



Early Learning Scholarships

Scholarship Use in Minnesota – State Fiscal Year 2021

For period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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Introduction

The Early Learning Scholarships Program, established by Minnesota Statutes, section 121D.162, supports access to quality early education and care programs for Minnesota's low-income children by bridging funding gaps and decreasing barriers. 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) 2021 is \$7,500 for the general population of eligible children. A separate cap was established for children in priority populations beginning with FY 2021; it is \$10,000 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 \$7,500 per child	Up to \$10,000 per child
Three-Star Parent Aware Rating	Up to \$5,000 per child	Up to \$7,500 per child
One- or Two-Star Parent Aware Rating*	Up to \$4,000 per child	Up to \$4,000 per child
Currently in a Full-Rating Pathway Cohort*	Up to \$3,000 per child	Up to \$3,000 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 2021 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 the 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) 2021 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 in the 2019 session, \$1,681,000 in underutilized scholarship funds from FY 2020 were able to be rolled into the program's Special Revenue account. Additionally, in the fourth quarter of FY 2021 (Q4), the Early Learning Scholarships Program received an infusion \$ 6.43 million in federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund supplemental funding (GEER II) to support awarding of state early learning scholarships to children on Pathway I wait lists across the state. This brought the total FY 2021 appropriations up to \$78,820,000, with 98.8 percent (\$77,870,000) for direct awarding and administration of scholarships at the local level. As of late December 2021, approximately \$40.9 million was awarded in FY 2021 Pathway I scholarships and \$27.0 million in FY 2021 Pathway II. 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, 2022.

Report Data – FY 2021

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) 2021, running July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. This includes new awards and renewals. The primary data set was sourced from the Early Learning Scholarship Administration System (ELSA) and included records through October 31, 2021; wait list counts were gathered separately.

The ten Area Administrator and two Tribal Area Administrator grantee organizations report wait list counts for Pathway I to MDE in monthly file submissions outside of ELSA. The Pathway I wait list counts detailed in this report, with breakouts by county and region, were current as of June 30, 2021. The April 2021 wait list count, totaling 2,370, was referenced for the distribution of \$ 6.43 million in federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund supplemental funding (GEER II) allocated to support awarding of state early learning scholarships.

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

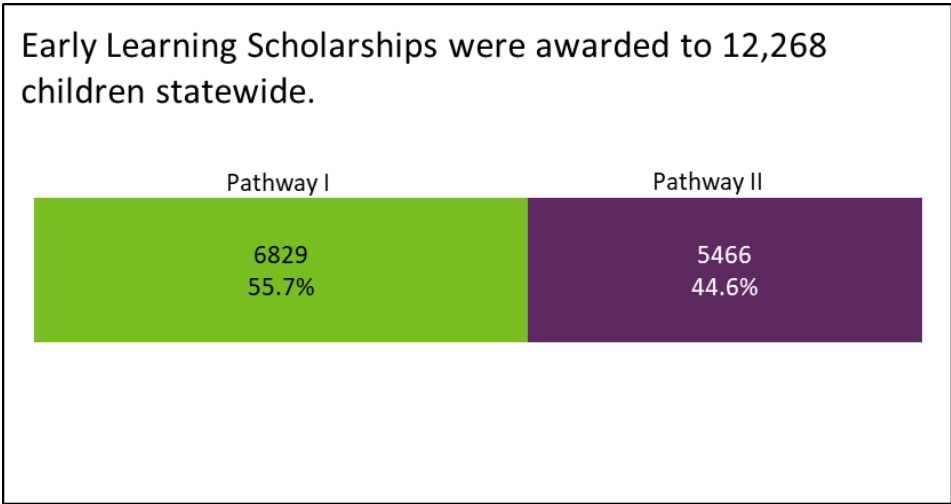
At the statewide level, this report provides an unduplicated count of children who have received a FY 2021-funded scholarship through new awarding or renewal between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021. Data was run on November 3, 2021 against a snapshot of data through October 31, 2021, in consideration 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 2021, 12,268 children were identified as having received a state early learning scholarship. Of those, 4,598 (37.5%) were identified as children in one or more of the four [priority populations](#).

State Totals by Pathway

The 12,268 children who received a FY 2021 scholarship award. The overall percentage of Pathway I scholarships was 11.1% higher than that of Pathway II this year; 1,363 more Pathway I scholarships were awarded than Pathway II scholarships. The infusion of federal funding in Q4 the allocated to support awarding scholarships to children on the wait list for Pathway I likely influenced this difference. Overall, the awarding split between pathways is influenced by allocation of funds, the scholarship award cap amount, program guidance, applicant behaviors, and other factors.



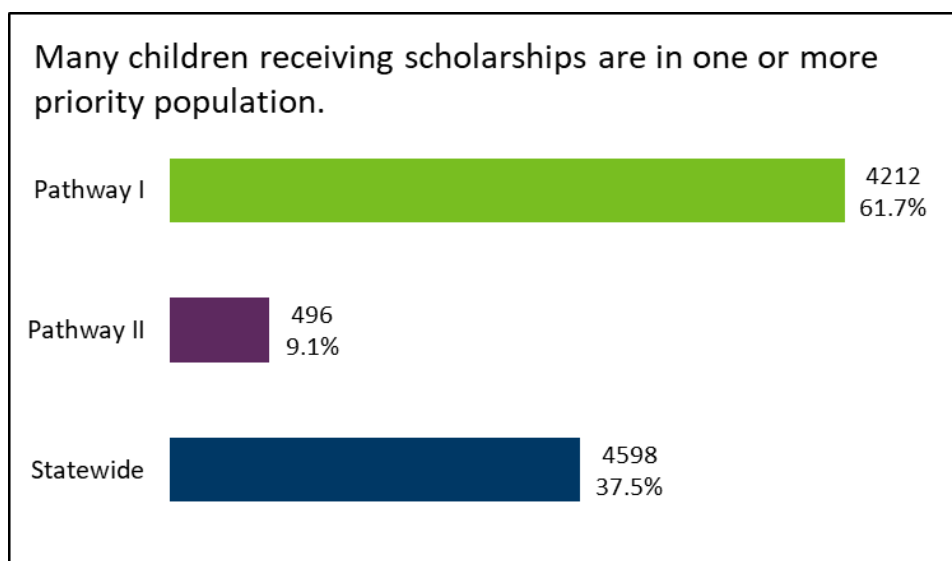
In FY 2020, 14,185 children received a scholarship, marking an apparent drop in use in FY 2021 of approximately 14 percent from the previous year. The number of children with Pathway II scholarships is about 28 percent lower than in FY 2020, while the number of children awarded Pathway I scholarships only fell by about 10 percent. However, this is in line with expectations. The reduced number of children with Pathway II scholarships is considered the continuation of a trend attributable, at least in part, to MDE’s adjusted program guidance to school-based and Head Start programs administering Pathway II scholarships. For both pathways, 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.

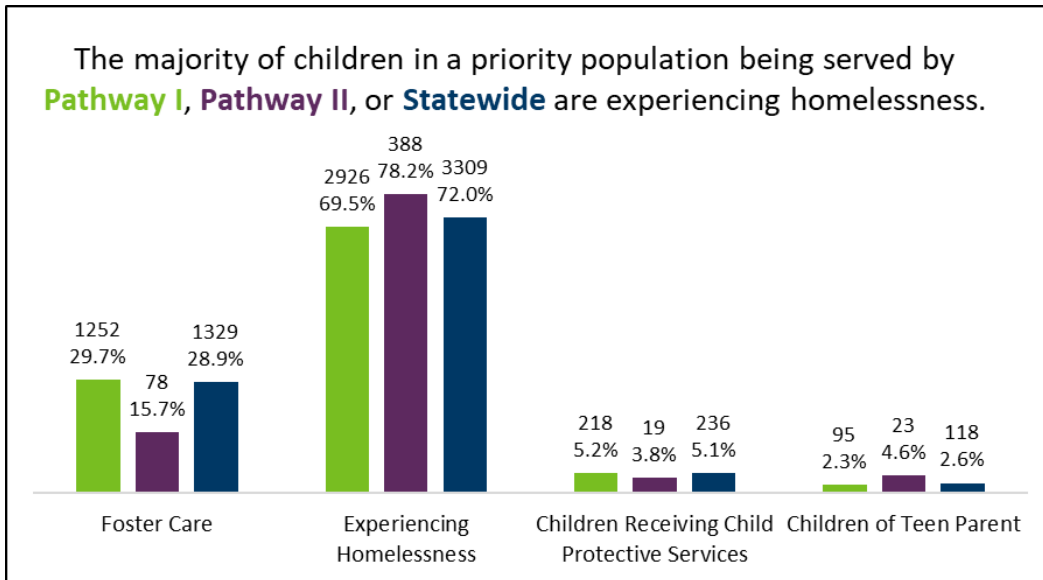
[Refer to Appendix A: Statewide Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type – FY 2021.](#)

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 2021 scholarship, a statewide total of 4,598 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, additional priority groups were included as of FY 2018. Area Administrators were also directed to reserve a minimum of 30% of new funding for children in priority populations beginning with FY 2018.



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.

