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 **First Children's Finance**

CHILD CARE NEEDS SUMMARY

Central Minnesota

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This report covers the following geographic area:

MN Economic Development Regions 5, 7E & 7W sorted by county

Central Minnesota Counties:

Benton	Kanabec	Stearns
Cass	Mille Lacs	Todd
Chisago	Morrison	Wadena
Crow Wing	Pine	Wright
Isanti	Sherburne	

Data Sources:

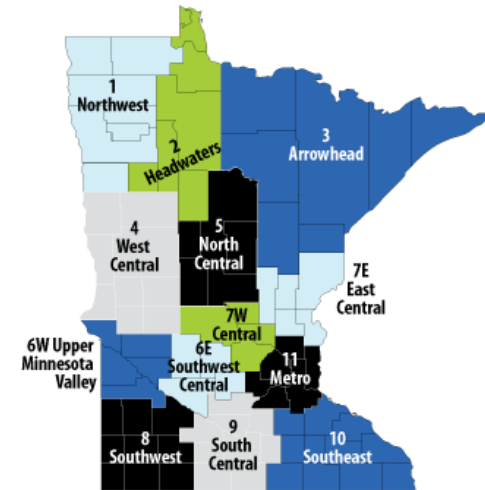
2019–2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey, 5-year estimates
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Minnesota Department of Health
Minnesota Department of Education
U.S. Postal Service

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*



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
135	11,673	1,112	13,252	24,925	21,186	43,575	37,039	(15,853)

Zip Code	City	County	CCC #	CCC Capacity	FCC #	FCC Capacity	Total Capacity	Capacity*	Under '6' Working	Children Under 5**	Child Care Need
56329	Foley	Benton	3	180	23	272	452	384	622	529	-145
56357	Oak Park	Benton	0	0	6	72	72	61	82	70	-9
56367	Rice	Benton	0	0	26	304	304	258	498	423	-165
56379	Sauk Rapids	Benton	0	0	40	470	470	400	1011	859	-460
56435	Backus	Cass	0	0	2	22	22	19	92	78	-60
56626	Bena	Cass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56633	Cass Lake	Cass	0	0	5	60	60	51	322	274	-223
56641	Federal Dam	Cass	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	19	-19
56452	Hackensack	Cass	0	0	1	12	12	10	22	19	-9
56655	Longville	Cass	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	20	-20
56662	Outing	Cass	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	-9
56473	Pillager	Cass	3	134	4	42	176	150	172	146	3
56474	Pine River	Cass	1	62	3	36	98	83	166	141	-58
56672	Remer	Cass	0	0	2	26	26	22	75	64	-42
55785	Swatara	Cass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

56484	Walker	Cass	0	0	6	74	74	63	72	61	2
55012	Center City	Chisago	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	32	-32
55013	Chisago City	Chisago	2	161	4	48	209	178	385	327	-150
55032	Harris	Chisago	0	0	3	38	38	32	102	87	-54
55045	Lindstrom	Chisago	0	0	7	88	88	75	563	479	-404
55056	North Branch	Chisago	3	253	19	232	485	412	562	478	-65
55069	Rush City	Chisago	0	0	10	136	136	116	177	150	-35
55074	Shafer	Chisago	0	0	2	26	26	22	117	99	-77
55079	Stacy	Chisago	0	0	3	38	38	32	470	400	-367
55084	Taylors Falls	Chisago	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	75	-75
55092	Wyoming	Chisago	5	325	12	152	477	405	419	356	49
56425	Baxter	Crow Wing	1	74	10	124	198	168	297	252	-84
56401	Brainerd	Crow Wing	9	681	42	514	1195	1016	1810	1539	-523
56441	Crosby	Crow Wing	0	0	3	32	32	27	66	56	-29
56442	Crosslake	Crow Wing	1	57	1	14	71	60	48	41	20
56444	Deerwood	Crow Wing	0	0	3	32	32	27	127	108	-81
56447	Emily	Crow Wing	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	17	-17
56448	Fifty Lakes	Crow Wing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56449	Fort Ripley	Crow Wing	0	0	3	32	32	27	85	72	-45
56450	Garrison	Crow Wing	0	0	2	26	26	22	14	12	10
56455	Ironton	Crow Wing	0	0	3	36	36	31	62	53	-22
56465	Merrifield	Crow Wing	0	0	3	38	38	32	108	92	-60
56468	Nisswa	Crow Wing	1	53	3	38	91	77	164	139	-62
56472	Pequot Lakes	Crow Wing	3	208	8	96	304	258	561	477	-218
55006	Braham	Isanti	0	0	3	40	40	34	139	118	-84
55008	Cambridge	Isanti	5	309	14	162	471	400	721	613	-213
55017	Dalbo	Isanti	0	0	1	12	12	10	57	48	-38

