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 **First Children's Finance**

CHILD CARE NEEDS SUMMARY

Southwest Minnesota

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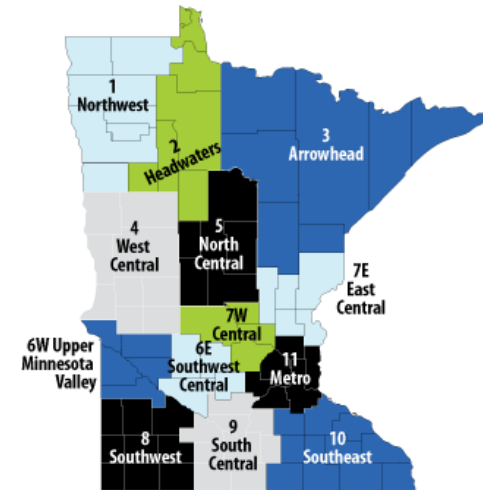
MN Economic Development Regions 6E, 6W & 8 sorted by county

Southwest Minnesota Counties:

Big Stone	Lac Qui Parle	Murray	Rock
Chippewa	Lincoln	Nobles	Swift
Cottonwood	Lyon	Pipestone	Yellow Medicine
Jackson	McLeod	Redwood	
Kandiyohi	Meeker	Renville	

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*

Southwest 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
45	3,083	563	6,687	9,770	8,304	15,148	12,876	(4,571)

Zip Code	City	County	CCC #	CCC Capacity	FCC #	FCC Capacity	Total Capacity	Capacity*	Under '6' Working	Children Under 5**	Child Care Need
56210	Barry	Big Stone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56211	Beardsley	Big Stone	0	0	1	12	12	10	35	30	-20
56225	Clinton	Big Stone	0	0	2	24	24	20	24	20	0
56227	Correll	Big Stone	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	17	-17
56240	Graceville	Big Stone	0	0	3	38	38	32	66	56	-24
56276	Odessa	Big Stone	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	-7
56278	Ortonville	Big Stone	0	0	7	86	86	73	126	107	-34
56222	Clara City	Chippewa	0	0	7	84	84	71	109	93	-21
56260	Maynard	Chippewa	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	29	-29
56262	Milan	Chippewa	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	50	-50
56265	Montevideo	Chippewa	2	69	19	224	293	249	419	356	-107
56295	Watson	Chippewa	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	-9
56118	Bingham Lake	Cottonwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	39	-39
56145	Jeffers	Cottonwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	-8
56159	Mountain Lake	Cottonwood	1	40	2	20	60	51	151	128	-77

56174	Storden	Cottonwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	20	-20
56183	Westbrook	Cottonwood	1	56	1	12	68	58	62	53	5
56101	Windom	Cottonwood	0	0	15	190	190	162	292	248	-87
56111	Alpha	Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	14	-14
56137	Heron Lake	Jackson	0	0	3	36	36	31	48	41	-10
56143	Jackson	Jackson	1	95	9	104	199	169	258	219	-50
56150	Lakefield	Jackson	0	0	6	70	70	60	163	139	-79
56161	Okabena	Jackson	0	0	1	12	12	10	14	12	-2
56209	Atwater	Kandiyohi	0	0	8	86	86	73	211	179	-106
56216	Blomkest	Kandiyohi	0	0	2	22	22	19	20	17	2
56251	Kandiyohi	Kandiyohi	0	0	2	24	24	20	65	55	-35
56253	Lake Lillian	Kandiyohi	0	0	1	12	12	10	32	27	-17
56273	New London	Kandiyohi	0	0	10	116	116	99	327	278	-179
56279	Pennock	Kandiyohi	0	0	1	10	10	9	65	55	-47
56281	Prinsburg	Kandiyohi	0	0	1	12	12	10	37	31	-21
56282	Raymond	Kandiyohi	0	0	4	46	46	39	57	48	-9
56288	Spicer	Kandiyohi	1	90	8	86	176	150	156	133	17
56289	Sunburg	Kandiyohi	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	14	-14
56201	Willmar	Kandiyohi	6	442	39	460	902	767	1142	971	-204
56212	Bellingham	Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	14	-14
56218	Boyd	Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	-7
56232	Dawson	Lac Qui Parle	1	40	4	48	88	75	149	127	-52
56256	Madison	Lac Qui Parle	1	75	6	70	145	123	138	117	6
56257	Marietta	Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	18	-18
56113	Arco	Lincoln	0	0	1	12	12	10	11	9	1
56136	Hendricks	Lincoln	0	0	1	12	12	10	77	65	-55
56142	Ivanhoe	Lincoln	0	0	3	36	36	31	69	59	-28