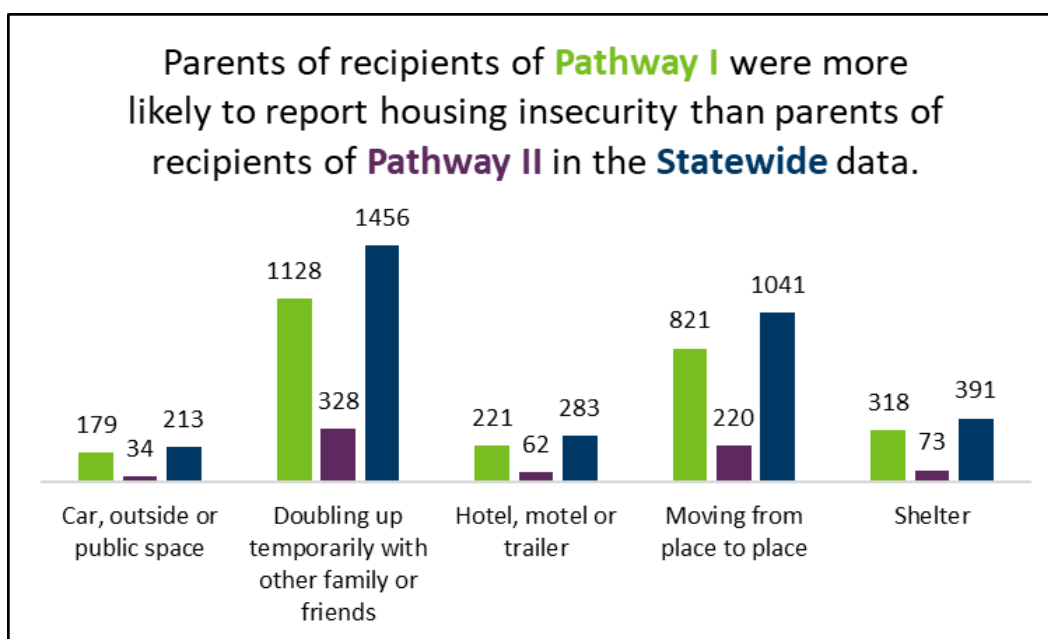
[Refer to Appendix E: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Priority Population – FY 2021.](#)

[Refer to Appendix F: Child Counts by Age on September 1 and Priority Population – FY 2021.](#)

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 2,166 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (492 with a Pathway II and 1,674 with a Pathway I scholarship).

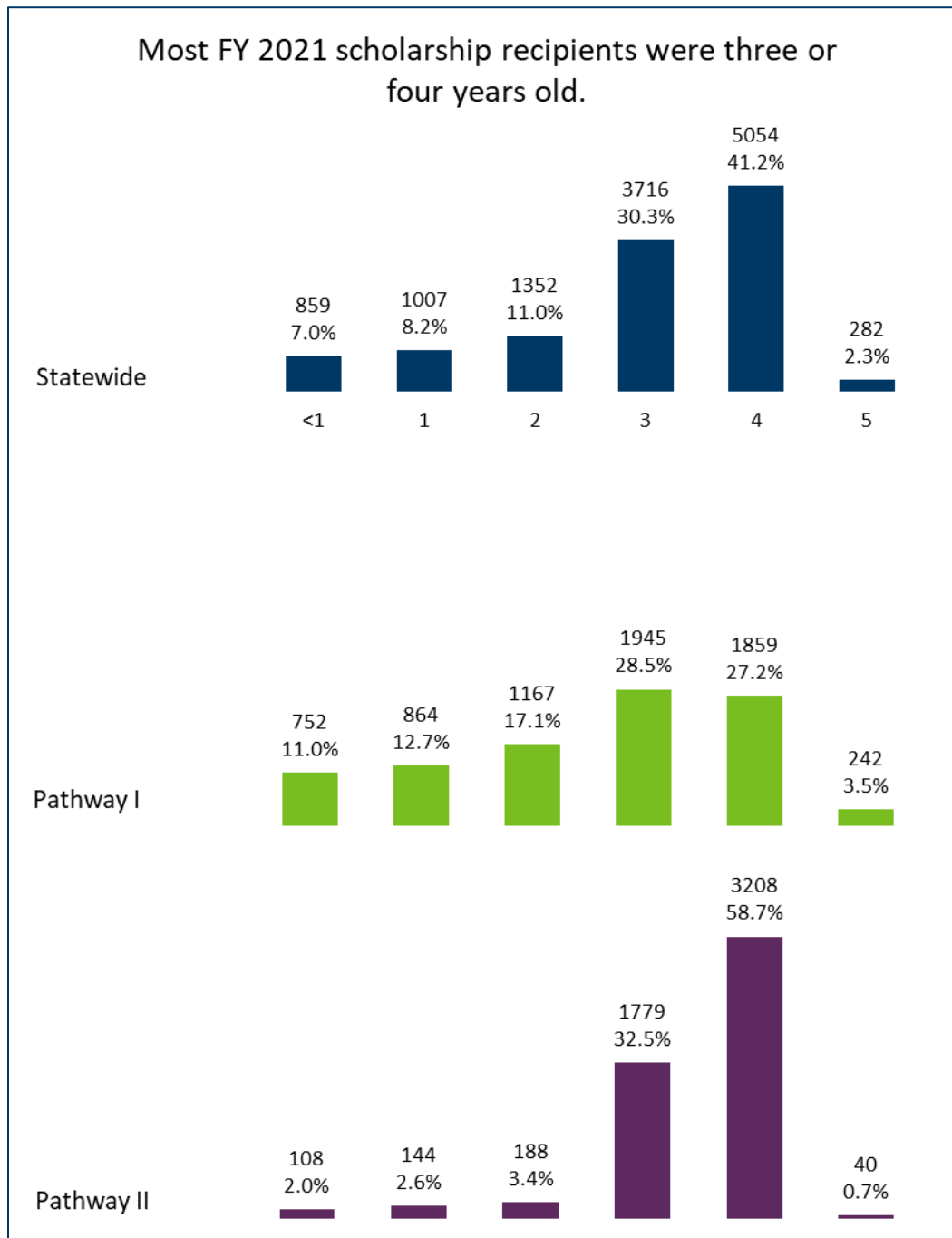


[Refer to Appendix G: Housing Insecurity – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2021.](#)

State Demographics

Age on September 1, 2020

The majority of children who received a scholarship were age 3 or 4 as of September 1, 2020, 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.

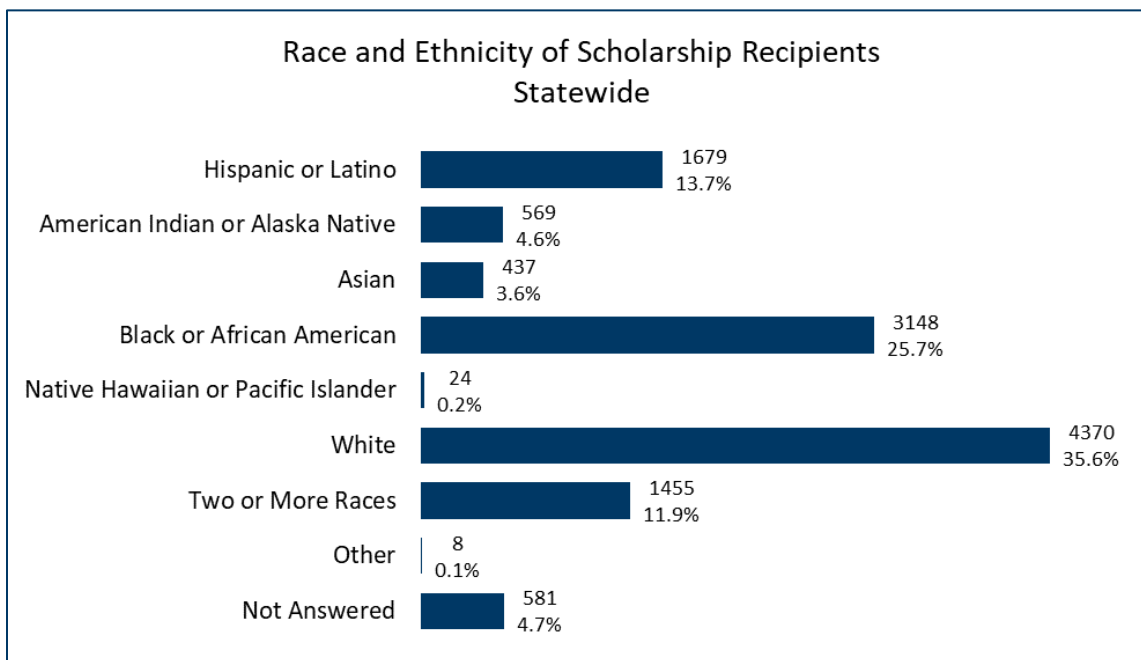
A relatively small number of the children awarded a scholarship in FY 2021 were 5 years old as of September 1, 2020. These 5-year-olds lost age eligibility for a scholarship as of September 1, however they received a scholarship for some portion of the period between July 1 and their final day of eligibility, August 31, 2020, and so were retained in the full count of scholarships.