55029	Grandy	Isanti	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	-2
55040	Isanti	Isanti	3	303	12	142	445	378	869	739	-360
55080	Stanchfield	Isanti	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	94	-94
55051	Mora	Kanabec	2	72	18	231	303	258	361	307	-49
56358	Ogilvie	Kanabec	0	0	4	48	48	41	153	130	-89
56313	Bock	Mille Lacs	0	0	1	10	10	9	3	3	6
56330	Foreston	Mille Lacs	0	0	3	34	34	29	97	82	-54
56342	Isle	Mille Lacs	0	0	3	34	34	29	78	66	-37
56353	Milaca	Mille Lacs	1	129	14	166	295	251	592	503	-252
56359	Onamia	Mille Lacs	1	50	1	12	62	53	165	140	-88
56363	Pease	Mille Lacs	0	0	1	12	12	10	12	10	0
55371	Princeton	Mille Lacs	3	287	18	216	503	428	834	709	-281
56386	Wahkon	Mille Lacs	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	14	-14
56314	Bowlus	Morrison	0	0	2	20	20	17	43	37	-20
56443	Cushing	Morrison	0	0	3	38	38	32	50	43	-10
56328	Flensburg	Morrison	0	0	1	10	10	9	10	9	0
56338	Hillman	Morrison	0	0	1	12	12	10	52	44	-34
56345	Little Falls	Morrison	3	274	34	398	672	571	770	655	-83
56466	Motley	Morrison	0	0	5	64	64	54	106	90	-36
56364	Pierz	Morrison	0	0	19	226	226	192	373	317	-125
56475	Randall	Morrison	0	0	6	74	74	63	109	93	-30
56373	Royalton	Morrison	0	0	9	112	112	95	150	128	-32
56382	Swanville	Morrison	0	0	3	32	32	27	69	59	-31
56384	Upsala	Morrison	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	15	-15
55704	Askov	Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	51	-51
55007	Brook Park	Pine	0	0	2	22	22	19	60	51	-32
55712	Bruno	Pine	0	0	1	14	14	12	2	2	10

55735	Finlayson	Pine	0	0	1	14	14	12	67	57	-45
55030	Grasston	Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	88	-88
55036	Henriette	Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55037	Hinckley	Pine	0	0	3	40	40	34	198	168	-134
55756	Kerrick	Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	14	-14
55063	Pine City	Pine	3	239	18	224	463	394	442	376	18
55072	Sandstone	Pine	1	88	1	14	102	87	135	115	-28
55783	Sturgeon Lake	Pine	0	0	2	26	26	22	101	86	-64
55795	Willow River	Pine	1	31	2	28	59	50	73	62	-12
55308	Becker	Sherburne	1	140	23	269	409	348	764	649	-302
55309	Big Lake	Sherburne	1	119	30	344	463	394	1335	1135	-741
55319	Clear Lake	Sherburne	0	0	5	60	60	51	406	345	-294
55330	Elk River	Sherburne	9	1236	61	724	1960	1666	2613	2221	-555
56304	Saint Cloud	Sherburne	4	279	11	127	406	345	1286	1093	-748
55398	Zimmerman	Sherburne	3	205	29	342	547	465	1199	1019	-554
56307	Albany	Stearns	1	47	12	144	191	162	286	243	-81
56310	Avon	Stearns	1	67	16	186	253	215	275	234	-19
56312	Belgrade	Stearns	0	0	7	80	80	68	144	122	-54
56316	Brooten	Stearns	1	40	2	26	66	56	81	69	-13
56320	Cold Spring	Stearns	3	172	17	196	368	313	556	473	-160
56321	Collegeville	Stearns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56325	Elrosa	Stearns	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	12	-12
56331	Freeport	Stearns	1	61	8	98	159	135	241	205	-70
56335	Greenwald	Stearns	0	0	1	12	12	10	14	12	-2
56340	Holdingford	Stearns	0	0	11	130	130	111	170	145	-34
55353	Kimball	Stearns	1	46	1	12	58	49	202	172	-122
56352	Melrose	Stearns	1	61	15	182	243	207	535	455	-248

