



Early Learning Scholarships

Scholarship Use in Minnesota – State Fiscal Year 2022

For period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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Introduction

The Early Learning Scholarships Program, established by Minnesota Statutes, section 121D.162, supports access to quality early care and education programs by bridging funding gaps and decreasing barriers for Minnesota’s low-income children and priority populations who research show benefit the most from high-quality early experiences. State early learning scholarships are administered by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and must be used in early childhood programs that are participating in Parent Aware. Parent Aware, administered by the Minnesota Department of Human Service (DHS), is Minnesota’s Quality Rating and Improvement System. Parent Aware star ratings help families choose quality early care and education programs (early childhood programs).

Families can access state early learning scholarships via two pathway types, with a child limited to one active scholarship award of either type at a time. Pathway I scholarships are awarded directly to eligible children through Area Administrators and are used at an eligible program the family chooses. Pathway II scholarships are awarded to children through Four-Star Parent Aware Rated programs that have been granted scholarship funds for use in their program.

The maximum annual scholarship amount (cap) for state fiscal year (FY) 2022 is \$8,500 for the general population of eligible children. A separate cap was established for children in priority populations beginning with FY 2021; it is \$12,000 this year. To receive that maximum, the program serving the child must have a Four-Star Parent Aware Rating and be providing services to support the full amount. As noted above, all Pathway II scholarships are awarded by Four-Star Rated programs. If a child is awarded a Pathway I scholarship, the family may choose to use that scholarship at any eligible program, and the maximum award amount is limited by the Parent Aware Rating of the program they choose:

Parent Aware Program Rating Level	Scholarship Amount – General Population	Scholarship Amount – Priority Populations
Four-Star Parent Aware Rating	Up to \$8,500 per child	Up to \$12,000 per child
Three-Star Parent Aware Rating	Up to \$6,000 per child	Up to \$9,000 per child
One- or Two-Star Parent Aware Rating*	Up to \$5,000 per child	Up to \$5,000 per child
Currently in a Full-Rating Pathway Cohort*	Up to \$4,000 per child	Up to \$4,000 per child

**Starting July 1, 2024, the law requires all programs to have a Three- or Four-Star Rating in order to be eligible to receive state early learning scholarships. Find out more information on the [Parent Aware website](#).*

Early Learning Scholarships and the COVID-19 Pandemic

Since March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has broadly impacted public life. Early Learning Scholarships administration activities and the use of scholarships by families have been affected. In response to the pandemic, a number of policy modifications for the Early Learning Scholarships Program were put in place to help mitigate related challenges. The following modifications cover FY 2022 scholarship dates and remain in effect as of the writing of this report:

- Effective March 16, 2020: Absent days will not be counted towards the 25 maximum absent day policy in order for families to make individual decisions that are best for their families.

- Effective March 16, 2020: As funds allow, a child’s scholarship may be temporarily increased if they regularly attended (primary) program closes and the child attends a secondary eligible program as back-up. This policy modification allows some children to have more than the maximum award amount for the current scholarship year.
- Effective October 1, 2020: Programs may request a paid closure period of up to 30 days to do any procedures they need to in order to reopen safely. MDE can consider an extension not to exceed an additional 30 days as needed based on local data and circumstances. Payment to the program is only considered if the program closed due to COVID-19 with intent to reopen.

Funding for Early Learning Scholarships

Base state fiscal year (FY) 2022 appropriations for the Early Learning Scholarships Program totaled \$70,709,000, inclusive of \$950,000 allowed for administration of the program by MDE. As a result of legislation signed into law in 2019, the program has a Special Revenue Account. This allows underutilized funds from one year to be rolled into this account to be spent in future years. While all funds available are awarded each year, underutilization occurs when an individual child has an awarded scholarship, but circumstances such as change in program, receipt of child care assistance, or a delay in finding and enrolling in a program reduces spending. In FY 2020, \$7 million in underutilized scholarship funds were able to be rolled into the program’s Special Revenue account. This is only a snapshot and does not represent a final awarding total. Award amounts will shift as administration and service activities continue throughout the certified year of funding, ending June 30, 2023.

Report Data – FY 2022

The information contained in this report is a view of the use of state early learning scholarships awarded in Minnesota for state fiscal year (FY) 2022, running July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This includes new awards and renewals. The primary data set was sourced from the Early Learning Scholarship Administration System (ELSA) and included records through November 3, 2022; wait list counts were gathered separately.

Scholarship data is collected at a child level. To ensure compliance to Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA) Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13, due to filtering data, there is limitation to the level of detail at county or regional levels. Additionally, the administratively defined areas have changed since implementation of the Early Learning Scholarships Program began in FY 2013, as have the administrative organizations for some of the areas. For consistency with historical reporting, breakdowns continue to be offered by county and [state economic development region](#).

Resources

Please refer to the [Early Learning Scholarships program webpage](#) or the [State Early Learning Scholarships Policy Manual](#) for additional program information as needed. Questions about this report or the Early Learning Scholarships Program may be directed to MDE.ELScholarships@state.mn.us.

Scholarships Statewide

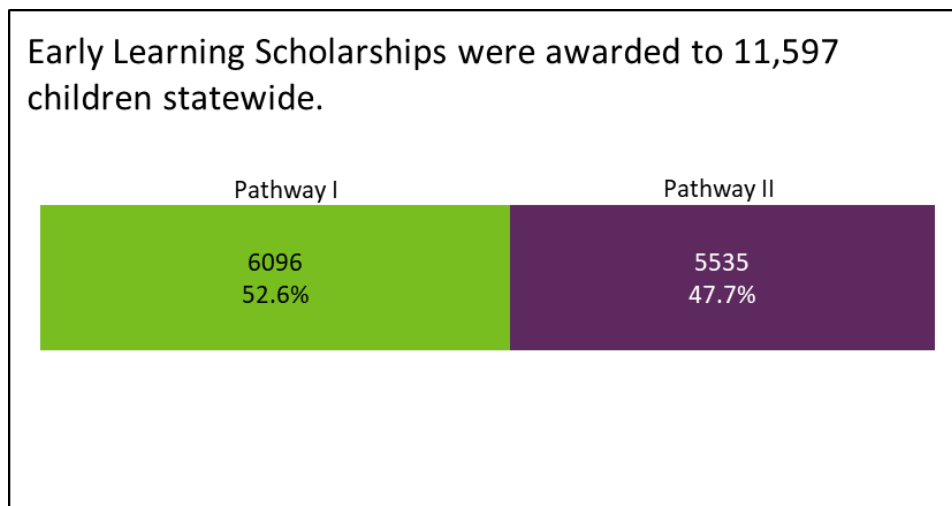
At the statewide level, this report provides an unduplicated count of children who have received a FY 2022-funded scholarship through new awarding or renewal between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. Data was run on November 7, 2022 against a snapshot of data through November 3, 2022, in consideration of fiscal year-end administrative efforts.

When broken into counts by pathway type, some duplication in the child count is present and expected. This is because a child with a single scholarship may receive multiple awards within one year as long as there is no overlap in the active dates of the awards, and a child who receives multiple awards within the scholarship year is not limited to a single pathway type.

In FY 2022, 11,597 children were identified as having received a state early learning scholarship. Of those, 4,530 (39.1%) were identified as children in one or more of the four [priority populations](#).

State Totals by Pathway

The 11,597 children who received a FY 2022 scholarship award. The overall percentage of Pathway I scholarships was 4.9% higher than that of Pathway II this year; 561 more Pathway I scholarships were awarded than Pathway II scholarships. Overall, the awarding split between pathways is influenced by allocation of funds, the scholarship award cap amount, program guidance, applicant behaviors, and other factors.

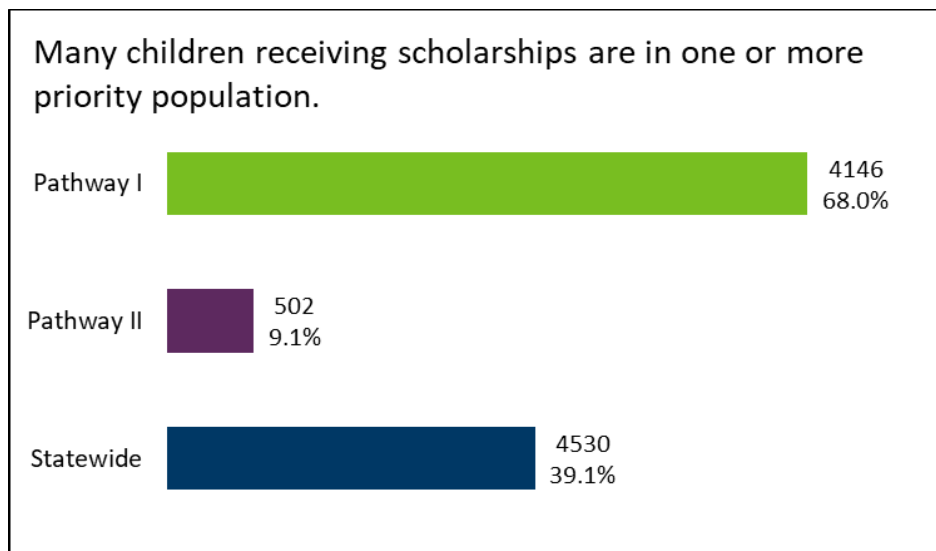


In FY 2022, 11,597 children received a scholarship, marking a drop in use in FY 2021 of approximately 5.5 percent from the previous year. The number of children with Pathway II scholarships is about 1 percent higher than in FY 2021, while the number of children awarded Pathway I scholarships only fell by about 11 percent. This is in line with expectations. For Pathway I the drop in total scholarships suggests an increase in average spending per child and/or increased uncertainty in the level of obligation to forecast for the full term of each scholarship award, resulting in fewer children being awarded. The higher scholarship cap introduced in FY 2021 and the COVID-19 pandemic are known influences in these areas.

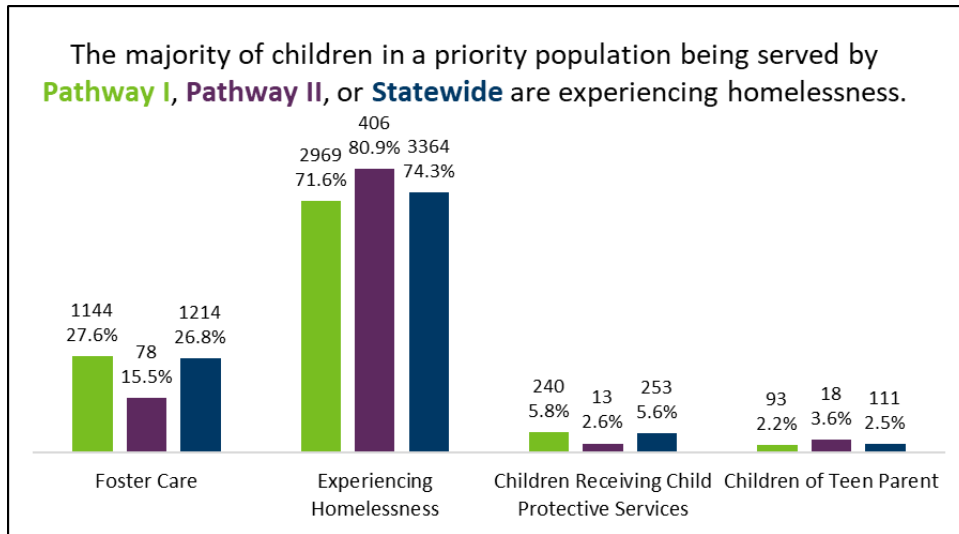
[Refer to Appendix A: Statewide Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type – FY 2022.](#)

Priority Populations

The chart below indicates the number of children in one of four priority populations as identified in statute who were awarded a FY 2022 scholarship, a statewide total of 4,530 children. Children birth through age 5 receive priority status for state early learning scholarship awarding if they are children of a parent under the age of 21 pursuing a high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) diploma (teen parent), in foster care, in need of (receiving) child protective services, or if the family experienced homelessness in the previous 24 months. While children of teen parents have been prioritized for state early learning scholarships since FY 2014, the other priority groups were included as of FY 2018. Area Administrators were also directed by MDE to reserve a minimum of 30% of new funding for children in priority populations beginning with FY 2018. This helps keep scholarship funds available farther in the year as children in priority status are identified and apply for a scholarship.