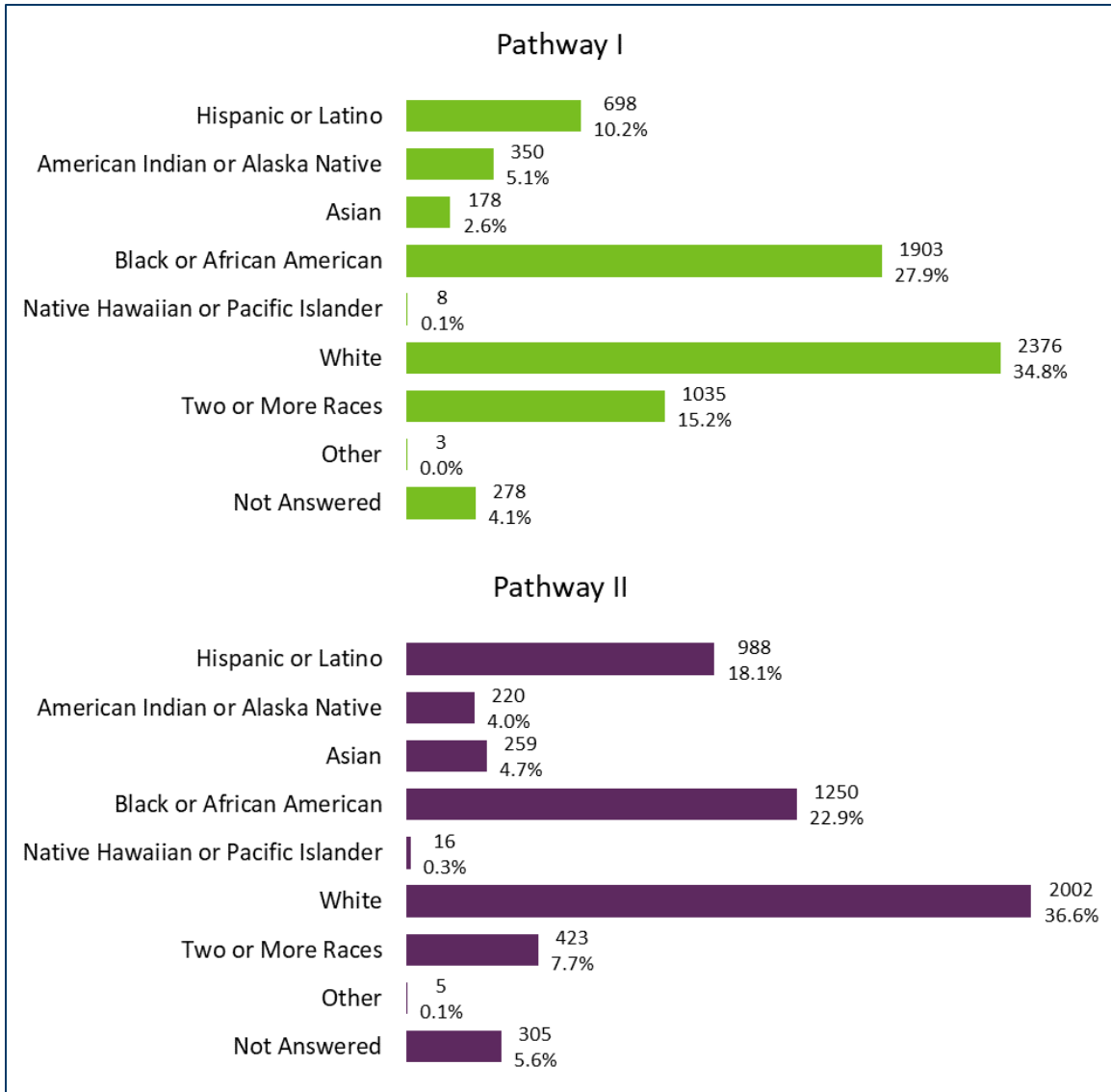
[Refer to Appendix B: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Age on September 1 – FY 2021.](#)

Race and Ethnicity

The race and ethnicity of children who received a new or renewed scholarship in state fiscal year 2021 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 previous reporting, 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.

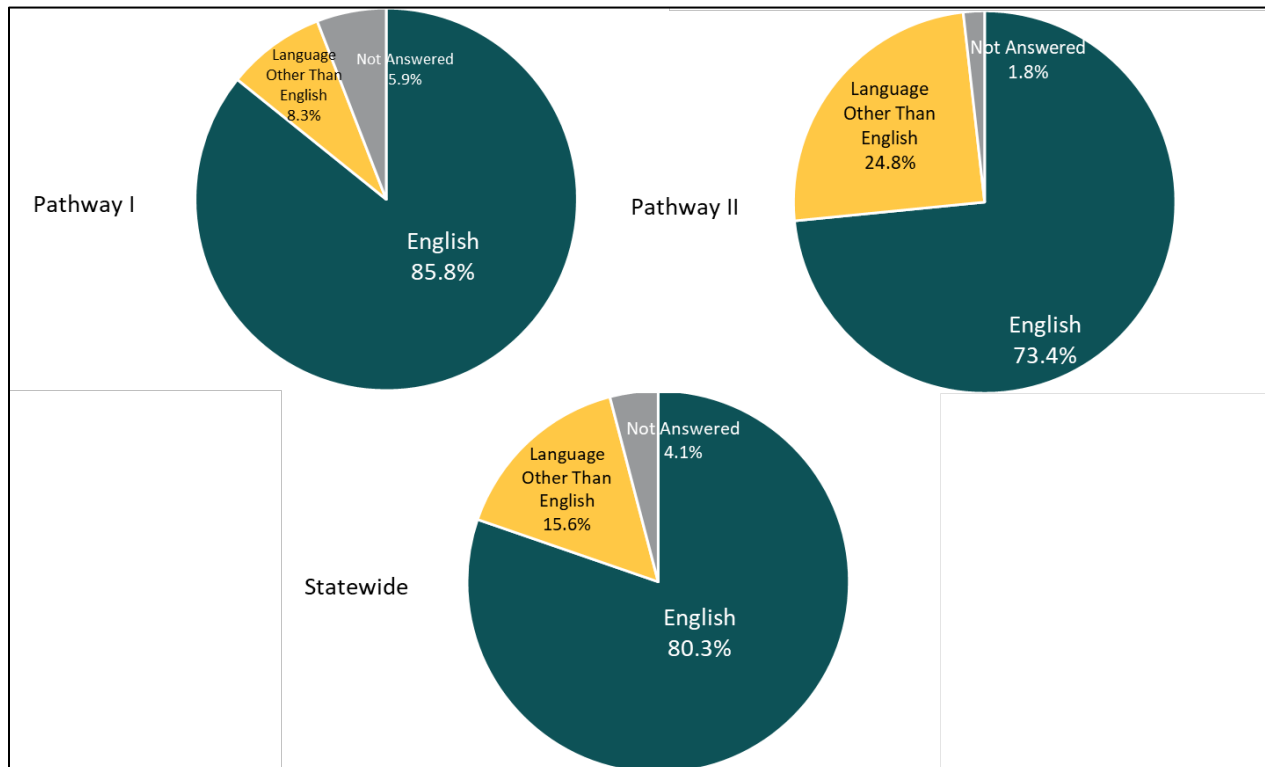
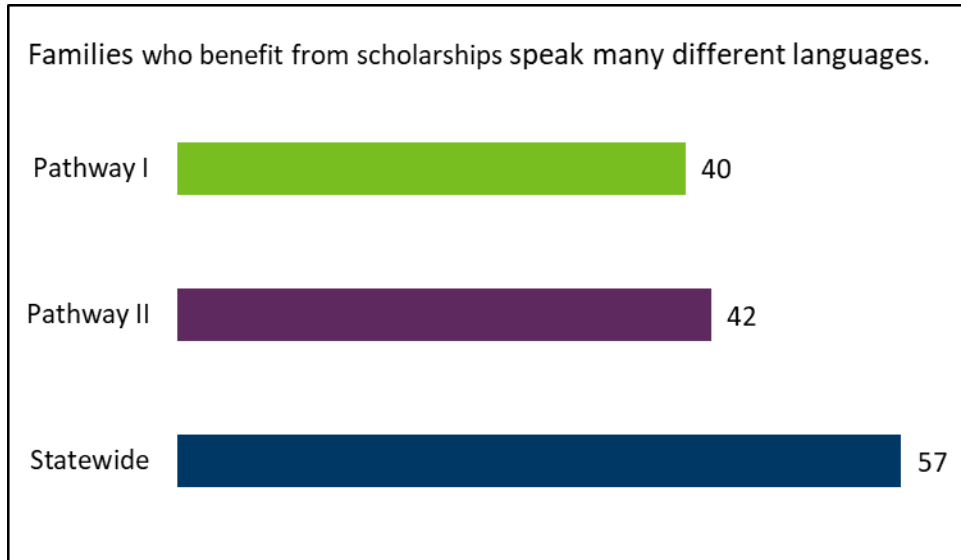




[Refer to Appendix C: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Race and Ethnicity – FY 2021.](#)

Home Language

The families of children awarded FY 2021 state early learning scholarships were asked on the application to report the language they spoke most at home. A total of 57 different home languages were reported statewide.



[Refer to Appendix D: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Home Language – FY 2021.](#)

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.