56356	New Munich	Stearns	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	28	-28
56362	Paynesville	Stearns	0	0	8	92	92	78	340	289	-211
56368	Richmond	Stearns	3	192	7	82	274	233	209	178	55
56369	Rockville	Stearns	2	55	1	12	67	57	54	46	11
56371	Roscoe	Stearns	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	-7
56301	Saint Cloud	Stearns	10	750	24	286	1036	881	1840	1564	-683
56303	Saint Cloud	Stearns	7	593	24	290	883	751	1324	1125	-375
56374	Saint Joseph	Stearns	1	163	16	198	361	307	404	343	-37
56376	Saint Martin	Stearns	0	0	2	22	22	19	13	11	8
56375	Saint Stephen	Stearns	0	0	1	12	12	10	33	28	-18
56377	Sartell	Stearns	4	596	47	568	1164	989	1536	1306	-316
56378	Sauk Centre	Stearns	1	67	16	192	259	220	465	395	-175
56387	Waite Park	Stearns	1	55	6	74	129	110	514	437	-327
56437	Bertha	Todd	1	12	2	20	32	27	58	49	-22
56438	Browerville	Todd	0	0	6	76	76	65	149	127	-62
56318	Burtrum	Todd	0	0	3	32	32	27	37	31	-4
56440	Clarissa	Todd	0	0	2	22	22	19	44	37	-19
56446	Eagle Bend	Todd	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	71	-71
56336	Grey Eagle	Todd	0	0	4	44	44	37	66	56	-19
56453	Hewitt	Todd	0	0	2	22	22	19	32	27	-9
56347	Long Prairie	Todd	0	0	11	132	132	112	343	292	-179
56389	West Union	Todd	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1
56434	Aldrich	Wadena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56464	Menahga	Wadena	0	0	3	36	36	31	200	170	-139
56477	Sebeka	Wadena	0	0	3	34	34	29	92	78	-49
56479	Staples	Wadena	2	72	4	48	120	102	350	298	-196
56481	Verndale	Wadena	1	87	3	38	125	106	68	58	48

56482	Wadena	Wadena	1	49	17	200	249	212	516	439	-227
55301	Albertville	Wright	3	504	22	256	760	646	711	604	42
55302	Annandale	Wright	2	201	5	58	259	220	474	403	-183
55313	Buffalo	Wright	2	579	24	280	859	730	1236	1051	-320
55320	Clearwater	Wright	0	0	11	126	126	107	320	272	-165
55321	Cokato	Wright	1	35	3	38	73	62	230	196	-133
55328	Delano	Wright	1	208	9	101	309	263	692	588	-326
55341	Hanover	Wright	1	60	6	68	128	109	272	231	-122
55349	Howard Lake	Wright	0	0	5	60	60	51	193	164	-113
55358	Maple Lake	Wright	1	95	5	60	155	132	340	289	-157
55362	Monticello	Wright	1	91	36	426	517	439	1465	1245	-806
55363	Montrose	Wright	1	48	5	58	106	90	385	327	-237
55373	Rockford	Wright	3	167	6	72	239	203	151	128	75
55376	Saint Michael	Wright	3	551	34	396	947	805	1192	1013	-208
55382	South Haven	Wright	0	0	7	82	82	70	160	136	-66
55390	Waverly	Wright	0	0	8	90	90	77	130	111	-34
Totals			135	11,673	1,112	13,252	24,925	21,186	43,575	37,039	(15,853)