Area Administrator organizations, who serve as grantees of the state with the responsibility of administering Pathway I scholarships, are required to plan outreach specific to each priority population as well as reserve funds for awarding children in priority populations. At the start of a new funding fiscal year, when administrators begin to process scholarship applications, children in priority populations are initially awarded alongside all other eligible applicants. Once non-reserve funds are all obligated to awarded children, administrators then continue to award children in priority populations using the reserve funds until those funds are also fully obligated.



Note: The “Parent Under 21” priority indicator was added to ELSA in June 2020. Due to the relatively recent addition of this data point, this report includes both those children with the indicator set and those with a parent whose age was calculated to be less than 21 as of the start date of the child’s FY 2021 scholarship in the counts of children of teen parents.

[Refer to Appendix E: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Priority Population – FY 2022.](#)

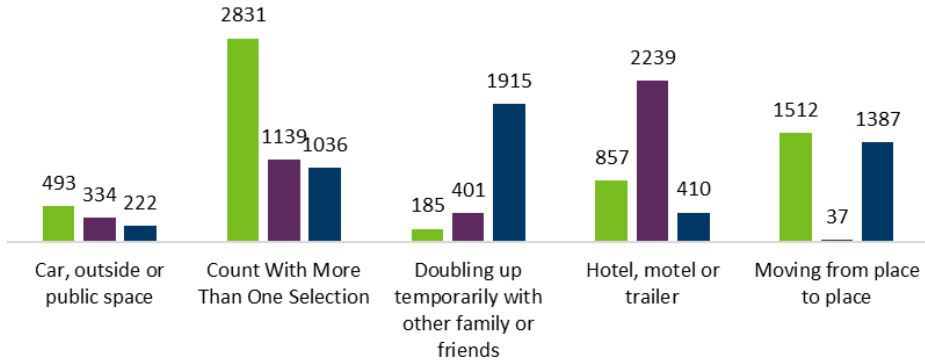
[Refer to Appendix F: Child Counts by Age on September 1 and Priority Population – FY 2022.](#)

Housing Insecurity

Early Learning Scholarships application forms ask for information about the family’s living situation to identify those who have experienced housing insecurity within 24 months of applying for the scholarship. Completing this question is not required. If the applicant marks one or more of the response options, the children on the application are identified as experiencing homelessness and included in that priority population.

Responses providing some detail about the type of housing insecurity experienced by the families of scholarship recipients have been included in the scholarship applications since early years of program implementation. With the FY 2020 version of the application, the response options were revised for improved alignment with other data collections. In June 2020, MDE updated the ELSA system to begin collecting these responses. The data set for this report included responses from 2,831 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (592 with a Pathway II and 2,239 with a Pathway I scholarship).

Parents of recipients of **Pathway I** were more likely to report housing insecurity than parents of recipients of **Pathway II** in the **Statewide** data.

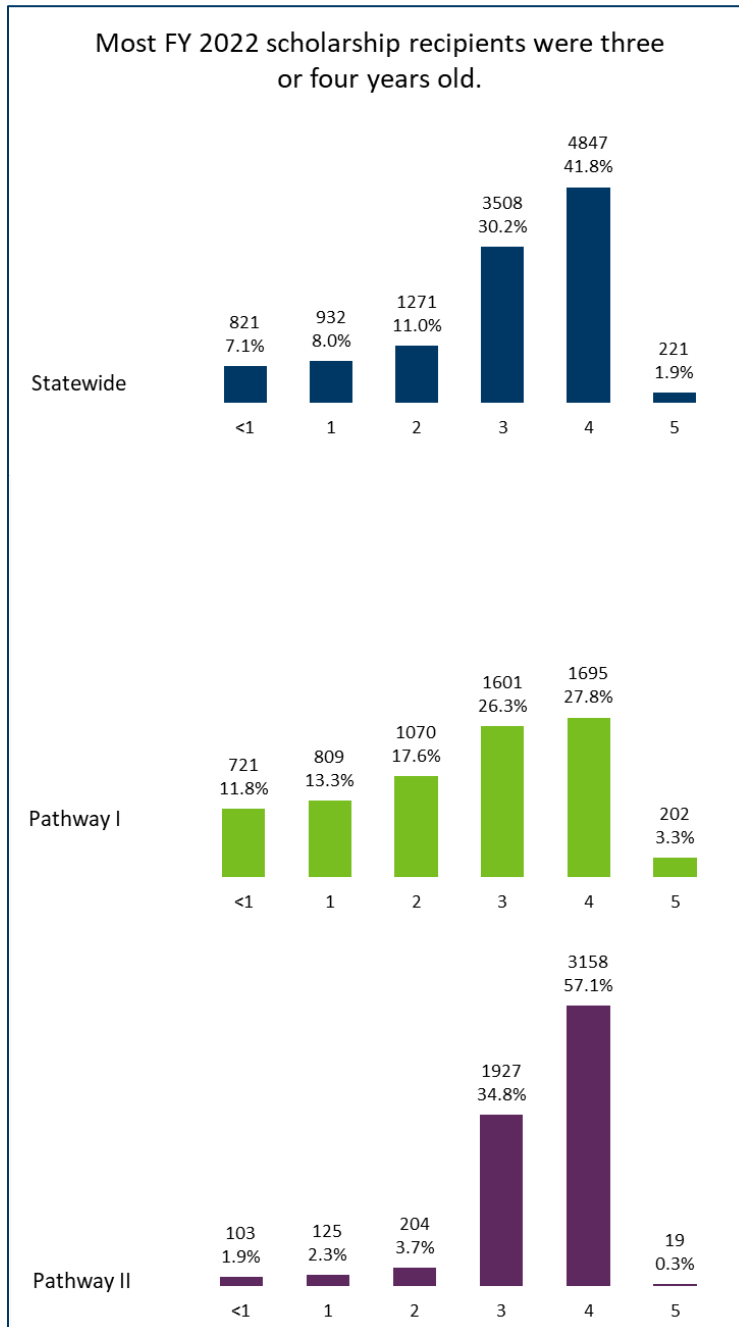


[Refer to Appendix G: Housing Insecurity – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2022.](#)

State Demographics

Age on September 1, 2021

The majority of children who received a scholarship were age 3 or 4 as of September 1, 2021, the standard ages of eligibility. Significantly higher percentages of Pathway II scholarships were awarded to children of these ages; Pathway I awarding is more distributed across all ages served. The higher numbers of children ages 3 and 4 who received a Pathway II scholarship is attributable to common use of these funds to provide services in a preschool model.



Approximately 26 percent of children awarded statewide were under age 3, an age group extended eligibility if they are either in a priority population identified in statute or the younger sibling of an active scholarship recipient attending the same program at the time of award. Pathway I scholarship recipients represent the bulk of this count.

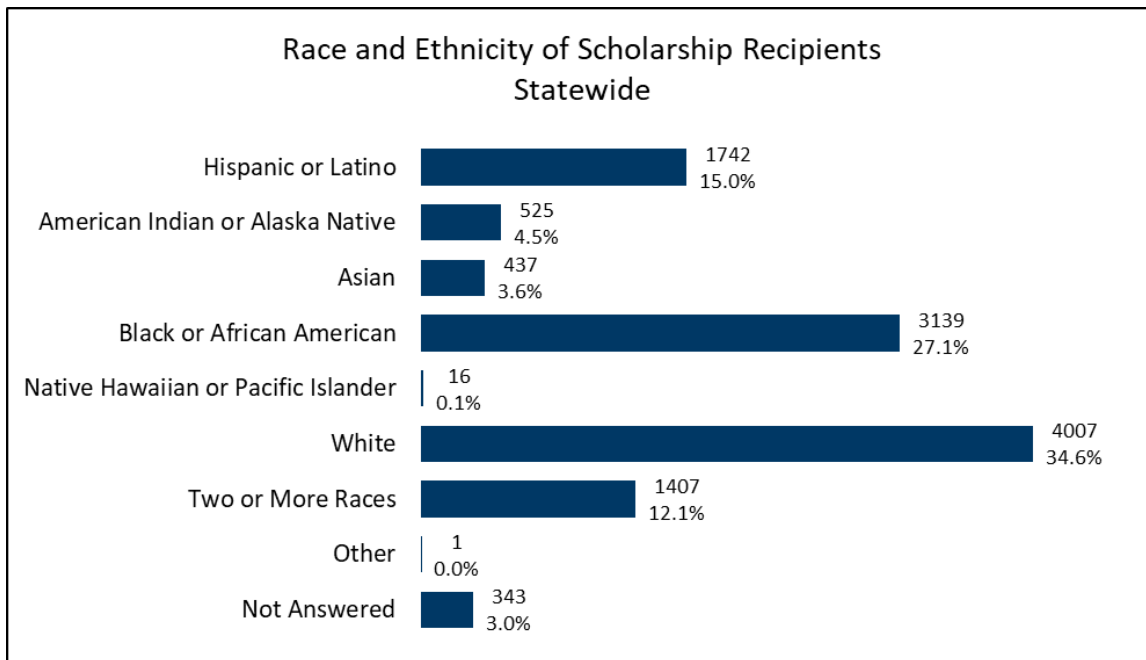
A relatively small number of the children awarded a scholarship in FY 2022 were 5 years old as of September 1, 2021. These 5-year-olds lost age eligibility for a scholarship as of September 1, however they received a scholarship for some portion of the period between July 1 and their final day of eligibility, August 31, 2021, and so were retained in the full count of scholarships.