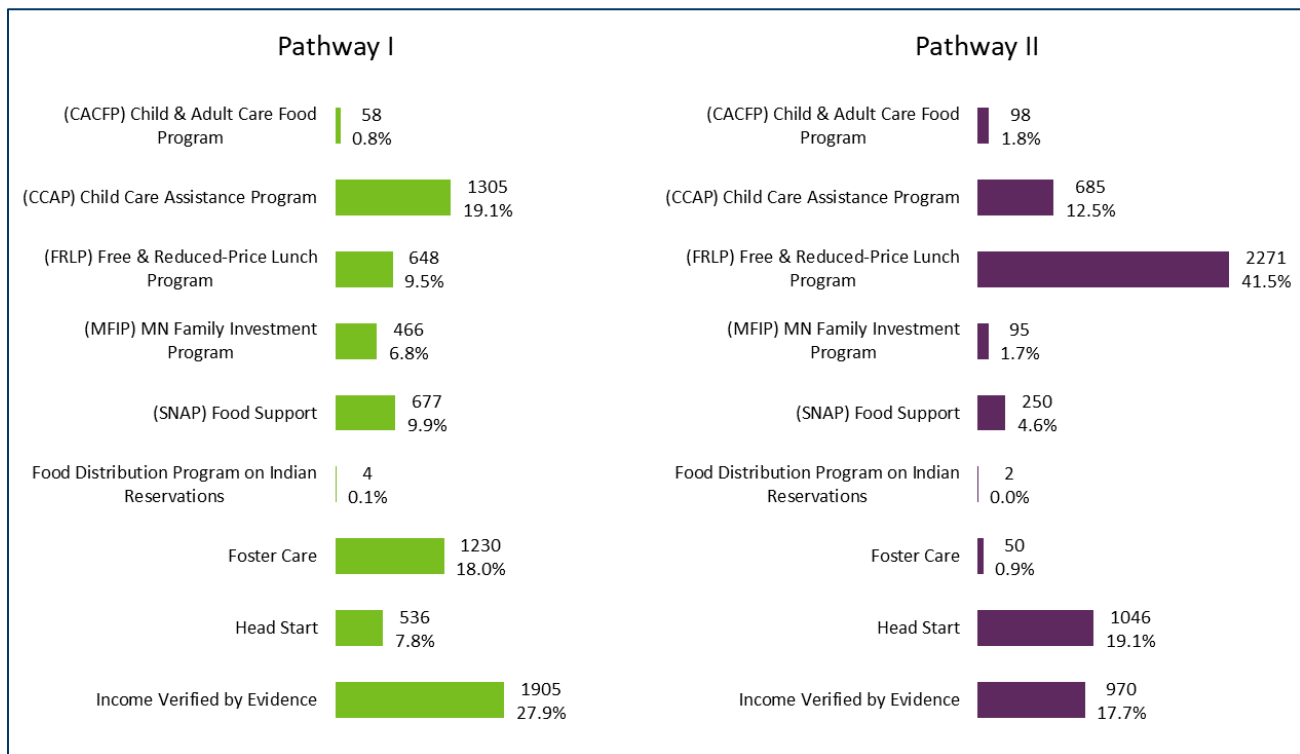
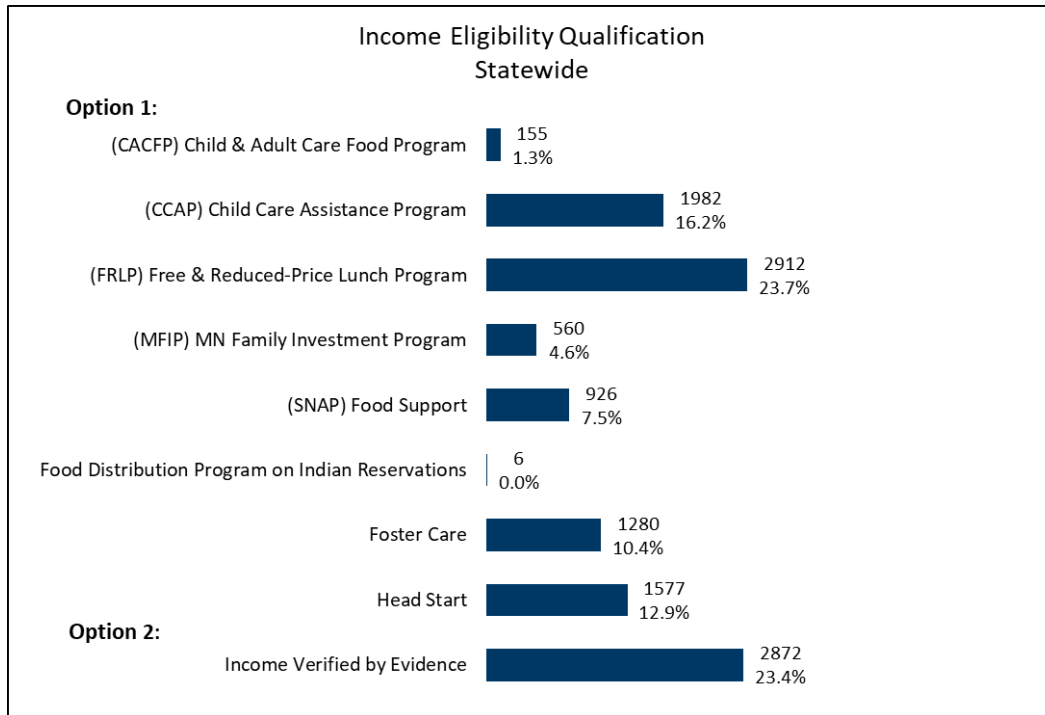
To demonstrate income eligibility under Option 1, an applicant must document their family's current participation in one of eight public assistance or publicly-funded programs:

- 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 (automatically qualifies for FRPL)

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 2021 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 2021 began July 1, 2020).

In the statewide count, 76.6 percent of children awarded a state early learning scholarship in FY 2021 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.



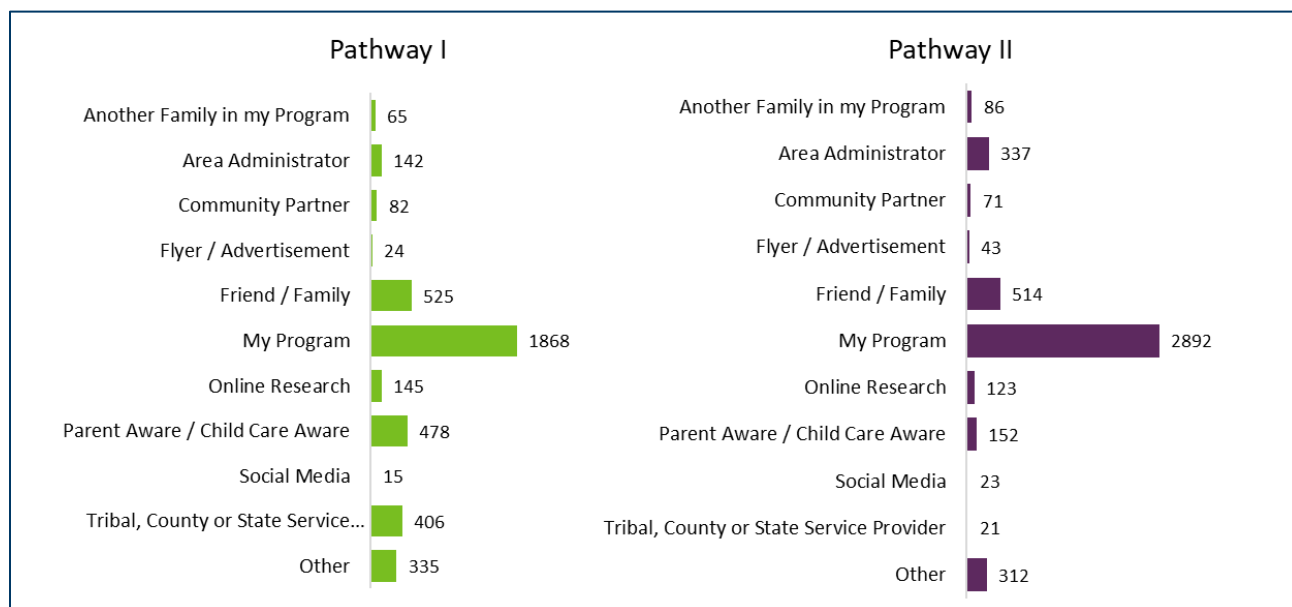
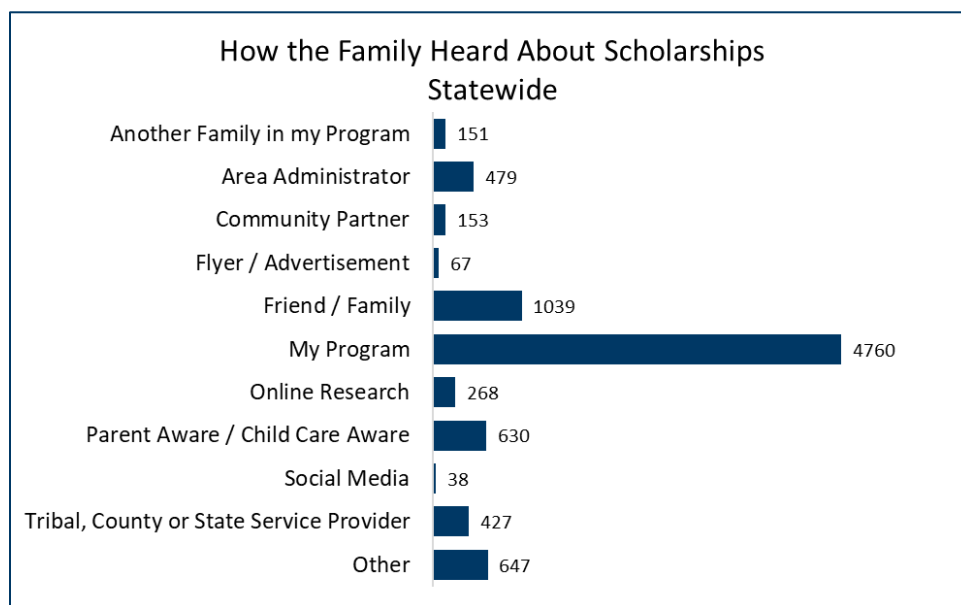
[Refer to Appendix H: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Income Qualifier – FY 2021.](#)

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 question asking how the family heard about Early Learning Scholarships was first included in the FY 2020 scholarship application. In June 2020, MDE updated the ELSA system to support collection of responses to this question. This report on FY 2021 scholarship use is the first to include a full year of responses to this question.

The data set for this report included responses from 7,684 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (4,179 with a Pathway II and 3,505 with a Pathway I scholarship). In this set, the most common response was “My Program,” which was selected by about 62 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 2021.](#)

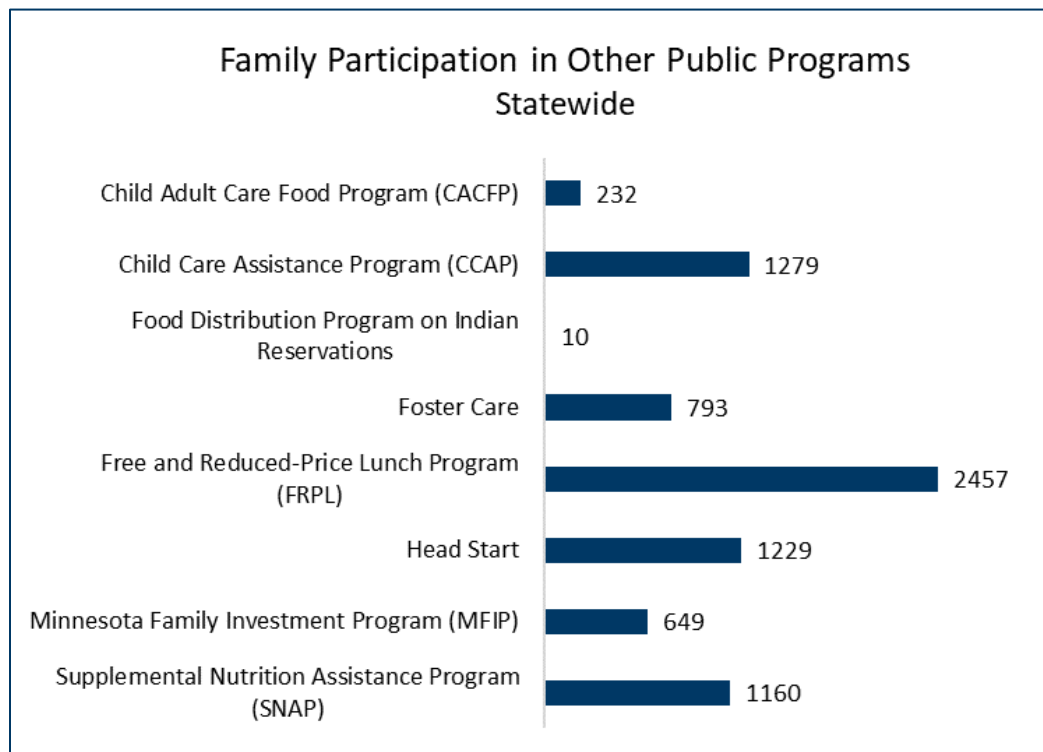
[Refer to Appendix J: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Program Type – FY 2021.](#)

