	76	-65
56560	Moorhead	Clay	8	758	73	860	1618	1375	2890	2457	-1081
56562	Moorhead	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56563	Moorhead	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56580	Sabin	Clay	0	0	2	22	22	19	92	78	-60
56585	Ulen	Clay	0	0	1	12	12	10	16	14	-3
56308	Alexandria	Douglas	5	421	64	840	1261	1072	1526	1297	-225
56315	Brandon	Douglas	0	0	5	68	68	58	133	113	-55
56319	Carlos	Douglas	0	0	4	47	47	40	72	61	-21
56326	Evansville	Douglas	0	0	5	53	53	45	78	66	-21
56327	Farwell	Douglas	0	0	1	12	12	10	62	53	-43
56332	Garfield	Douglas	0	0	3	40	40	34	98	83	-49
56343	Kensington	Douglas	0	0	1	14	14	12	28	24	-12
56354	Miltona	Douglas	0	0	3	38	38	32	66	56	-24
56355	Nelson	Douglas	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	59	-59
56360	Osakis	Douglas	0	0	9	112	112	95	168	143	-48
56309	Ashby	Grant	0	0	3	34	34	29	128	109	-80
56311	Barrett	Grant	0	0	1	10	10	9	28	24	-15
56531	Elbow Lake	Grant	0	0	6	70	70	60	128	109	-49
56248	Herman	Grant	0	0	2	24	24	20	19	16	4
56339	Hoffman	Grant	0	0	3	36	36	31	63	54	-23
56274	Norcross	Grant	0	0	2	22	22	19	25	21	-3
56590	Wendell	Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	16	-16
56515	Battle Lake	Otter Tail	1	46	1	12	58	49	81	69	-20

56518	Bluffton	Otter Tail	0	0	2	22	22	19	33	28	-9
56524	Clitherall	Otter Tail	0	0	1	12	12	10	10	9	2
56324	Dalton	Otter Tail	0	0	3	36	36	31	61	52	-21
56527	Deer Creek	Otter Tail	0	0	2	24	24	20	48	41	-20
56528	Dent	Otter Tail	0	0	1	6	6	5	57	48	-43
56533	Elizabeth	Otter Tail	0	0	2	24	24	20	27	23	-3
56534	Erhard	Otter Tail	0	0	1	12	12	10	68	58	-48
56537	Fergus Falls	Otter Tail	1	82	39	455	537	456	1069	909	-452
56551	Henning	Otter Tail	0	0	6	70	70	60	99	84	-25
56567	New York Mills	Otter Tail	0	0	7	82	82	70	222	189	-119
56571	Ottertail	Otter Tail	0	0	4	44	44	37	85	72	-35
56361	Parkers Prairie	Otter Tail	1	40	3	32	72	61	115	98	-37
56572	Pelican Rapids	Otter Tail	0	0	9	100	100	85	250	213	-128
56573	Perham	Otter Tail	1	65	25	300	365	310	471	400	-90
56576	Richville	Otter Tail	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	22	-22
56586	Underwood	Otter Tail	0	0	4	48	48	41	70	60	-19
56587	Vergas	Otter Tail	0	0	1	10	10	9	47	40	-31
56588	Vining	Otter Tail	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	-9
56323	Cyrus	Pope	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	21	-21
56334	Glenwood	Pope	0	0	11	124	124	105	276	235	-129
56349	Lowry	Pope	0	0	4	48	48	41	35	30	11
56381	Starbuck	Pope	2	124	2	24	148	126	115	98	28
56385	Villard	Pope	0	0	2	24	24	20	65	55	-35
56207	Alberta	Stevens	0	0	1	12	12	10	14	12	-2
56221	Chokio	Stevens	0	0	2	24	24	20	28	24	-3
56235	Donnelly	Stevens	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	18	-18
56244	Hancock	Stevens	0	0	2	24	24	20	59	50	-30

56267	Morris	Stevens	1	84	17	216	300	255	285	242	13
56219	Browns Valley	Traverse	0	0	1	12	12	10	50	43	-32
56236	Dumont	Traverse	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	39	-39
56583	Tintah	Traverse	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	11	-11
56296	Wheaton	Traverse	0	0	5	58	58	49	63	54	-4
56520	Breckenridge	Wilkin	0	0	14	168	168	143	137	116	26
56522	Campbell	Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	-3
56543	Foxhome	Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	-9
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	16	3	30	46	39	93	79	-40
56594	Wolverton	Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	17	-17
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