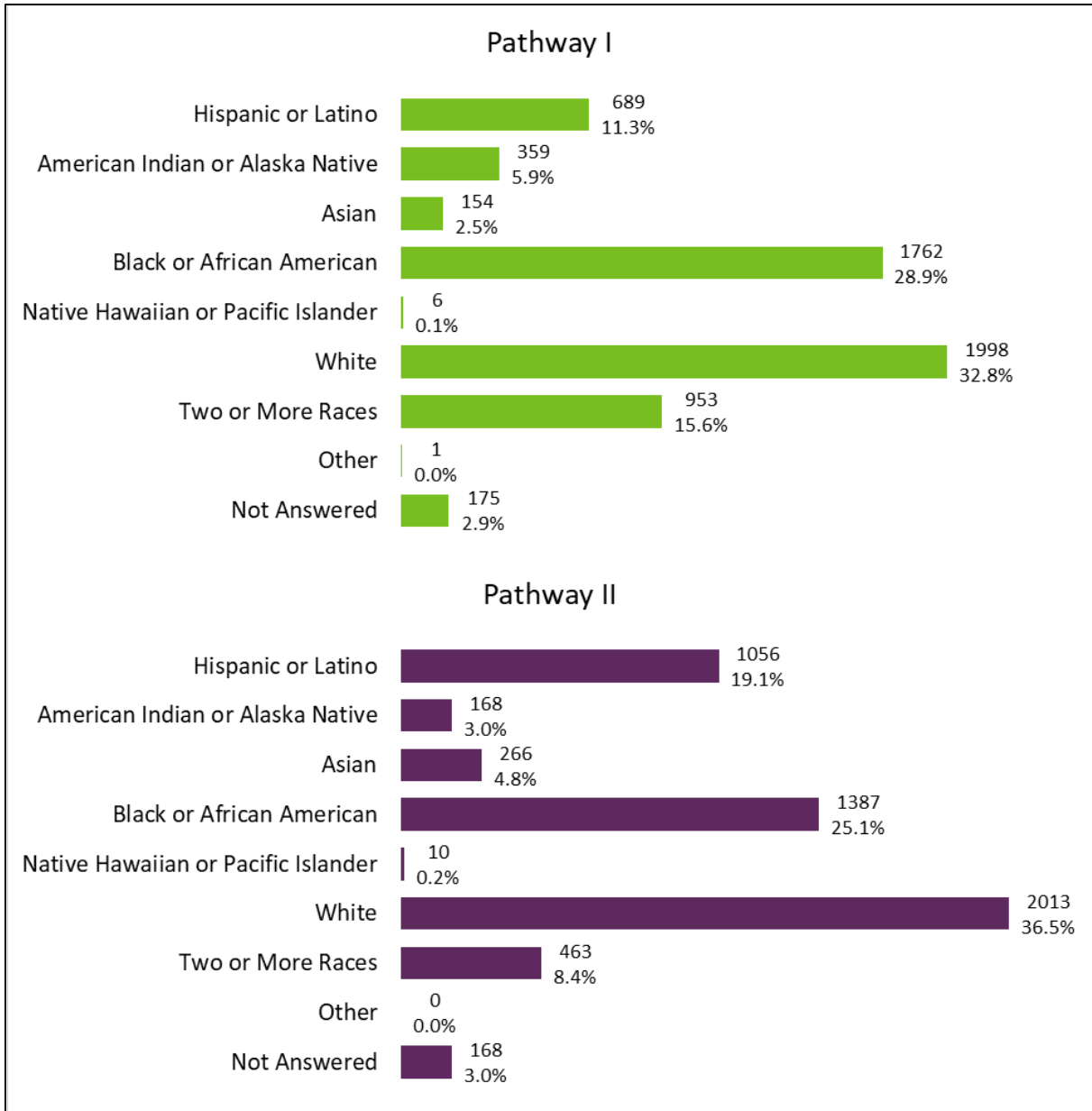
[Refer to Appendix B: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Age on September 1 – FY 2022.](#)

Race and Ethnicity

The race and ethnicity of children who received a new or renewed scholarship in state fiscal year 2022 were collected on scholarship applications with multiple versions as well as carried over from a previous year’s entries in the case of renewals. Applicants were able to report one or multiple selections of race and ethnicity as well as to complete the form without a selection of either or both on the initial application for a scholarship and the renewal form.

On Early Learning Scholarships applications prior to the FY 2019 version, the list of races included an “Other” option. In reporting previous to FY 2021, the “Other” responses may have been included in the “Not Answered” count. Between FY 2018 and FY 2019, the response of “Other” was removed from the application, however it was retained as an option in the system collection and some records in the primary data set had this selection. “Other” responses have been reported separately from “Not Answered” in the chart that follows in this section as well as in the data table found in Appendix C.

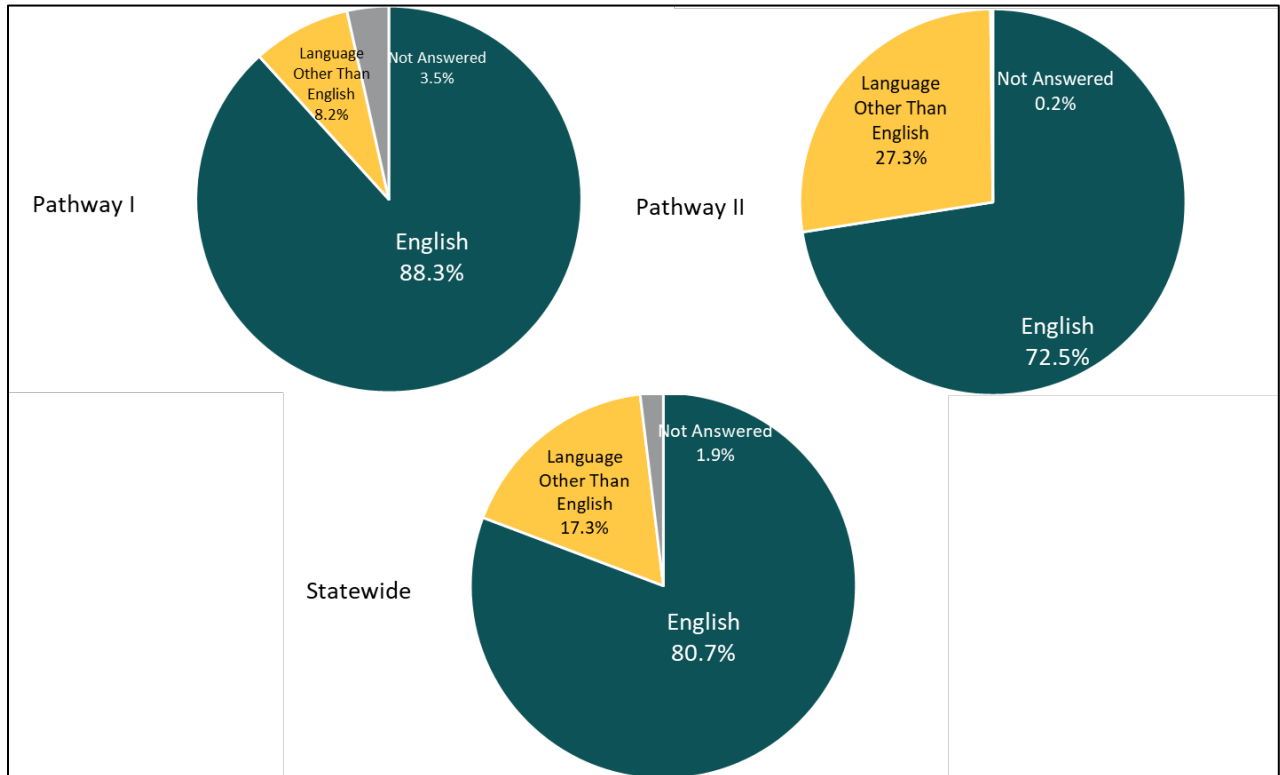
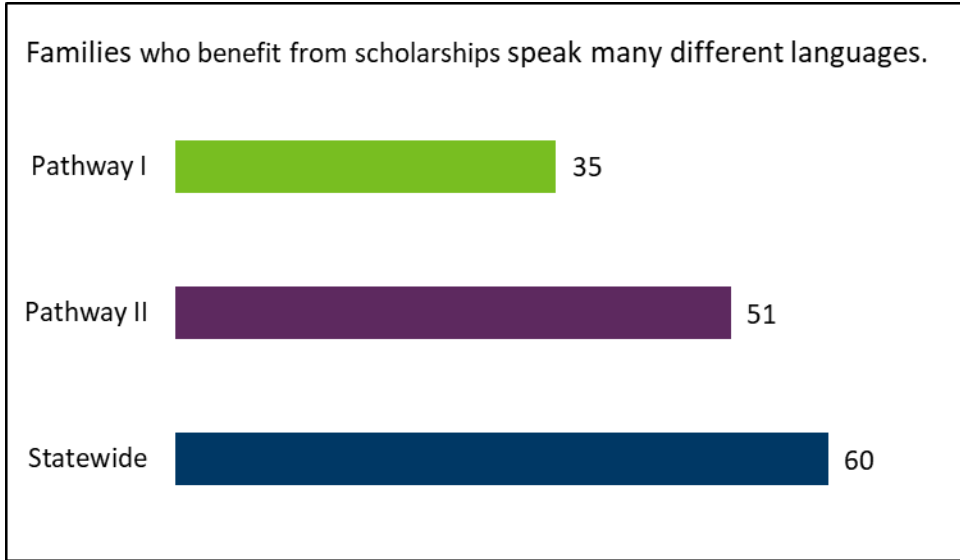




[Refer to Appendix C: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Race and Ethnicity – FY 2022.](#)

Home Language

The families of children awarded FY 2022 state early learning scholarships were asked on the application to report the language they spoke most at home. A total of 60 different home languages were reported statewide.



[Refer to Appendix D: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Home Language – FY 2022.](#)

How Applicants Qualified

Applicants have two options to demonstrate their income eligibility for a state early learning scholarship of either pathway: Option 1 and Option 2.

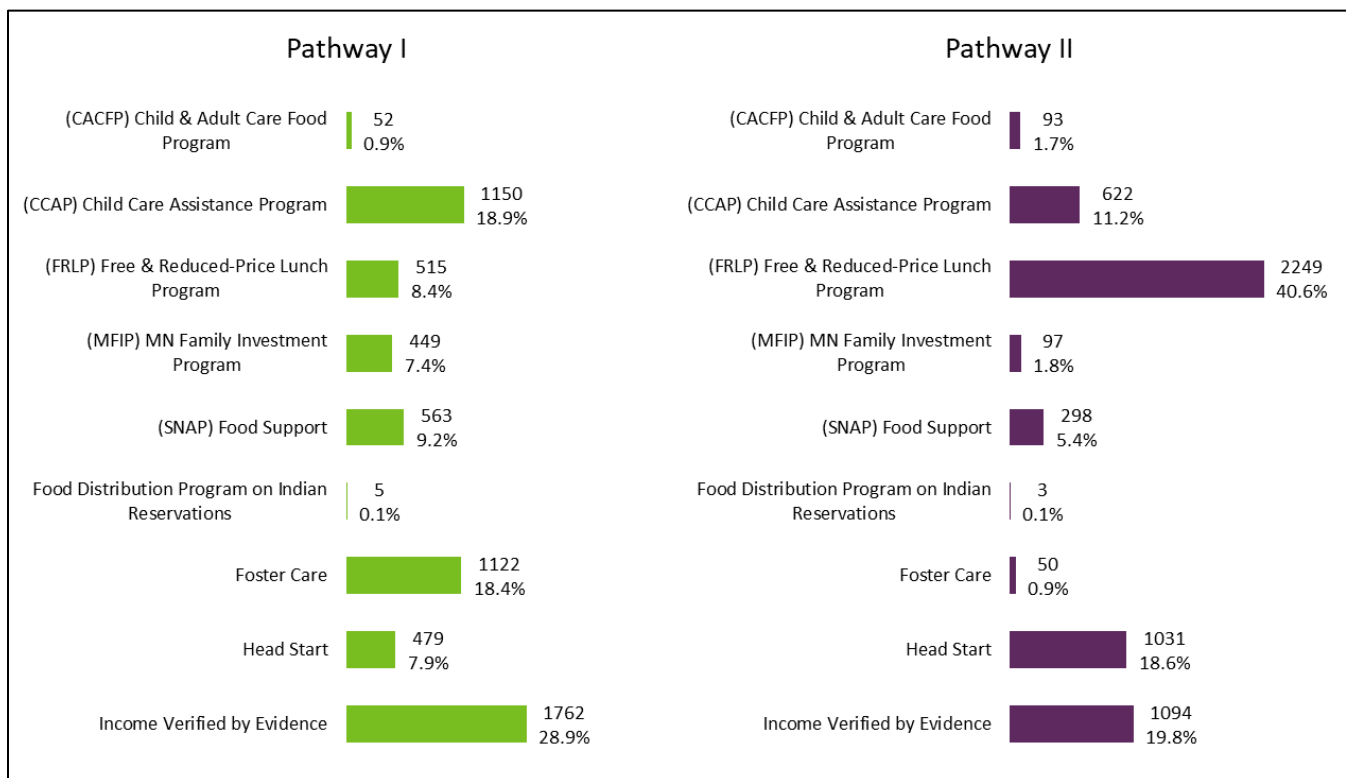
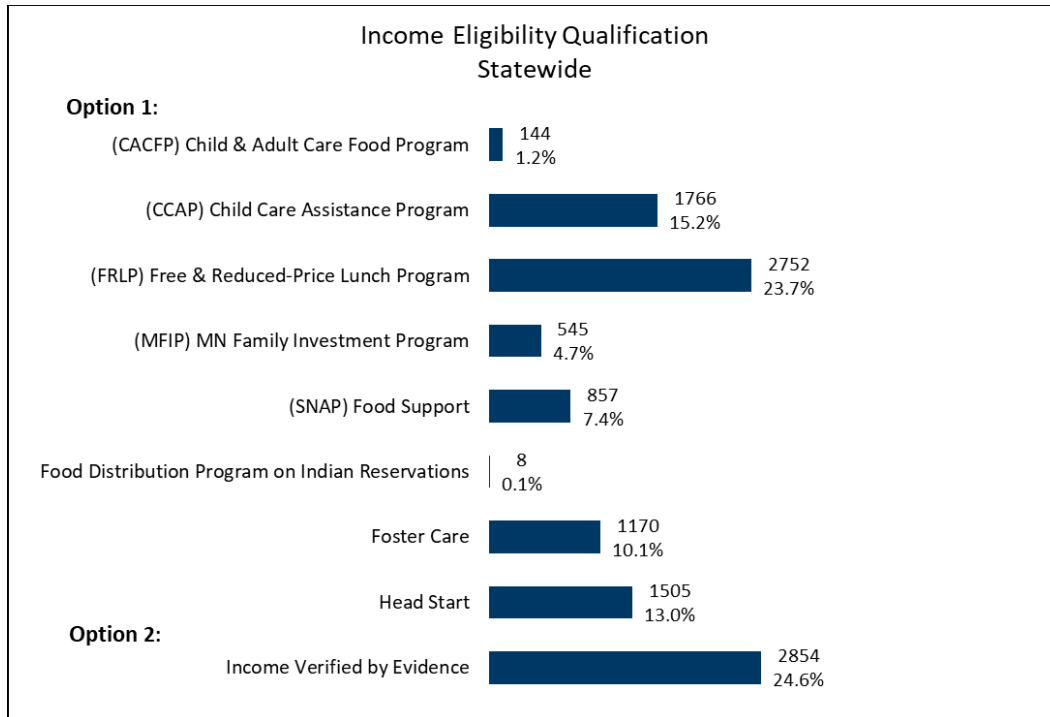
To demonstrate income eligibility under Option 1, an applicant must document their family's current participation in one of eight public assistance or publicly-funded programs:

- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Food Support (SNAP)
- Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRPL)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Head Start
- Foster Care
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Families may be participating in and/or benefitting from multiple public programs. In previous years, only the public program that was reported for the purpose of determining scholarship eligibility was captured. In June 2020, MDE began capturing additional family public program participation responses from the list above in ELSA. The data associated with FY 2022 scholarships is available in the [Family Participation in Other Public Programs](#) section later in this report.

Applicants who do not document their eligibility through Option 1 may do so using Option 2, which requires they submit evidence of their household income. To be eligible under this option, families must have income equal to or less than 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines that are in effect at the start of the state fiscal year of the scholarship (FY 2022 began July 1, 2021).

In the statewide count, 76.4 percent of children awarded a state early learning scholarship in FY 2022 qualified as income-eligible under Option 1. Most children eligible under Option 1 demonstrated participation in the Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRPL). The breakdown by pathway type illustrates this is due to common use of FRPL as the qualifier for those children being awarded in Pathway II-funded programs. This is likely attributable to the high representation of school district programs in the group, as district programs may more readily determine participation in FRPL. The higher qualification under Head Start is also easily tied back to the makeup of the group of programs funded with Pathway II, as many are Head Start programs. Some differences in the Pathway I qualification categories also impacted the statewide count significantly. Notably, compared to Pathway II recipients, a Pathway I scholarship recipient was much more likely to qualify under: Option 2; Foster Care; CCAP; MFIP or SNAP, both of which are entitlement programs and do not have capped allocations.

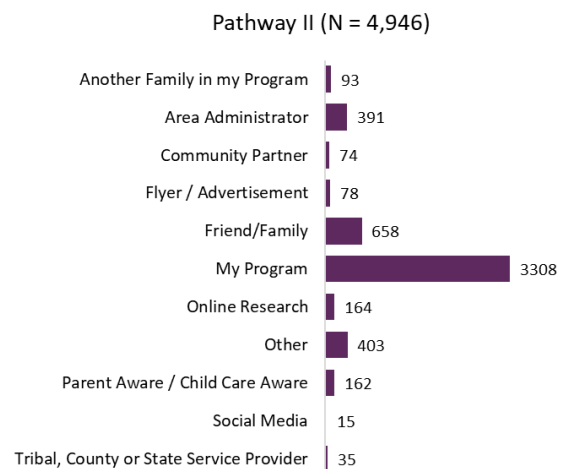
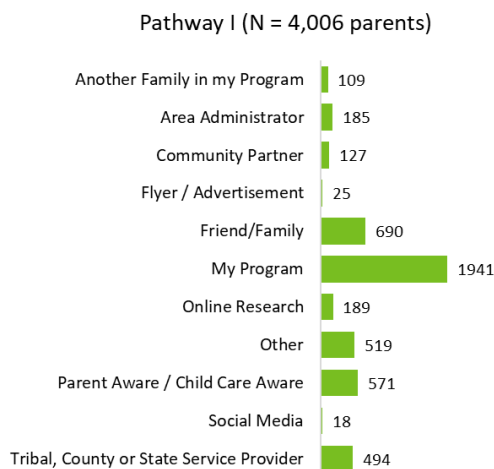
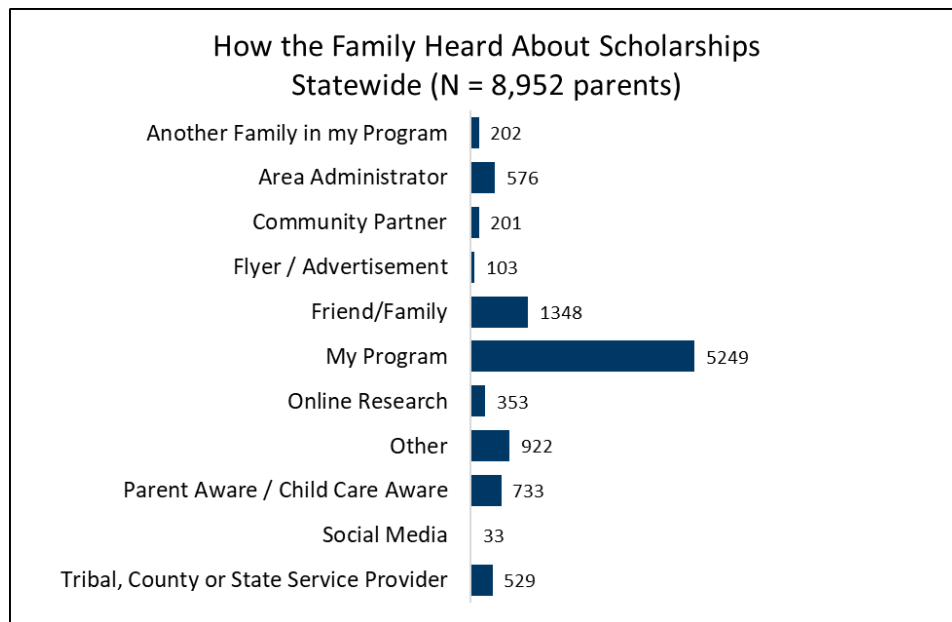


[Refer to Appendix H: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Income Qualifier – FY 2022.](#)

How the Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships

Early Learning Scholarships application forms ask how the family heard about Early Learning Scholarships. A response is optional.

The data set for this report included responses from 8,952 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (4,006 with a Pathway II and 4,946 with a Pathway I scholarship). In this set, the most common response was “My Program,” which was selected by about 59 percent of responding families statewide. Even when split out by pathway type, “My Program” is by far the most common reported source of a family’s awareness of Early Learning Scholarships. However, there is more variation in the responses from families of Pathway I recipients.



[Refer to Appendix I: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2022.](#)

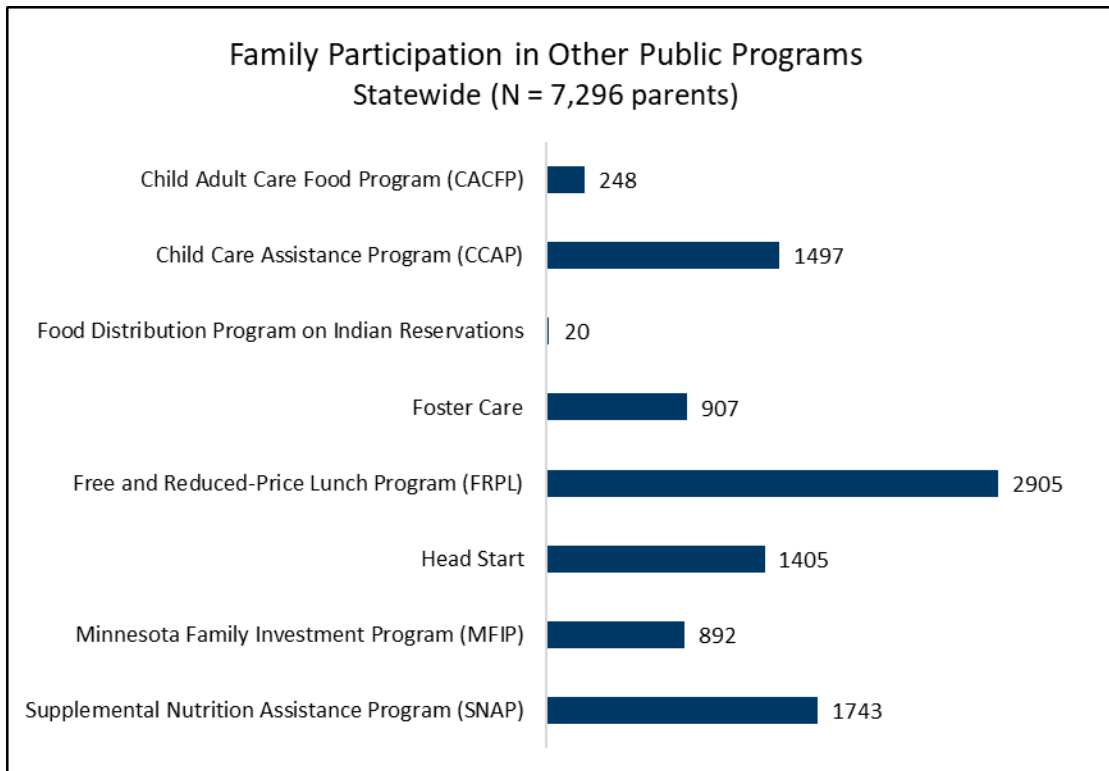
[Refer to Appendix J: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Program Type – FY 2022.](#)