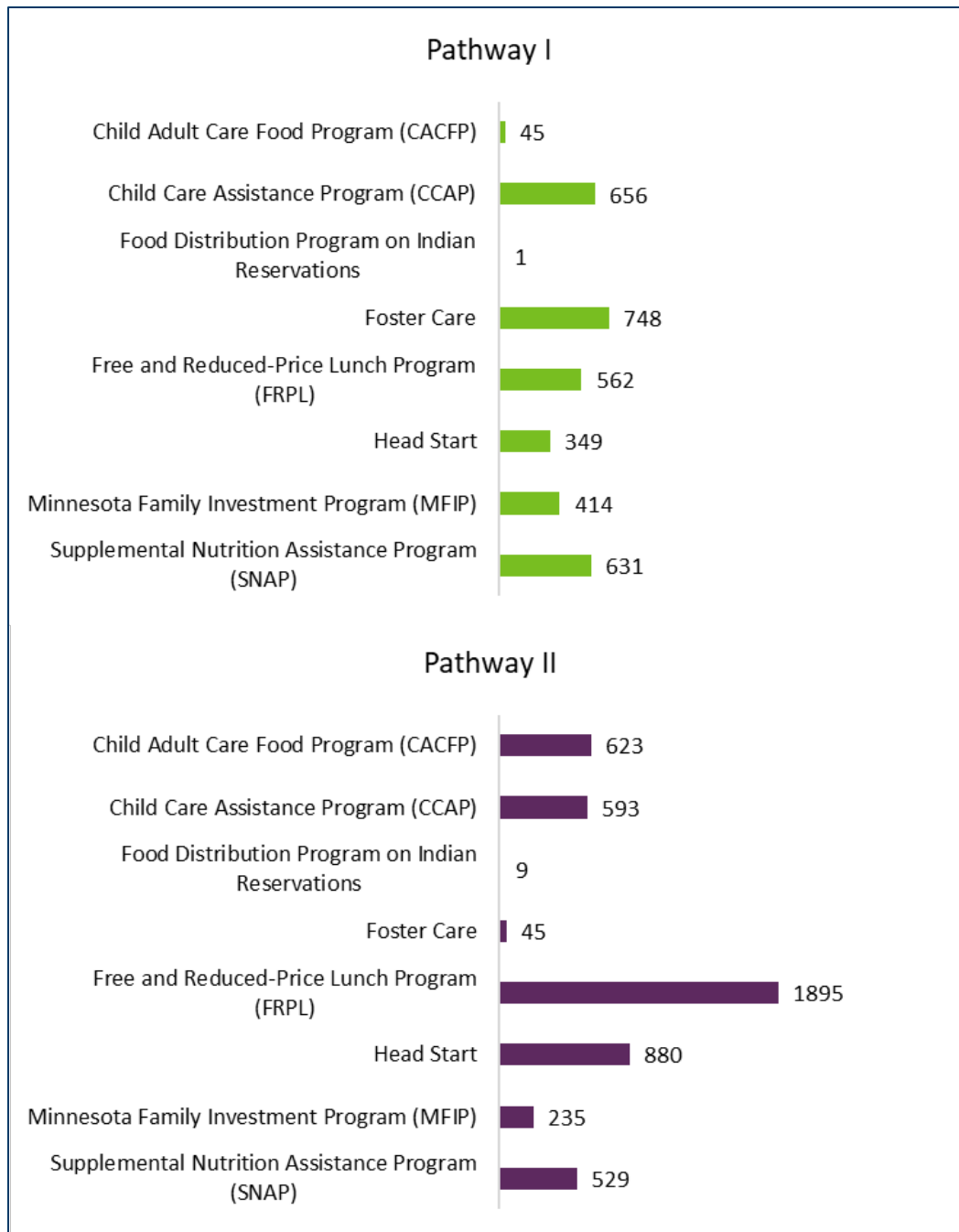
Family Participation in Other Public Programs

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. This report on FY 2021 scholarship use is the first to include a full year of responses to this question. The data set for this report included responses from 6,195 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (3,600 with a Pathway II and 2,595 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 \(ECLS\)](#).





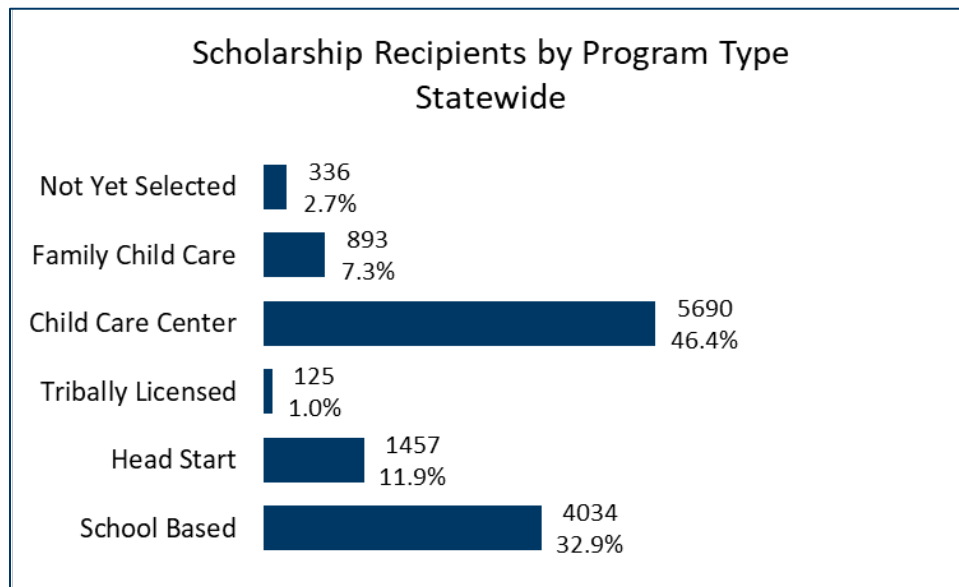
[Refer to Appendix K: Family Public Program Participation – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2021.](#)

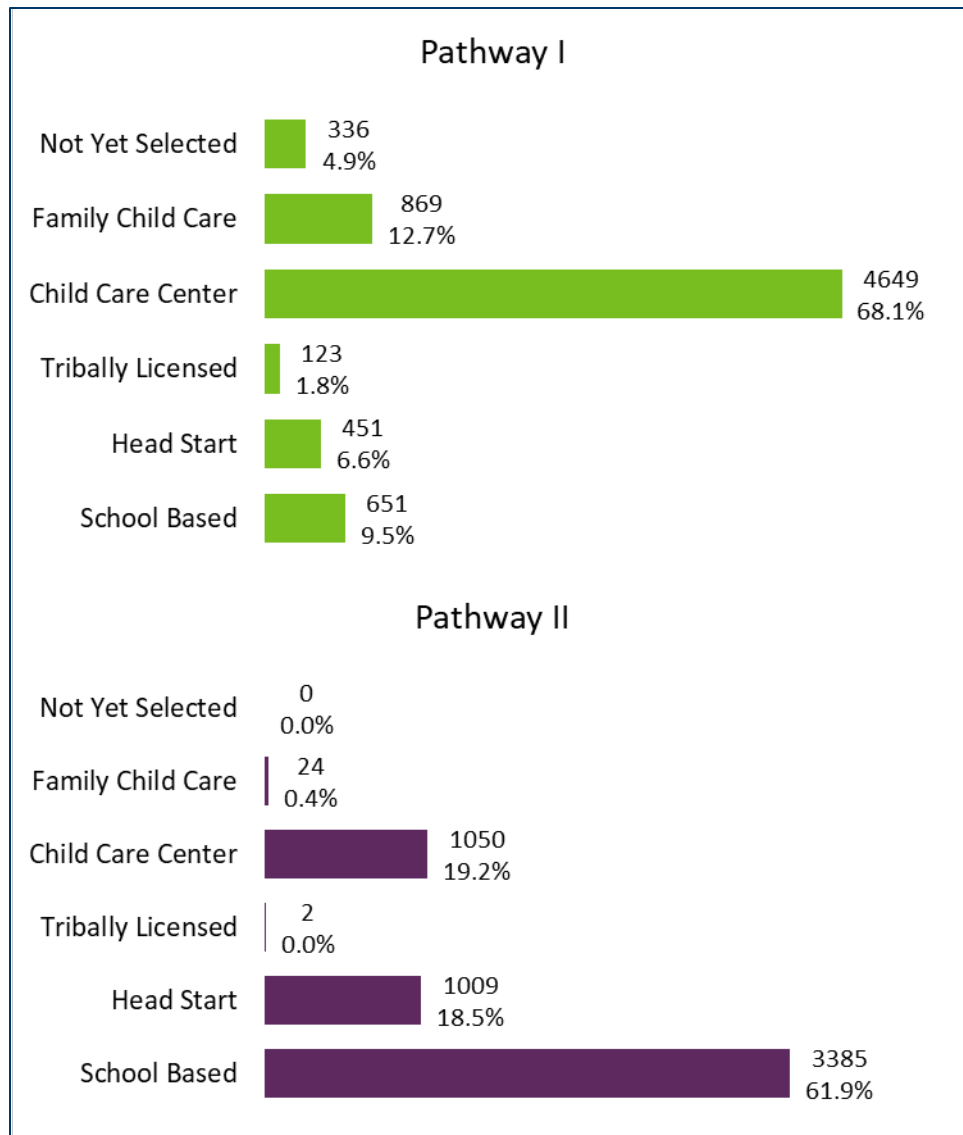
Scholarship Use in Early Childhood Programs

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, 2020, and June 30, 2021 (FY 2021). The data set utilized only included programs identified as selected to serve a scholarship recipient at some point between the start of FY 2021 and October 31, 2021. 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 2021 continue to be served into the certified year, ending June 30, 2022. This means the counts of early childhood programs that have served children with FY 2021 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 416 programs allocated those funds in FY 2021; 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.