56149	Lake Benton	Lincoln	0	0	5	58	58	49	71	60	-11
56178	Tyler	Lincoln	0	0	5	58	58	49	72	61	-12
56115	Balaton	Lyon	0	0	2	24	24	20	97	82	-62
56229	Cottonwood	Lyon	0	0	9	110	110	94	149	127	-33
56132	Garvin	Lyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	-9
56239	Ghent	Lyon	1	62	1	12	74	63	39	33	30
56157	Lynd	Lyon	0	0	1	12	12	10	94	80	-70
56258	Marshall	Lyon	5	228	30	360	588	500	1084	921	-422
56264	Minneota	Lyon	0	0	9	110	110	94	214	182	-88
56169	Russell	Lyon	0	0	6	74	74	63	37	31	31
56291	Taunton	Lyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	26	-26
56175	Tracy	Lyon	1	67	2	24	91	77	107	91	-14
55312	Brownton	Mcleod	0	0	4	48	48	41	48	41	0
55336	Glencoe	Mcleod	1	58	9	102	160	136	213	181	-45
55350	Hutchinson	Mcleod	6	380	32	384	764	649	922	784	-134
55354	Lester Prairie	Mcleod	0	0	8	89	89	76	207	176	-100
55370	Plato	Mcleod	0	0	3	36	36	31	10	9	22
55381	Silver Lake	Mcleod	0	0	4	48	48	41	75	64	-23
55385	Stewart	Mcleod	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	52	-52
55395	Winsted	Mcleod	0	0	7	84	84	71	105	89	-18
56228	Cosmos	Meeker	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	33	-33
55324	Darwin	Meeker	0	0	1	12	12	10	66	56	-46
55325	Dassel	Meeker	0	0	3	34	34	29	185	157	-128
55329	Eden Valley	Meeker	0	0	6	70	70	60	95	81	-21
56243	Grove City	Meeker	0	0	1	12	12	10	117	99	-89
55355	Litchfield	Meeker	2	291	16	190	481	409	514	437	-28
55389	Watkins	Meeker	0	0	7	86	86	73	138	117	-44

56114	Avoca	Murray	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	17	-17
56122	Chandler	Murray	0	0	2	24	24	20	21	18	3
56123	Currie	Murray	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	29	-29
56125	Dovray	Murray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56131	Fulda	Murray	0	0	6	76	76	65	107	91	-26
56141	Iona	Murray	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	23	-23
56151	Lake Wilson	Murray	0	0	2	24	24	20	26	22	-2
56172	Slayton	Murray	1	76	10	126	202	172	93	79	93
56110	Adrian	Nobles	0	0	8	94	94	80	137	116	-37
56117	Bigelow	Nobles	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	16	-16
56119	Brewster	Nobles	0	0	3	36	36	31	60	51	-20
56129	Ellsworth	Nobles	0	0	2	22	22	19	101	86	-67
56146	Kanaranzi	Nobles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56153	Leota	Nobles	0	0	1	10	10	9	16	14	-5
56155	Lismore	Nobles	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	35	-35
56165	Reading	Nobles	0	0	3	34	34	29	3	3	26
56167	Round Lake	Nobles	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	22	-22
56168	Rushmore	Nobles	0	0	3	30	30	26	66	56	-31
56185	Wilmont	Nobles	0	0	1	10	10	9	14	12	-3
56187	Worthington	Nobles	2	162	14	166	328	279	1232	1047	-768
56128	Edgerton	Pipestone	0	0	11	130	130	111	98	83	27
56139	Holland	Pipestone	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	55	-55
56140	Ihlen	Pipestone	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	-3
56164	Pipestone	Pipestone	2	73	20	250	323	275	273	232	43
56170	Ruthton	Pipestone	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	12	-12
56186	Woodstock	Pipestone	0	0	1	12	12	10	40	34	-24
56214	Belview	Redwood	0	0	1	14	14	12	53	45	-33