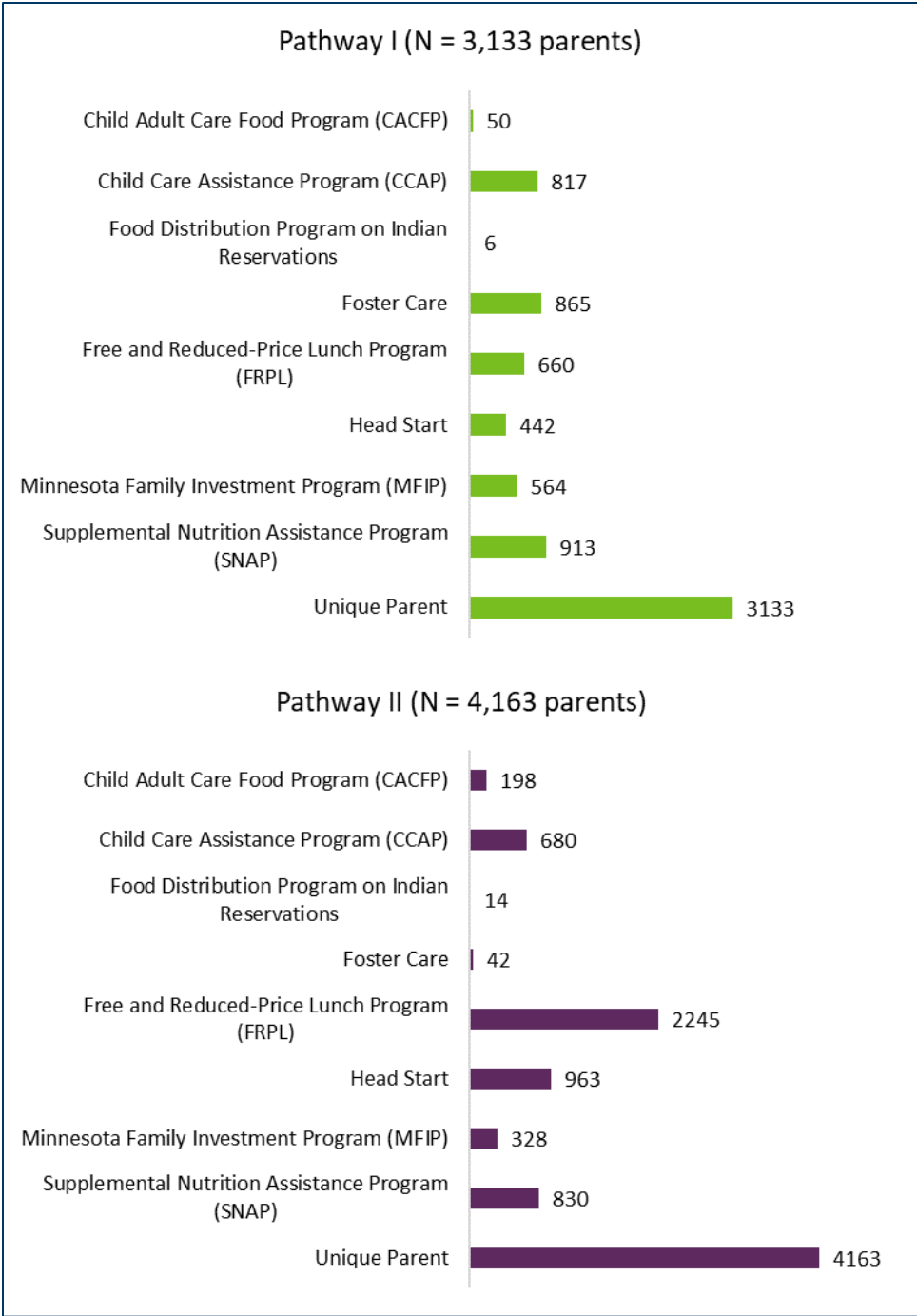
Family Participation in Other Public Programs

On the scholarship application, there has been an opportunity to indicate the family’s participation in one or more of the public programs that demonstrates income eligibility for Early Learning Scholarship under Option 1 since at least FY 2016. The FY 2020 version of the scholarship application clarified that the applicant should indicate their participation in all of the public programs that applied, not only the one they wished to use to demonstrate income eligibility. Refer to the [How Applicants Qualified](#) section in this report for related details.

In June 2020, MDE updated the ELSA system to support collection of all responses indicating participation in one or more of the public programs associated with scholarship eligibility. The data set for this report included responses from 7,296 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (4,163 with a Pathway II and 3,133 with a Pathway I scholarship).

Note: Data on the public program participation of Early Learning Scholarships recipients that incorporates other sources can be found in the Birth to Pre-K reports area of the [Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System \(ECLDS\)](#).





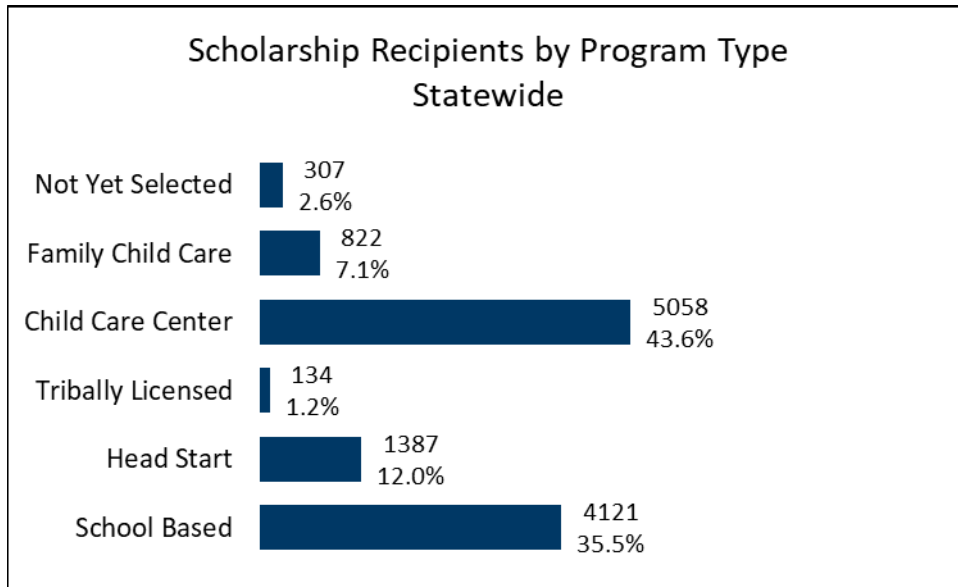
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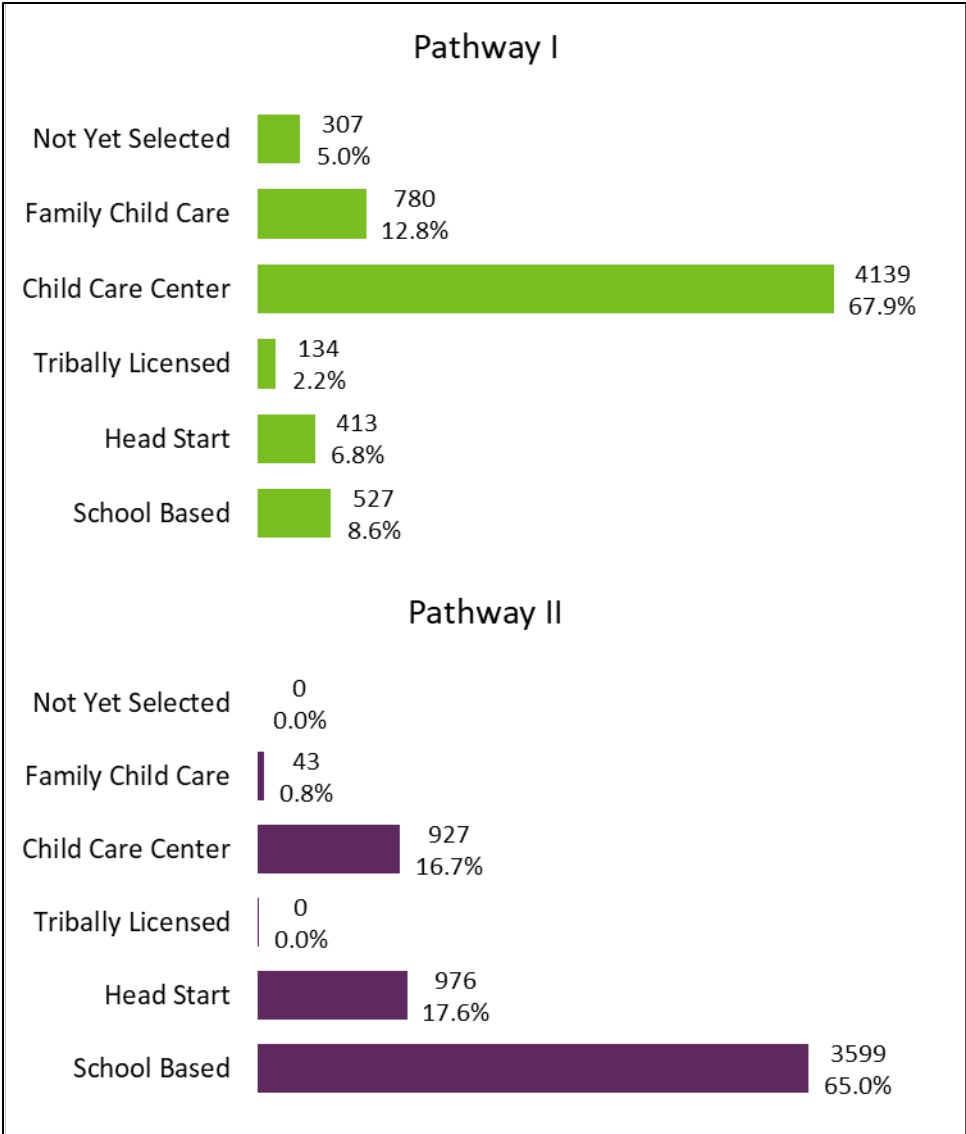
Scholarship Use in Early Childhood Programs

The reporting in this section centers on the early education and care programs (early childhood programs) where state early learning scholarships were used for children awarded between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022 (FY 2022). The data set utilized only included programs identified as selected to serve a scholarship recipient at some point between the start of FY 2022 and November 3, 2022. A scholarship year is the 12-month period beginning on the date a child is awarded funds. As a result, many children awarded in FY 2022 continue to be served into the certified year, ending June 30, 2023. This means the counts of early childhood programs that have served children with FY 2022 awards will continue to shift after this reporting.

Breakdowns are provided in various configurations by pathway type, Parent Aware Star Rating, county, region, or some combination of these groupings. Duplicate counts are possible and expected as children may change pathway types as well as programs and sites of attendance within a scholarship year. Statewide data for program and site is unduplicated, with the count of a scholarship with program records of more than one type going to the program type that was selected for the longest period.

All Pathway II scholarships were awarded directly by one of the 398 programs allocated those funds in FY 2022; a requirement of eligibility is that the program be Parent Aware Four-Star Rated. Pathway I scholarships may be awarded prior to selection of an eligible program by the family. As a result, in some charts and tables in this section, “Not Yet Selected” and “Not Applicable” (NA) are used.