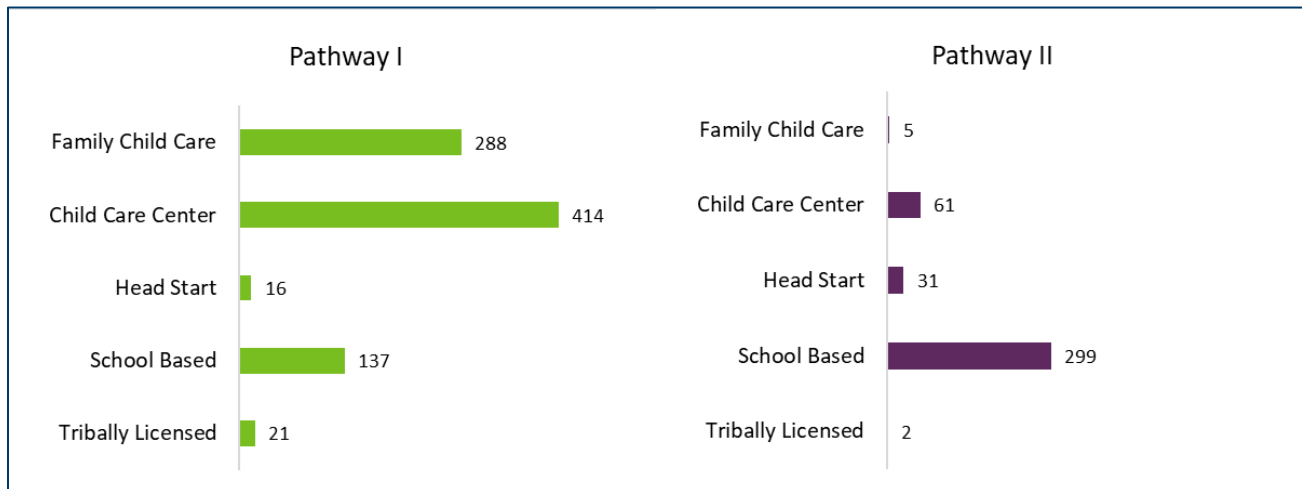
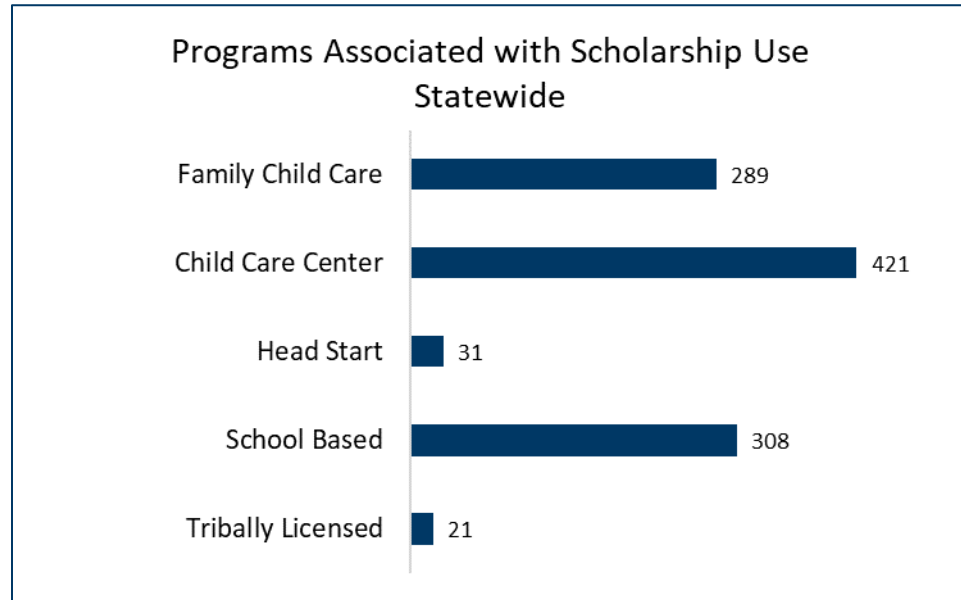




[Refer to Appendix L: Child Counts and Percentages by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2021.](#)

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 2021.](#)

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 2021.](#)

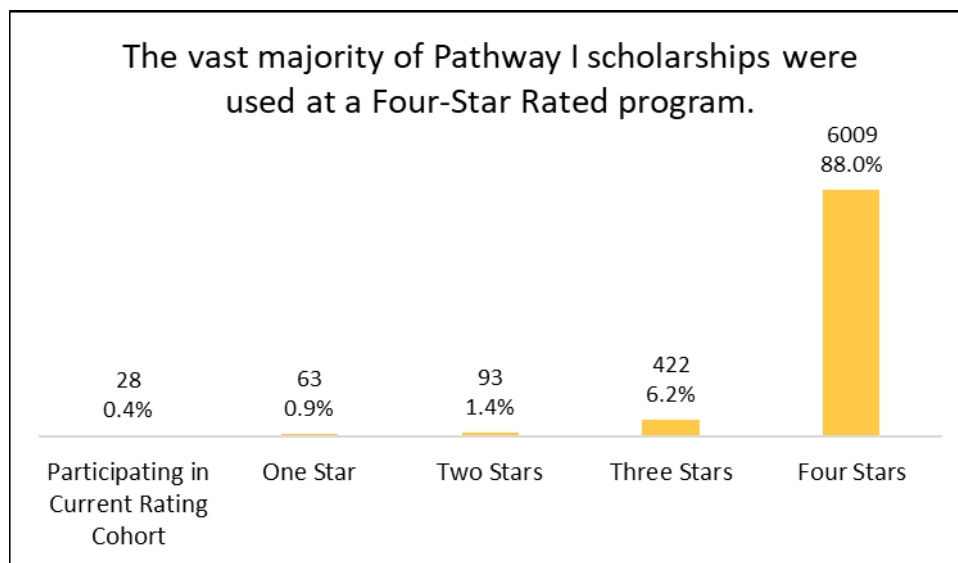
Pathway I Scholarship Use

State Early Learning Scholarships – Pathway I awarded in FY 2021 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, 4.9 percent (336) of children who were awarded a FY 2021 Pathway I scholarship did not have a program selected for use as of November 1, 2021.

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 2021 Pathway I scholarships, 88 percent, were used in Four-Star Rated programs. When considered together, use at Three- and Four-Star Rated programs represents 94.2 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 2021.](#)

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 October 31, 2021. 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	4	24	NA	NA	0
One Star	37	23	NA	NA	3
Two Stars	44	47	NA	NA	2
Three Stars	161	219	NA	NA	45
Four Stars	638	4,375	451	651	79
Total	884	4,688	451	651	129

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 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 2021.](#)

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 2021.](#)

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 2021.](#)

Pathway I Wait List: June 30, 2021

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 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, 2021, the final day of state fiscal year 2021.

The April 2021 wait list count, totaling 2,370, was referenced for the distribution of a \$ 6.43 million of presumed one-time federal funding to support awarding of state early learning scholarships to children on the wait list. This infusion of federal funds effectively cleared the wait list in most areas across the state for a time.

At the close of FY 2021, the statewide wait list for a Pathway I scholarship totaled 1,579 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 1,512 children on the final wait list, making up 95.8 percent of the statewide count.

[Refer to Appendix S: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2021.](#)

Although the wait list counts represent children who were not awarded with FY 2021 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 2021 were later awarded with FY 2022 funds. This is not tracked.