56224	Clements	Redwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10	-10
56152	Lamberton	Redwood	0	0	3	30	30	26	75	64	-38
56255	Lucan	Redwood	0	0	3	36	36	31	24	20	10
56263	Milroy	Redwood	0	0	2	24	24	20	38	32	-12
56266	Morgan	Redwood	0	0	5	58	58	49	77	65	-16
56283	Redwood Falls	Redwood	2	149	18	208	357	303	408	347	-43
56166	Revere	Redwood	0	0	2	20	20	17	21	18	-1
56083	Sanborn	Redwood	0	0	2	22	22	19	27	23	-4
56287	Seaforth	Redwood	0	0	1	12	12	10	18	15	-5
56292	Vesta	Redwood	0	0	2	24	24	20	19	16	4
56293	Wabasso	Redwood	0	0	4	48	48	41	68	58	-17
56180	Walnut Grove	Redwood	0	0	1	12	12	10	79	67	-57
56294	Wanda	Redwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55310	Bird Island	Renville	1	73	4	48	121	103	79	67	36
55314	Buffalo Lake	Renville	1	42	1	14	56	48	95	81	-33
56230	Danube	Renville	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	59	-59
55332	Fairfax	Renville	0	0	2	24	24	20	62	53	-32
55333	Franklin	Renville	1	50	2	24	74	63	12	10	53
55342	Hector	Renville	0	0	2	24	24	20	74	63	-43
56270	Morton	Renville	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	42	-42
56277	Olivia	Renville	0	0	9	112	112	95	121	103	-8
56284	Renville	Renville	0	0	4	50	50	43	205	174	-132
56285	Sacred Heart	Renville	0	0	1	12	12	10	55	47	-37
56116	Beaver Creek	Rock	0	0	1	12	12	10	29	25	-14
56134	Hardwick	Rock	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	16	-16
56138	Hills	Rock	0	0	5	58	58	49	42	36	14
56144	Jasper	Rock	0	0	2	26	26	22	29	25	-3

56147	Kenneth	Rock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56156	Luverne	Rock	1	186	18	220	406	345	328	279	66
56158	Magnolia	Rock	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	-7
56173	Steen	Rock	0	0	2	24	24	20	20	17	3
56208	Appleton	Swift	1	137	1	12	149	127	55	47	80
56215	Benson	Swift	1	42	12	140	182	155	203	173	-18
56226	Clontarf	Swift	0	0	1	12	12	10	4	3	7
56231	Danvers	Swift	0	0	1	12	12	10	46	39	-29
56249	Holloway	Swift	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	14	-14
56252	Kerkhoven	Swift	0	0	1	14	14	12	56	48	-36
56271	Murdock	Swift	0	0	3	34	34	29	37	31	-3
56220	Canby	Yellow Medicine	1	34	9	106	140	119	138	117	2
56223	Clarkfield	Yellow Medicine	0	0	2	26	26	22	54	46	-24
56237	Echo	Yellow Medicine	0	0	1	12	12	10	28	24	-14
56241	Granite Falls	Yellow Medicine	1	66	5	60	126	107	226	192	-85
56245	Hanley Falls	Yellow Medicine	0	0	2	24	24	20	39	33	-13
56280	Porter	Yellow Medicine	0	0	2	24	24	20	33	28	-8
56297	Wood Lake	Yellow Medicine	0	0	1	10	10	9	52	44	-36
Totals			45	3,083	563	6,687	9,770	8,304	15,148	12,876	(4,571)