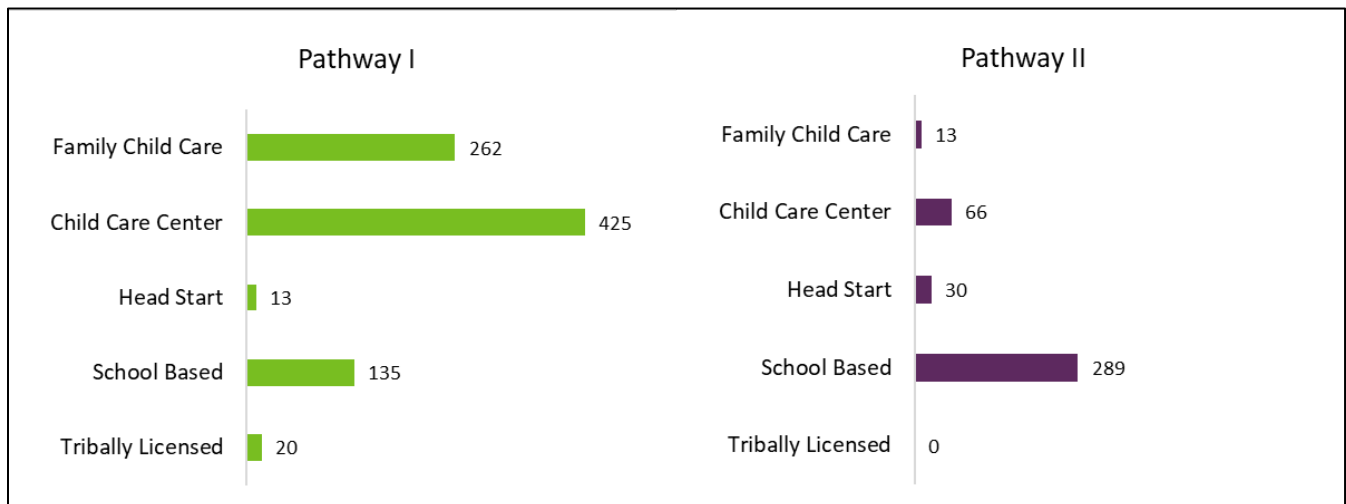
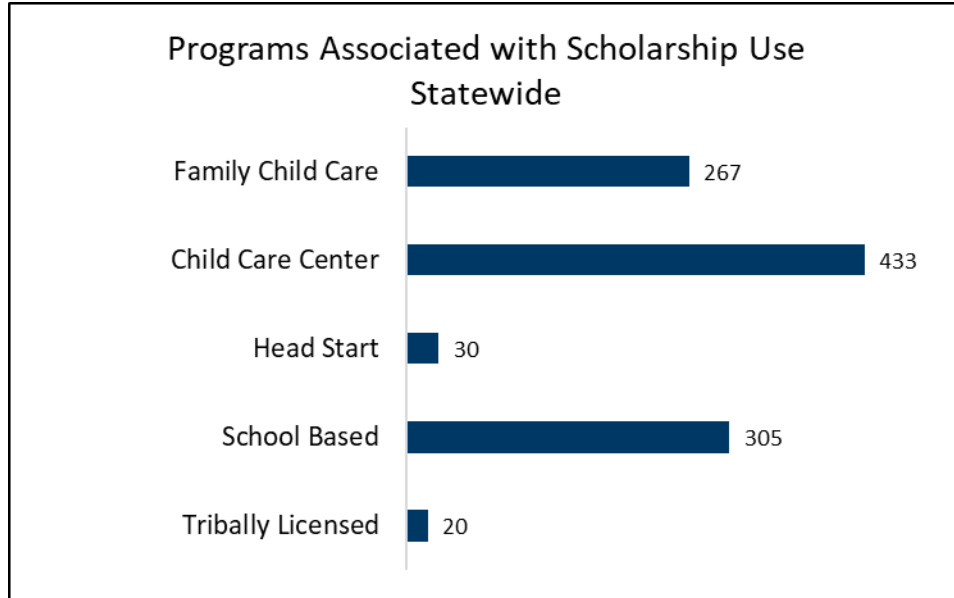




[Refer to Appendix L: Child Counts and Percentages by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2022.](#)

Programs Associated with Scholarship Use

MDE tracks relationships between individual scholarship awards and early childhood programs at a program level for the purpose of general administration under the Early Learning Scholarships Program. A distinct school district, charter school, or Head Start grantee is considered a program, though any of these may have more than one associated service site. Additionally, Parent Aware applies criteria related to licensing and organizational structure to determine groupings of child care sites under identified programs. MDE utilizes those Parent Aware-designated child care programs for the purpose of Early Learning Scholarships administration and reporting.



[Refer to Appendix M: Program Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2022.](#)

Sites (of a Program) Associated with Scholarship Use

Sites are the physical locations of an early childhood program that children attend for services. For child care, site ties to a license number, so it may be preferable to use site count as opposed to program count for comparisons to other early learning program types.

[Refer to Appendix N: Site Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2022.](#)

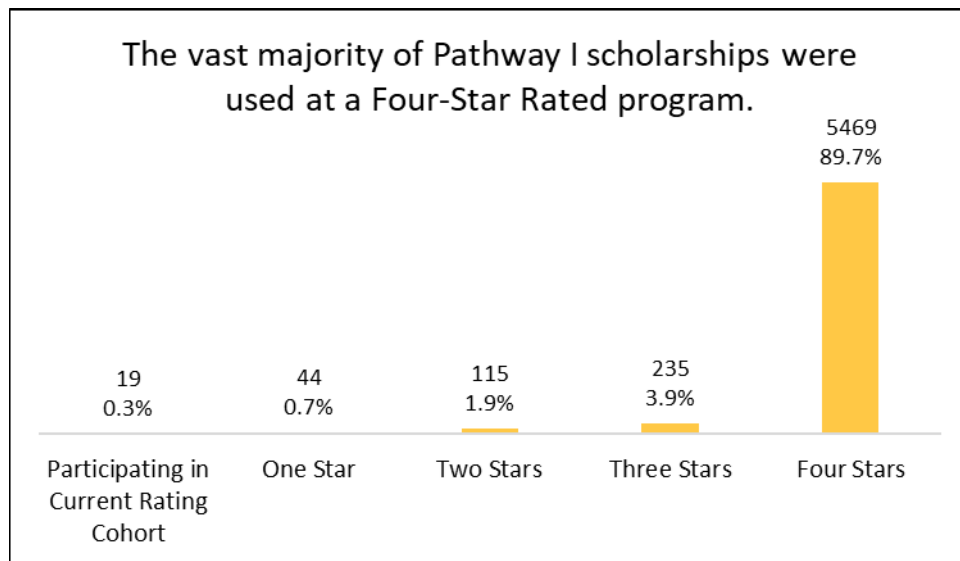
Pathway I Scholarship Use

State Early Learning Scholarships – Pathway I awarded in FY 2022 could be used at any early childhood program participating in Parent Aware. This includes programs with an active Parent Aware Star Rating as well as those programs in a current full rating cohort. Beginning July 1, 2024, only programs with a Parent Aware Three- or Four-Star Rating will be eligible to accept scholarships. In the population of records used for this reporting, 5.0 percent (307) of children who were awarded a FY 2022 Pathway I scholarship did not have a program selected for use as of November 1, 2022.

Note: As provided in statute, a family is permitted up to 10 months to select an eligible program where they intend to use their child’s scholarship.

Pathway I Scholarship Use – Parent Aware Star Rating

The vast majority of FY 2022 Pathway I scholarships, 89.7 percent, were used in Four-Star Rated programs. When considered together, use at Three- and Four-Star Rated programs represents 93.6 percent of Pathway I scholarships. As noted earlier in this section, all Pathway II-funded programs are Four-Star Rated, as that is a requirement of eligibility for those funds. Program eligibility is changing to only Three- and Four-Star Rated programs as of FY 2025. MDE and Area Administrators will monitor for the impact the law change may have on scholarship use, including the population of scholarship recipients who do not yet have a selected program.



[Refer to Appendix O: Pathway I – Child Counts by Program Parent Aware Rating – FY 2022.](#)

Pathway I Scholarship Use – Program Type and Parent Aware Star Rating

The table below provides counts of Pathway I scholarship recipients by program type and Parent Aware Star Rating sourced from program selection records through November 3, 2022. It is a duplicated count, as a child may move to different programs within their scholarship year.

Head Start and school-based programs (school districts and charter schools) participating in Parent Aware are only eligible to be either Four-Star Rated or considered as not participating. In consideration of this, “NA” (not applicable) is used in place of a count for all ratings less than Four Stars for both of these program types.

Program Rating	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Participating in Current Rating Cohort	9	10	NA	NA	0
One Star	28	15	NA	NA	1
Two Stars	47	63	NA	NA	8
Three Stars	94	128	NA	NA	14
Four Stars	617	3,957	413	527	118
Total	795	4,173	413	527	141

Scholarship Use by Region and County

Early Learning Scholarships Program data collections made through ELSA include a primary address entry for the awarded child as well as program and site address records. There are also optional entries for additional addresses associated with one or more parent/guardian. Reporting does not make use of the optional address collections in determining region or county location of scholarship use.

If a child changed program or site of attendance or scholarship pathway type, a duplicate count is possible in reporting at the region, county, and pathway type levels. The statewide count includes a child only once.

The local supply of eligible programs and slots in eligible programs impacts the choices available to families and so the services a child receives. However, the data set used in this reporting is not able to provide specific insights regarding supply, only use of state early learning scholarships.

Also included in this section are counts by Tribal Area Administrator. The tribal area administration of Pathway I scholarships includes children who reside on tribal land and/or are children of members or who have otherwise been determined to have a relationship with the tribal organization. The children included in tribal area counts are also included in the regional counts.

Region and County Totals by Pathway Type – Child Residence

Based on the primary address of the child, the charts in Appendix P provide totals by pathway type at a county, regional, and tribal administrator level. Tribally awarded scholarships are also reflected in county and region counts. Pathway II scholarships are administered directly by school based and Head Start programs. Milestones, one of the Pathway I Area Administrators, also administers Pathway II scholarships for all child care Pathway II awards.

[Refer to Appendix P: Child Counts by Region, County and Pathway Type – FY 2022.](#)

Region and County Totals by Program Type – Program Location

The county of the site selected for early childhood services on a scholarship was used to determine child scholarship counts by county and region. The counts are provided in tables specific to both region and pathway type. For Pathway I scholarships, counts are only included for those with a selected program site of attendance.

[Refer to Appendix Q: Child Counts by Region, County and Program Type – Pathway I and II – FY 2022.](#)

Pathway I Scholarship Use by Region and Parent Aware Star Rating

The county of the site selected for early childhood services on a Pathway I scholarship was used to determine counts by county and region. The site record also reflects the Parent Aware Star Rating held by the program with which it is associated; the rating in the site record was used for counts by Star Rating. For Pathway I scholarships, counts are only included for those with a program selection history indicating one or more site of attendance.

[Refer to Appendix R: Pathway I – Child Counts by Region, County and Star Rating – FY 2022.](#)

Pathway I Wait List: June 30, 2022

Area Administrator and Tribal Area Administrator organizations report Early Learning Scholarships–Pathway I wait list counts to MDE on a monthly basis. The wait list for a given month reflects the number of children who were prescreened, after submitting an application, as eligible for a state early learning scholarship but who were not awarded by the final day of the reporting month. The counts detailed in Appendix S of this report are those current as of June 30, 2022, the final day of state fiscal year 2022.

At the close of FY 2022, the statewide wait list for a Pathway I scholarship totaled 2,578 children. Seven of the eleven economic development regions and one of the two tribal administrative areas reported children on the wait list. Region 11, comprised of the seven Twin Cities Metro counties, reported 2,235 children on the final wait list, making up 86.7 percent of the statewide count.

[Refer to Appendix S: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2022.](#)

Although the wait list counts represent children who were not awarded with FY 2022 funds, administrators maintain wait lists across fiscal years. It may be that those children who were on the wait list at the close of FY 2022 were later awarded with FY 2023 funds. This is not tracked.

Appendices

Appendix A: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type – FY 2022

FY 2022	Pathway I	Pathway I % of Total	Pathway II	Pathway II % of Total	Total
Statewide	6,096	52.6%	5,535	47.7%	11,597

Appendix B: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Age on September 1 – FY 2022

Pathway	Total	<1	1	2	3	4	5
Pathway I Counts	6,096	721	809	1,070	1,601	1,695	202
Pathway I %	100%	11.8%	13.3%	17.6%	26.3%	27.8%	3.3%
Pathway II Counts	5,535	103	125	204	1,927	3,158	19
Pathway II %	100%	1.9%	2.3%	3.7%	34.8%	57.1%	0.3%
Statewide Counts	11,597	821	932	1,271	3,508	4,847	221
Statewide %	100%	7.1%	8.0%	11.0%	30.2%	41.8%	1.9%

Appendix C: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Race and Ethnicity – FY 2022

FY 2022	Pathway I	% of Children in Pathway I	Pathway II	% of Children in Pathway II	Statewide Total	% of Children Statewide
Hispanic or Latino	689	11.3%	1,056	19.1%	1,742	15.0%

FY 2022	Pathway I	% of Children in Pathway I	Pathway II	% of Children in Pathway II	Statewide Total	% of Children Statewide
American Indian or Alaskan Native	359	5.9%	168	3.0%	525	4.5%
Asian	154	2.5%	266	4.8%	437	3.6%
Black or African American	1,762	28.9%	1,387	25.1%	3,139	27.1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	6	0.1%	10	0.2%	16	0.1%
White	1,998	32.8%	2,013	36.5%	4,007	34.6%
Two or More Races	953	15.6%	463	8.4%	1,407	12.1%
Other	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Not Answered	175	2.9%	168	3.0%	343	3.0%
Total	6,096	100%	5,535	100%	11,597	100%

Appendix D: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Home Language – FY 2022

The list of languages distinctly identified in the table below was limited to the 10 most frequently reported languages in addition to English.