Appendices

Appendix A: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type – FY 2021

FY 2021	Pathway I	Pathway I % of Total	Pathway II	Pathway II % of Total	Total
Statewide	6,829	55.7%	5,466	44.6%	12,268

Appendix B: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Age on September 1 – FY 2021

Pathway	Total	<1	1	2	3	4	5
Pathway I Counts	6,829	752	864	1,167	1,945	1,859	242
Pathway I %	100%	11.0%	12.7%	17.1%	28.5%	27.2%	3.5%
Pathway II Counts	5,466	108	144	188	1,779	3,208	40
Pathway II %	100%	2.0%	2.6%	3.4%	32.5%	58.7%	0.7%
Statewide Counts	12,268	859	1,007	1,352	3,716	5,054	282
Statewide %	100%	7.0%	8.2%	11.0%	30.3%	41.2%	2.3%

Appendix C: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Race and Ethnicity – FY 2021

FY 2021	Pathway I	% of Children in Pathway I	Pathway II	% of Children in Pathway II	Statewide Total	% of Children Statewide
Hispanic or Latino	698	10.2%	988	18.1%	1,679	13.7%

FY 2021	Pathway I	% of Children in Pathway I	Pathway II	% of Children in Pathway II	Statewide Total	% of Children Statewide
American Indian or Alaskan Native	350	5.1%	220	4.0%	569	4.6%
Asian	178	2.6%	259	4.7%	437	3.6%
Black or African American	1,903	27.9%	1,250	22.9%	3,148	25.7%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	8	0.1%	16	0.3%	24	0.2%
White	2,376	34.8%	2,002	36.6%	4,370	35.6%
Two or More Races	1,035	15.2%	423	7.7%	1,455	11.9%
Other	3	0.0%	5	0.1%	8	0.1%
Not Answered	278	4.1%	305	5.6%	581	4.7%
Total	6,829	100%	5,466	100%	12,268	100%

Appendix D: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Home Language – FY 2021

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	5,858	4,014	9,849
Spanish	158	604	759
Somali	205	422	627
Hmong	57	63	120
Karen	16	74	90
Oromo, Afan Oromo, Oromiffa	10	55	65
Arabic	23	26	49
Amharic	16	21	36
French	15	6	21
Tigrinya	10	8	18
Russian	10	4	14
Other Language Combined	49	71	120
Not Answered	402	98	500
Total	6,829	5,466	12,268

Appendix E: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Priority Population – FY 2021

Priority Populations	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Children of Teen Parent	95	23	118
Foster Care	1,252	78	1,329
Children Receiving Child Protective Services	218	19	236
Experiencing Homelessness	2,926	388	3,309
Total	4,212	496	4,598

Appendix F: Statewide Child Counts by Age on September 1 and Priority Population – FY 2021

Priority Populations	Total	<1	1	2	3	4	5*
Children of Teen Parent	118	47	22	10	24	15	0
Foster Care	1,329	130	201	279	367	315	37
Children Receiving Child Protective Services	236	33	43	41	51	66	2
Experiencing Homelessness	3,309	404	480	647	883	806	89
Total	4,598	575	701	916	1,248	1,142	119

*The 5-year-olds who received a FY 2021 scholarship were newly awarded or renewed in the period from July 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020. These 5-year-olds were no longer age-eligible for a scholarship as of September 1, 2020.

Appendix G: Housing Insecurity – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2021

Housing Insecurity	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Car, outside or public space	179	34	213
Doubling up temporarily with other family or friends	1,128	328	1,456
Hotel, motel or trailer	221	62	283
Moving from place to place	821	220	1,041
Shelter	318	73	391
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	609	151	760
Total	1,674	492	2,166

Appendix H: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Income Qualifier – FY 2021

Income Qualifier	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Option 1: Child and Adult Care Food Programs (CACFP)	58	0.8%	98	1.8%	155	1.3%
Option 1: Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	1,305	19.1%	685	12.5%	1,982	16.2%
Option 1: Free & Reduced-Price Meals Program (FRPL)	648	9.5%	2,271	41.5%	2,912	23.7%

Income Qualifier	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Option 1: MN Family Investment Program (MFIP)	466	6.8%	95	1.7%	560	4.6%
Option 1: Food Support (SNAP)	677	9.9%	250	4.6%	926	7.5%
Option 1: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations	4	0.1%	2	0.0%	6	0.0%
Option 1: Foster Care	1,230	18.0%	50	0.9%	1,280	10.4%
Option 1: Head Start	536	7.8%	1,046	19.1%	1,577	12.9%
Option 2: Income Verified by Evidence	1,905	27.9%	970	17.7%	2,872	23.4%

Appendix I: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2021

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Another Family in My Program	65	86	151
Area Administrator	142	337	479
Community Partner	82	71	153
Flyer/Advertisement	24	43	67
Friend/Family	525	514	1,039

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
My Program	1,868	2,892	4,760
Online Research	145	123	268
Parent Aware/Child Care Aware	478	152	630
Social Media	15	23	38
Tribal, County or State Service Provider	406	21	427
Other	335	312	647
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	465	340	805
Total	3,505	4,179	7,684

Appendix J: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Program Type – FY 2021

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Another Family in My Program	9	49	8	81	2
Area Administrator	4	110	12	341	1
Community Partner	8	63	5	75	1
Flyer/Advertisement	1	11	5	48	0

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Friend/Family	86	410	53	481	5
My Program	244	1,852	917	1,686	11
Online Research	13	111	3	138	1
Parent Aware/Child Care Aware	85	399	15	130	2
Social Media	1	12	2	23	0
Tribal, County or State Service Provider	30	324	21	45	5
Other	28	268	32	299	2
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	68	387	28	317	3
Total	437	3,128	1,038	2,971	26

Appendix K: Family Public Program Participation – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2021

Family Public Program Participation	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	45	623	232
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	656	593	1,279
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations	1	9	10
Foster Care	748	45	793

Family Public Program Participation	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Free or Reduced-Price Meals Program (FRP)	562	1,895	2,457
Head Start	349	880	1,229
Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)	414	235	649
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	631	529	1,160
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	562	593	1,155
Total	2,595	3,600	6,195

Appendix L: Child Counts and Percentages by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2021

Program Type	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Not Yet Selected	336	4.9%	NA	NA	336	2.7%
Family Child Care	869	12.7%	24	0.4%	893	7.3%
Child Care Center	4,649	68.1%	1,050	19.2%	5,690	46.4%
Tribally Licensed	123	1.8%	2	0.0%	125	1.0%
Head Start	451	6.6%	1,009	18.5%	1,457	11.9%
School Based	651	9.5%	3,385	61.9%	4,034	32.9%

Appendix M: Program Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2021

Program Type	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Family Child Care	288	5	289
Child Care Center	414	61	421
Tribally Licensed	21	2	21
Head Start	16	31	31
School Based	137	299	308

Appendix N: Site Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2021

Program Type	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Family Child Care	287	5	288
Child Care Center	585	164	595
Tribally Licensed	21	2	21
Head Start	72	133	173
School Based	179	457	504

Appendix O: Pathway I – Child Counts by Program Parent Aware Rating – FY 2021

Program Rating	Count	Percent
Not Yet Selected	336	4.9%
Participating in Current Rating Cohort	28	0.4%
One Star	63	0.9%

Program Rating	Count	Percent
Two Stars	93	1.4%
Three Stars	422	6.2%
Four Stars	6,009	88.0%

Appendix P: Child Counts by Region, County and Pathway Type – FY 2021

Region 1	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Kittson	0	6	6
Marshall	1	18	19
Norman	19	15	34
Pennington	10	22	32
Polk	53	40	92
Red Lake	6	7	13
Roseau	4	26	29
Total	93	134	225

Region 2	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Beltrami	69	71	140
Clearwater	22	11	33
Hubbard	93	23	116

Region 2	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Lake of the Woods	3	9	12
Mahnomen	50	6	56
Total	237	120	357

Region 3	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Aitkin	14	23	37
Carlton	75	47	121
Cook	13	2	15
Itasca	86	98	183
Koochiching	6	10	16
Lake	23	8	30
St. Louis	198	164	361
Total	415	352	763

Region 4	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Becker	189	59	247
Clay	57	91	148
Douglas	36	5	41

Region 4	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Grant	13	4	17
Otter Tail	30	78	108
Pope	4	2	6
Stevens	8	21	28
Traverse	4	5	9
Wilkin	3	18	21
Total	344	283	625

Region 5	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Cass	96	35	131
Crow Wing	82	83	165
Morrison	56	39	94
Todd	41	32	73
Wadena	25	26	51
Total	300	215	514

Region 6E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Kandiyohi	99	59	158

Region 6E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
McLeod	48	39	87
Meeker	51	10	61
Renville	10	38	48
Total	208	146	354

Region 6W	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Big Stone	2	14	16
Chippewa	11	25	36
Lac Qui Parle	7	4	11
Swift	15	7	22
Yellow Medicine	22	19	41
Total	57	69	126

Region 7E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Chisago	35	45	80
Isanti	25	41	65
Kanabec	15	19	34
Mille Lacs	41	44	85

Region 7E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Pine	37	51	88
Total	153	200	352

Region 7W	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Benton	105	36	141
Sherburne	121	24	145
Stearns	210	171	381
Wright	129	98	227
Total	565	329	894

Region 8	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Cottonwood	27	17	44
Jackson	11	13	23
Lincoln	2	14	16
Lyon	56	44	100
Murray	6	6	12
Nobles	51	77	128
Pipestone	16	11	27

Region 8	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Redwood	14	31	45
Rock	24	16	40
Total	207	229	435

Region 9	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Blue Earth	20	48	68
Brown	17	30	47
Faribault	1	23	24
Le Sueur	9	27	36
Martin	2	38	40
Nicollet	18	32	50
Sibley	7	25	32
Waseca	2	30	32
Watsonwan	1	40	41
Total	77	293	370

Region 10	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Dodge	4	23	27

Region 10	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Fillmore	5	30	35
Freeborn	3	49	52
Goodhue	19	33	52
Houston	1	16	17
Mower	22	70	91
Olmsted	239	111	350
Rice	47	75	122
Steele	16	33	49
Wabasha	6	27	33
Winona	23	31	54
Total	385	498	882

Region 11	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Anoka	332	342	673
Carver	53	41	92
Dakota	541	265	804
Hennepin	1,529	1,104	2,631
Ramsey	1,034	641	1,670

Region 11	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Scott	153	55	205
Washington	146	153	299
Total	3,788	2,601	6,374

Tribal Administrative Area	Pathway I
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	106
White Earth Nation	108

Appendix Q: Child Counts by Region, County and Program Type – Pathway I and II – FY 2021

Region 1 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kittson	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	0	1	0	0	0
Norman	0	17	0	1	2
Pennington	7	3	0	0	0
Polk	29	2	20	1	2
Red Lake	6	0	0	0	0
Roseau	4	0	0	0	0
Total	46	23	20	2	4

Region 1 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kittson	0	0	4	2	0
Marshall	0	0	10	8	0
Norman	0	0	1	14	0
Pennington	0	0	6	16	0
Polk	0	0	6	34	0
Red Lake	0	0	0	7	0
Roseau	0	0	19	7	0
Total	0	0	46	88	0