Home Language	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
English	5,381	4,014	9,364
Spanish	169	643	812
Somali	158	427	585
Hmong	43	64	107
Karen	19	68	87
Oromo, Afan Oromo, Oromiffa	11	64	75
Arabic	12	61	73
Amharic	14	32	46
French	17	18	32
Vietnamese	4	17	21
Tigrinya	9	9	18
Other Language Combined	49	107	153
Not Answered	213	11	224
Total	6,096	5,535	11,597

Appendix E: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Priority Population – FY 2022

Priority Populations	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Children of Teen Parent	93	18	111
Foster Care	1,144	78	1,214
Children Receiving Child Protective Services	240	13	253
Experiencing Homelessness	2,969	406	3,364
Total	4,146	502	4,530

Appendix F: Statewide Child Counts by Age on September 1 and Priority Population – FY 2022

Priority Populations	Total	<1	1	2	3	4	5*
Children of Teen Parent	111	46	21	13	17	14	0
Foster Care	1,214	122	171	227	325	332	38
Children Receiving Child Protective Services	253	43	44	53	57	50	6
Experiencing Homelessness	3,364	387	494	664	842	895	82
Total	4,530	553	682	901	1,158	1,216	120

*The 5-year-olds who received a FY 2022 scholarship were newly awarded or renewed in the period from July 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021. These 5-year-olds were no longer age-eligible for a scholarship as of September 1, 2021.

Appendix G: Housing Insecurity – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2022

Housing Insecurity	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Car, outside or public space	185	37	222
Doubling up temporarily with other family or friends	1,512	403	1,915
Hotel, motel or trailer	334	76	410
Moving from place to place	1,139	248	1,387
Shelter	401	92	493
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	857	179	1,036
Total	2,239	592	2,831

Appendix H: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Income Qualifier – FY 2022

Income Qualifier	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Option 1: Child and Adult Care Food Programs (CACFP)	52	0.9%	93	1.7%	144	1.2%
Option 1: Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	1,150	18.9%	622	11.2%	1,766	15.2%
Option 1: Free & Reduced-Price Meals Program (FRPL)	515	8.4%	2,249	40.6%	2,752	23.7%

Income Qualifier	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Option 1: MN Family Investment Program (MFIP)	449	7.4%	97	1.8%	545	4.7%
Option 1: Food Support (SNAP)	563	9.2%	298	5.4%	857	7.4%
Option 1: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations	5	0.1%	3	0.1%	8	0.1%
Option 1: Foster Care	1,122	18.4%	50	0.9%	1,170	10.1%
Option 1: Head Start	479	7.9%	1,031	18.6%	1,505	13.0%
Option 2: Income Verified by Evidence	1,762	28.9%	1,094	19.8%	2,854	24.6%

Appendix I: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2022

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Another Family in My Program	109	93	202
Area Administrator	185	391	576
Community Partner	127	74	201
Flyer/Advertisement	25	78	103
Friend/Family	690	658	1,348

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
My Program	1,941	3,308	5,249
Online Research	189	164	353
Parent Aware/Child Care Aware	571	162	733
Social Media	18	15	33
Tribal, County or State Service Provider	494	35	529
Other	519	403	922
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	649	362	1,011
Total	4,006	4,946	8,952

Appendix J: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Program Type – FY 2022

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Another Family in My Program	14	90	8	85	5
Area Administrator	6	145	15	400	3
Community Partner	12	99	10	73	5
Flyer/Advertisement	1	12	6	83	0

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Friend/Family	113	536	74	592	16
My Program	271	1,925	943	2,057	21
Online Research	20	142	4	179	1
Parent Aware/Child Care Aware	114	452	21	134	11
Social Media	2	10	3	16	2
Tribal, County or State Service Provider	29	367	21	59	18
Other	43	395	76	366	12
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	90	517	55	325	12
Total	517	3,502	1,119	3,640	67

Appendix K: Family Public Program Participation – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2022

Family Public Program Participation	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	50	198	248
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	817	680	1,497
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations	6	14	20
Foster Care	865	42	907

Family Public Program Participation	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Free or Reduced-Price Meals Program (FRP)	660	2,245	2,905
Head Start	442	963	1,405
Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)	564	328	892
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	913	830	1,743
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	809	806	1,615
Total	3,133	4,163	7,296

Appendix L: Child Counts and Percentages by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2022

Program Type	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Not Yet Selected	307	5.0%	NA	NA	307	2.6%
Family Child Care	780	12.8%	43	0.8%	822	7.1%
Child Care Center	4,139	67.9%	927	16.7%	5,058	43.6%
Tribally Licensed	134	2.2%	0	0.0%	134	1.2%
Head Start	413	6.8%	976	17.6%	1,387	12.0%
School Based	527	8.6%	3,599	65.0%	4,121	35.5%

Appendix M: Program Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2022

Program Type	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Family Child Care	262	13	267
Child Care Center	425	66	433
Tribally Licensed	20	0	20
Head Start	13	30	30
School Based	135	289	305

Appendix N: Site Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2022

Program Type	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Family Child Care	262	13	267
Child Care Center	594	166	607
Tribally Licensed	20	0	20
Head Start	55	133	163
School Based	178	448	502

Appendix O: Pathway I – Child Counts by Program Parent Aware Rating – FY 2022

Program Rating	Count	Percent
Not Yet Selected	307	5.0%
Participating in Current Rating Cohort	19	0.3%
One Star	44	0.7%

Program Rating	Count	Percent
Two Stars	115	1.9%
Three Stars	235	3.9%
Four Stars	5,469	89.7%

Appendix P: Child Counts by Region, County and Pathway Type – FY 2022

Region 1	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Kittson	1	4	5
Marshall	4	15	19
Norman	17	12	29
Pennington	6	21	27
Polk	49	48	97
Red Lake	6	10	15
Roseau	7	26	33
Total	90	135	223

Region 2	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Beltrami	101	65	166
Clearwater	15	17	31
Hubbard	92	17	109

Region 2	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Lake of the Woods	3	12	15
Mahnomen	55	7	62
Total	266	118	382

Region 3	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Aitkin	8	16	24
Carlton	59	47	106
Cook	11	0	11
Itasca	67	97	164
Koochiching	5	9	14
Lake	13	5	18
St. Louis	143	165	308
Total	306	339	645

Region 4	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Becker	144	52	196
Clay	51	86	137
Douglas	16	5	21

Region 4	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Grant	1	3	4
Otter Tail	28	92	120
Pope	3	3	6
Stevens	10	27	37
Traverse	2	4	6
Wilkin	1	17	18
Total	256	289	545

Region 5	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Cass	73	46	119
Crow Wing	78	67	145
Morrison	48	23	71
Todd	36	34	70
Wadena	34	28	62
Total	269	198	467

Region 6E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Kandiyohi	87	66	151

Region 6E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
McLeod	37	41	79
Meeker	41	7	48
Renville	5	41	46
Total	171	155	324

Region 6W	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Big Stone	2	13	15
Chippewa	8	29	37
Lac Qui Parle	6	5	11
Swift	11	8	19
Yellow Medicine	23	16	36
Total	50	71	118

Region 7E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Chisago	29	28	57
Isanti	23	37	61
Kanabec	17	18	35
Mille Lacs	38	18	55

Region 7E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Pine	19	56	74
Total	126	158	282

Region 7W	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Benton	87	41	123
Sherburne	102	31	133
Stearns	155	167	322
Wright	108	99	206
Total	452	338	783

Region 8	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Cottonwood	24	14	38
Jackson	3	4	7
Lincoln	2	16	18
Lyon	33	46	79
Murray	6	4	10
Nobles	37	83	120
Pipestone	10	6	14

Region 8	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Redwood	13	19	32
Rock	18	14	32
Total	146	206	350

Region 9	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Blue Earth	22	63	84
Brown	3	35	38
Faribault	7	25	25
Le Sueur	4	27	34
Martin	0	36	36
Nicollet	4	36	40
Sibley	13	26	39
Waseca	3	22	25
Watsonwan	2	49	51
Total	54	319	372

Region 10	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Dodge	4	20	24

Region 10	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Fillmore	6	40	46
Freeborn	3	39	42
Goodhue	18	38	56
Houston	5	10	15
Mower	13	67	80
Olmsted	194	103	297
Rice	42	81	122
Steele	20	29	49
Wabasha	5	33	38
Winona	19	41	60
Total	329	501	829

Region 11	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Anoka	267	373	640
Carver	55	33	88
Dakota	501	255	755
Hennepin	1,544	1,158	2,691
Ramsey	937	632	1,567

Region 11	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Scott	141	84	225
Washington	139	178	316
Total	3,584	2,713	6,282

Tribal Administrative Area	Pathway I
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	97
White Earth Nation	108

Appendix Q: Child Counts by Region, County and Program Type – Pathway I and II – FY 2022

Region 1 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kittson	1	0	0	0	0
Marshall	4	0	0	0	0
Norman	2	17	0	0	0
Pennington	4	0	0	0	0
Polk	22	6	18	0	2
Red Lake	6	0	0	0	0
Roseau	6	0	1	0	0
Total	46	23	19	0	2

Region 1 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kittson	0	0	2	2	0
Marshall	0	0	6	9	0
Norman	0	0	2	10	0
Pennington	0	0	6	15	0
Polk	0	0	6	42	0
Red Lake	0	0	0	10	0
Roseau	0	0	21	5	0
Total	0	0	43	93	0

Region 2 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Beltrami	43	11	17	5	32
Clearwater	4	0	0	7	5
Hubbard	57	0	35	0	0
Lake of the Woods	3	0	0	0	0
Mahnomen	0	1	9	0	45
Total	107	12	61	12	82

Region 2 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School based	Tribally licensed
Beltrami	0	0	27	38	0
Clearwater	0	0	6	11	0
Hubbard	0	1	1	15	0
Lake of the Woods	0	0	8	4	0
Mahnomen	0	0	4	3	0
Total	0	1	46	71	0

Region 3 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Aitkin	4	1	0	3	0
Carlton	9	37	3	9	0
Cook	6	5	0	1	0
Itasca	23	9	21	13	0
Koochiching	0	0	2	3	0
Lake	2	9	0	2	0
St. Louis	14	104	11	14	0
Total	58	165	37	45	0

Region 3 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Aitkin	0	0	1	15	0
Carlton	0	0	13	34	0
Cook	0	0	0	0	0
Itasca	0	0	43	54	0
Koochiching	0	0	4	5	0
Lake	0	0	0	5	0
St. Louis	0	0	79	86	0
Total	0	0	140	199	0

Region 4 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Becker	38	16	43	7	46
Clay	19	26	2	0	0
Douglas	0	10	0	6	0
Grant	0	0	0	1	0
Otter Tail	9	4	7	4	0
Pope	0	1	0	1	0
Stevens	4	1	0	5	0

Region 4 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Traverse	0	0	0	2	0
Wilkin	0	1	0	0	0
Total	70	59	52	26	46

Region 4 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Becker	2	0	34	16	0
Clay	1	0	24	61	0
Douglas	0	0	0	5	0
Grant	0	0	0	3	0
Otter Tail	0	0	0	92	0
Pope	0	0	0	3	0
Stevens	0	0	13	14	0
Traverse	0	0	0	4	0
Wilkin	0	0	0	17	0
Total	3	0	71	215	0

Region 5 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cass	17	11	13	18	2
Crow Wing	18	47	0	13	0
Morrison	18	10	0	21	0
Todd	11	21	0	4	0
Wadena	11	13	3	9	0
Total	75	102	16	65	2

Region 5 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cass	0	1	4	41	0
Crow Wing	0	0	11	56	0
Morrison	0	1	11	11	0
Todd	0	0	0	34	0
Wadena	0	1	0	27	0
Total	0	3	26	169	0

Region 6E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kandiyohi	12	59	0	19	0

Region 6E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
McLeod	13	23	0	2	0
Meeker	7	21	0	14	0
Renville	1	2	0	2	0
Total	33	105	0	37	0

Region 6E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kandiyohi	0	0	1	65	0
McLeod	0	0	1	40	0
Meeker	0	0	0	7	0
Renville	0	1	8	32	0
Total	0	1	10	144	0

Region 6W– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Big Stone	2	0	0	0	0
Chippewa	0	1	0	7	0
Lac Qui Parle	0	6	0	0	0
Swift	0	5	0	6	0

Region 6W– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Yellow Medicine	11	0	0	10	0
Total	13	12	0	23	0

Region 6W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Big Stone	0	0	0	13	0
Chippewa	0	0	8	21	0
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	5	0
Swift	0	0	2	6	0
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	16	0
Total	0	0	10	61	0

Region 7E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	3	24	0	4	0
Isanti	4	19	0	2	0
Kanabec	7	11	0	1	0
Mille Lacs	2	30	1	6	0

Region 7E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Pine	1	8	0	10	0
Total	17	92	1	23	0

Region 7E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	0	3	3	23	0
Isanti	2	1	0	35	0
Kanabec	1	0	3	14	0
Mille Lacs	0	1	7	10	0
Pine	0	4	2	50	0
Total	3	92	15	132	0

Region 7W – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	15	50	11	6	0
Sherburne	11	65	0	23	0
Stearns	19	110	4	10	1
Wright	8	70	2	25	0
Total	53	295	17	64	1

Region 7W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	1	12	0	28	0
Sherburne	0	11	0	20	0
Stearns	0	18	5	144	0
Wright	0	25	23	51	0
Total	1	66	28	243	0

Region 8 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	9	7	0	8	0
Jackson	2	2	0	0	0
Lincoln	1	1	0	1	0
Lyon	4	24	0	5	0
Murray	0	1	0	5	0
Nobles	7	29	0	1	0
Pipestone	3	8	0	0	0
Redwood	2	6	0	5	0
Rock	1	2	0	16	0

Region 8 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Total	29	80	0	41	0

Region 8 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	0	0	0	14	0
Jackson	0	0	0	4	0
Lincoln	0	0	0	16	0
Lyon	0	0	2	44	0
Murray	0	0	0	4	0
Nobles	0	0	27	56	0
Pipestone	0	0	2	4	0
Redwood	0	0	0	19	0
Rock	0	0	0	14	0
Total	0	0	31	175	0

Region 9 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	8	12	0	5	0
Brown	0	1	0	2	0

Region 9 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Faribault	0	0	0	0	0
Le Sueur	1	4	0	0	1
Martin	0	0	0	0	0
Nicollet	1	3	0	0	0
Sibley	4	6	0	4	0
Waseca	2	0	0	1	0
Watonwan	0	2	0	0	0
Total	16	28	0	12	1

Region 9 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	0	0	11	52	0
Brown	0	0	7	28	0
Faribault	0	0	4	21	0
Le Sueur	0	0	5	22	0
Martin	0	0	6	30	0
Nicollet	0	0	12	24	0
Sibley	0	0	0	26	0

Region 9 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Waseca	0	0	6	16	0
Watsonwan	0	2	4	43	0
Total	0	2	55	262	0

Region 10 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	2	2	0	1	0
Fillmore	0	6	0	0	0
Freeborn	0	2	0	1	0
Goodhue	1	15	0	2	0
Houston	0	5	0	1	0
Mower	1	10	0	0	0
Olmsted	4	171	3	4	0
Rice	7	18	1	17	0
Steele	2	11	0	4	0
Wabasha	0	1	0	4	0
Winona	1	13	0	4	0
Total	18	254	4	38	0

Region 10– Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	0	1	4	16	0
Fillmore	0	0	9	31	0
Freeborn	0	0	12	27	0
Goodhue	0	0	4	34	0
Houston	0	0	4	6	0
Mower	0	0	16	51	0
Olmsted	0	24	20	59	0
Rice	0	13	22	46	0
Steele	0	0	0	29	0
Wabasha	0	0	13	20	0
Winona	0	6	10	25	0
Total	0	44	114	344	0

Region 11– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	22	232	2	14	0
Carver	3	50	0	2	0
Dakota	14	442	1	22	0

Region 11– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Hennepin	87	1,239	105	70	0
Ramsey	109	703	92	16	0
Scott	5	122	0	12	0
Washington	5	125	6	5	0
Total	245	2,913	206	141	0

Region 11 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	1	91	53	228	0
Carver	0	3	0	30	0
Dakota	0	92	16	148	0
Hennepin	9	345	189	618	0
Ramsey	25	189	112	309	0
Scott	0	11	6	67	0
Washington	1	70	15	92	0
Total	36	801	391	1,492	0

Tribal – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	19	6	20	25	6
White Earth Nation	9	0	4	2	95

Appendix R: Pathway I – Child Counts by Region, County and Star Rating – FY 2022

Region 1	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Kittson	0	0	0	0	1
Marshall	0	0	2	0	2
Norman	0	0	0	0	17
Pennington	0	1	0	0	4
Polk	0	0	0	6	41
Red Lake	0	0	0	5	2
Roseau	0	0	2	2	3
Total	0	1	4	13	70

Region 2	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Beltrami	0	0	24	15	65

Region 2	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Clearwater	0	2	0	1	13
Hubbard	0	1	1	10	82
Lake of the Woods	2	0	1	2	0
Mahnomen	0	1	3	5	48
Total	2	4	29	33	208

Region 3	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Aitkin	0	0	0	0	8
Carlton	2	2	1	2	51
Cook	0	0	0	0	11
Itasca	0	1	0	0	65
Koochiching	0	0	0	0	5
Lake	0	0	0	0	12
St. Louis	2	0	10	9	127
Total	4	3	11	11	279

Region 4	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Becker	0	0	1	6	135
Clay	0	0	2	3	40
Douglas	0	0	0	2	15
Grant	0	0	0	0	1
Otter Tail	0	0	3	4	16
Pope	0	0	0	0	2
Stevens	0	0	1	1	8
Traverse	0	0	0	0	2
Wilkin	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	7	16	220

Region 5	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Cass	1	0	7	0	52
Crow Wing	0	0	2	7	68
Morrison	2	2	0	8	38

Region 5	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Todd	0	0	6	4	26
Wadena	2	0	1	14	21
Total	5	2	16	33	205

Region 6E	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Kandiyohi	0	0	0	27	60
McLeod	0	2	1	4	31
Meeker	0	4	3	1	33
Renville	0	0	0	1	4
Total	0	6	4	33	128

Region 6W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Big Stone	0	0	0	0	2
Chippewa	0	0	0	1	7
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	6	0

Region 6W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Swift	0	0	1	5	6
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	0	20
Total	0	0	1	12	35

Region 7E	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Chisago	0	0	0	0	29
Isanti	0	0	1	2	22
Kanabec	0	0	8	2	10
Mille Lacs	0	0	0	1	37
Pine	0	0	1	0	18
Total	0	0	10	5	116

Region 7W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Benton	0	4	1	6	67
Sherburne	0	0	2	6	89

Region 7W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Stearns	0	0	0	13	127
Wright	0	3	1	4	90
Total	0	7	4	29	373

Region 8	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Cottonwood	0	1	0	4	19
Jackson	0	0	0	2	2
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	2
Lyon	0	1	0	2	30
Murray	0	0	1	0	5
Nobles	0	3	0	6	28
Pipestone	0	0	0	4	7
Redwood	0	0	0	1	12
Rock	0	1	0	0	18
Total	0	6	1	19	123

Region 9	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Blue Earth	0	1	1	0	21
Brown	0	1	0	0	2
Faribault	0	0	0	0	0
Le Sueur	0	0	0	0	6
Martin	0	0	0	0	0
Nicollet	0	0	0	0	4
Sibley	0	0	3	0	12
Waseca	0	0	0	0	3
Watonwan	0	2	0	0	0
Total	0	4	4	0	49

Region 10	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Dodge	0	0	1	0	4
Fillmore	0	0	1	0	5
Freeborn	0	0	0	0	3
Goodhue	0	0	0	0	15

Region 10	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Houston	0	0	0	0	5
Mower	0	0	0	0	11
Olmsted	0	0	1	0	177
Rice	0	0	0	0	41
Steele	0	0	0	0	15
Wabasha	0	0	0	0	5
Winona	0	0	1	0	17
Total	0	0	4	0	298

Region 11	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Anoka	1	1	7	4	250
Carver	2	1	1	1	51
Dakota	0	1	5	1	469
Hennepin	5	6	4	9	1,446
Ramsey	0	2	1	11	887
Scott	0	0	0	0	135
Washington	0	0	2	5	131

Region 11	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Total	8	11	20	31	3,369

Tribal Administrators	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0	0	7	3	66
White Earth Nation	0	2	2	10	98

Appendix S: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2022

Statewide	Total Wait List
Total Statewide Wait List	2578

Region 1	Total Wait List
Kittson	0
Marshall	0
Norman	0
Pennington	0
Polk	0
Red Lake	0
Roseau	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 2	Total Wait List
Beltrami	7
Clearwater	2
Hubbard	4

Region 2	Total Wait List
Lake of the Woods	0
Mahnomen	0
Total Region Wait List	11

Region 3	Total Wait List
Aitkin	5
Carlton	11
Cook	2
Itasca	5
Koochiching	1
Lake	8
St. Louis	43
Total Region Wait List	75

Region 4	Total Wait List
Becker	32
Clay	4

Region 4	Total Wait List
Douglas	1
Grant	0
Otter Tail	0
Pope	0
Stevens	1
Traverse	0
Wilkin	0
Total Region Wait List	38

Region 5	Total Wait List
Cass	0
Crow Wing	3
Morrison	5
Todd	6
Wadena	9
Total Region Wait List	23

Region 6E	Total Wait List
Kandiyohi	0
McLeod	0
Meeker	0
Renville	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 6W	Total Wait List
Big Stone	0
Chippewa	0
Lac qui Parle	0
Swift	0
Yellow Medicine	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 7E	Total Wait List
Chisago	13
Isanti	7
Kanabec	0

Region 7E	Total Wait List
Mille Lacs	6
Pine	3
Total Region Wait List	29

Region 7W	Total Wait List
Benton	3
Sherburne	9
Stearns	15
Wright	14
Total Region Wait List	41

Region 8	Total Wait List
Cottonwood	0
Jackson	0
Lincoln	0
Lyon	0
Murray	0

Region 8	Total Wait List
Nobles	0
Pipestones	0
Redwood	0
Rock	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 9	Total Wait List
Blue Earth	4
Brown	5
Faribault	1
Le Sueur	1
Martin	0
Nicollet	7
Sibley	0
Waseca	0
Watsonwan	0
Total Region Wait List	18

Region 10	Total Wait List
Dodge	1
Fillmore	0
Freeborn	0
Goodhue	5
Houston	0
Mower	11
Olmsted	67
Rice	14
Steele	1
Wabasha	0
Winona	6
Total Region Wait List	104

Region 11	Total Wait List
Anoka	96
Carver	11
Dakota	154

Region 11	Total Wait List
Hennepin	1,317
Ramsey	582
Scott	25
Washington	49
Total Region Wait List	2,234

Tribal Administrative Area	Total Wait List
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0
White Earth Nation	1