Region 2 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Beltrami	28	4	16	2	20
Clearwater	9	0	0	10	2
Hubbard	59	0	51	0	2
Lake of the Woods	3	0	0	0	0
Mahnomen	0	1	6	0	44
Total	99	5	73	12	68

Region 2 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School based	Tribally licensed
Beltrami	0	0	26	45	0
Clearwater	0	0	4	7	0
Hubbard	0	0	5	18	0
Lake of the Woods	0	0	6	3	0
Mahnomen	0	0	2	3	1
Total	0	0	43	76	1

Region 3 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Aitkin	5	0	1	9	0
Carlton	15	42	5	19	0
Cook	5	8	0	0	0
Itasca	30	10	30	19	0
Koochiching	2	0	0	6	0
Lake	3	10	0	10	0
St. Louis	25	126	25	27	0
Total	85	196	61	90	0

Region 3 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Aitkin	0	0	6	17	0
Carlton	0	0	22	25	0
Cook	0	0	0	2	0
Itasca	0	0	38	60	0
Koochiching	0	0	5	5	0
Lake	0	0	0	8	0
St. Louis	0	0	84	80	0
Total	0	0	155	197	0

Region 4 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Becker	39	14	81	10	49
Clay	11	37	3	0	0
Douglas	1	11	7	6	0
Grant	0	0	5	4	0
Otter Tail	8	4	8	6	1
Pope	1	0	1	2	0
Stevens	0	3	0	5	0

Region 4 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Traverse	1	0	0	1	0
Wilkin	0	1	1	0	0
Total	61	70	106	34	50

Region 4 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Becker	0	0	43	15	1
Clay	0	0	37	54	0
Douglas	0	0	0	5	0
Grant	0	0	0	4	0
Otter Tail	0	0	0	78	0
Pope	0	0	0	2	0
Stevens	0	1	11	9	0
Traverse	0	0	0	5	0
Wilkin	0	0	1	17	0
Total	0	1	92	189	1

Region 5 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cass	25	13	43	13	0
Crow Wing	12	56	0	12	0
Morrison	14	7	1	32	1
Todd	13	17	1	17	0
Wadena	10	5	4	8	0
Total	74	98	49	82	1

Region 5 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cass	0	1	3	31	0
Crow Wing	0	1	16	66	0
Morrison	0	1	23	15	0
Todd	0	0	0	32	0
Wadena	0	1	1	24	0
Total	0	4	43	168	0

Region 6E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kandiyohi	14	67	0	18	0

Region 6E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
McLeod	15	34	0	2	0
Meeker	7	33	0	12	0
Renville	0	8	0	3	0
Total	36	142	0	35	0

Region 6E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kandiyohi	0	0	0	59	0
McLeod	0	0	0	39	0
Meeker	0	0	0	10	0
Renville	0	0	8	30	0
Total	0	0	8	138	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	2	2	0	6	0
Lac Qui Parle	1	4	0	2	0
Swift	3	3	0	8	0

Region 6W– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Yellow Medicine	9	3	0	11	0
Total	17	12	0	27	0

Region 6W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Big Stone	0	0	0	14	0
Chippewa	0	1	10	14	0
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	4	0
Swift	0	0	0	7	0
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	19	0
Total	0	1	10	58	0

Region 7E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	5	22	0	4	0
Isanti	5	20	0	3	0
Kanabec	4	8	0	0	0
Mille Lacs	4	32	1	7	0

Region 7E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Pine	9	14	0	16	0
Total	27	96	1	30	0

Region 7E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	2	5	3	35	0
Isanti	2	2	0	37	0
Kanabec	0	0	1	18	0
Mille Lacs	0	2	23	19	0
Pine	0	7	9	35	0
Total	4	16	36	144	0

Region 7W – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	18	78	11	1	0
Sherburne	12	78	0	26	0
Stearns	29	150	1	14	0
Wright	6	88	0	34	0
Total	65	394	12	75	0

Region 7W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	2	12	0	22	0
Sherburne	0	10	4	10	0
Stearns	0	18	2	151	0
Wright	0	21	25	52	0
Total	2	61	31	235	0

Region 8 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	9	8	0	10	0
Jackson	6	3	0	2	0
Lincoln	1	1	0	0	0
Lyon	8	37	0	10	0
Murray	0	3	0	3	0
Nobles	6	45	0	0	0
Pipestone	5	11	0	0	0
Redwood	4	8	0	3	0
Rock	5	6	0	14	0

Region 8 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Total	44	122	0	42	0

Region 8 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	0	0	0	17	0
Jackson	0	0	0	13	0
Lincoln	0	0	0	14	0
Lyon	0	0	2	42	0
Murray	0	0	0	6	0
Nobles	0	0	28	49	0
Pipestone	0	0	4	7	0
Redwood	0	0	5	26	0
Rock	0	0	0	16	0
Total	0	0	39	190	0

Region 9 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	5	9	0	6	0
Brown	1	3	0	11	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	0	8	0	1	0
Martin	1	0	0	1	0
Nicollet	9	7	0	3	0
Sibley	2	4	0	1	0
Waseca	0	0	0	2	0
Watsonwan	1	0	0	0	0
Total	19	31	0	25	0

Region 9 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	0	0	11	37	0
Brown	0	0	6	24	0
Faribault	0	0	3	20	0
Le Sueur	0	0	4	23	0
Martin	0	0	6	32	0
Nicollet	0	0	13	19	0
Sibley	0	0	1	24	0

Region 9 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Waseca	0	0	6	24	0
Watsonwan	0	0	3	37	0
Total	0	0	53	240	0

Region 10 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	1	2	0	1	0
Fillmore	0	5	0	0	0
Freeborn	0	3	0	0	0
Goodhue	1	13	1	2	0
Houston	0	1	0	0	0
Mower	2	21	0	1	0
Olmsted	5	210	6	14	0
Rice	10	16	1	20	0
Steele	0	10	0	3	0
Wabasha	0	2	0	4	0
Winona	2	12	0	9	0
Total	21	295	8	54	0

Region 10– Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	0	1	5	17	0
Fillmore	0	0	7	23	0
Freeborn	0	0	12	37	0
Goodhue	0	0	3	30	0
Houston	0	0	4	12	0
Mower	0	0	16	54	0
Olmsted	0	39	21	51	0
Rice	0	11	4	60	0
Steele	0	0	0	33	0
Wabasha	0	0	8	19	0
Winona	0	7	13	12	0
Total	0	58	93	348	0

Region 11– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	26	296	0	11	0
Carver	2	45	1	2	0
Dakota	18	472	3	32	0

Region 11– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Hennepin	76	1,290	71	51	0
Ramsey	138	812	45	19	0
Scott	6	127	0	14	0
Washington	9	123	1	14	0
Total	275	3,165	121	143	0

Region 11 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	1	104	30	207	0
Carver	0	3	1	37	0
Dakota	0	90	21	154	0
Hennepin	0	398	189	518	0
Ramsey	17	224	107	293	0
Scott	0	11	4	40	0
Washington	0	79	10	65	0
Total	18	909	362	1,314	0

Tribal – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	23	9	46	22	0
White Earth Nation	11	2	2	2	92

Appendix R: Pathway I – Child Counts by Region, County and Star Rating – FY 2021

Region 1	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Kittson	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	0	0	0	0	1
Norman	0	0	0	1	18
Pennington	0	0	3	4	3
Polk	0	0	0	4	50
Red Lake	0	0	3	0	5
Roseau	0	0	0	2	2
Total	0	0	6	11	79

Region 2	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Beltrami	6	4	2	29	31

Region 2	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Clearwater	0	0	2	3	16
Hubbard	0	5	3	10	82
Lake of the Woods	0	0	1	2	0
Mahnomen	0	3	2	13	39
Total	6	12	10	57	168

Region 3	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Aitkin	0	0	0	0	14
Carlton	0	1	0	9	64
Cook	0	0	0	0	13
Itasca	0	1	5	1	79
Koochiching	0	0	2	0	6
Lake	0	0	0	0	23
St. Louis	3	3	11	26	157
Total	3	5	18	36	356

Region 4	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Becker	0	0	0	16	165
Clay	0	0	0	2	45
Douglas	0	0	3	5	20
Grant	0	0	0	0	9
Otter Tail	0	1	1	0	25
Pope	0	0	0	0	4
Stevens	0	0	0	0	8
Traverse	0	0	0	0	2
Wilkin	0	0	0	0	2
Total	0	1	4	23	280

Region 5	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Cass	1	0	1	13	78
Crow Wing	0	0	3	19	58
Morrison	0	0	0	6	47

Region 5	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Todd	0	0	4	7	37
Wadena	0	1	2	6	16
Total	1	1	10	51	236

Region 6E	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Kandiyohi	0	0	1	27	69
McLeod	1	4	1	20	23
Meeker	0	2	0	5	44
Renville	0	0	0	2	8
Total	1	6	2	54	144

Region 6W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Big Stone	0	0	0	0	2
Chippewa	0	1	0	1	8
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	1	4	2

Region 6W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Swift	0	0	0	2	12
Yellow Medicine	0	2	0	3	17
Total	0	3	1	10	41

Region 7E	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Chisago	1	0	0	0	30
Isanti	0	1	0	2	21
Kanabec	0	3	2	0	8
Mille Lacs	0	2	0	3	38
Pine	0	0	1	4	33
Total	1	6	3	9	130

Region 7W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Benton	0	4	4	7	88
Sherburne	0	3	0	10	102

Region 7W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Stearns	0	3	5	16	169
Wright	0	1	0	4	116
Total	0	11	9	37	475

Region 8	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Cottonwood	0	1	0	6	21
Jackson	0	0	0	3	8
Lincoln	0	0	0	1	1
Lyon	0	3	0	19	33
Murray	0	0	1	0	5
Nobles	0	3	0	9	39
Pipestone	0	0	0	13	3
Redwood	0	0	1	9	5
Rock	0	4	0	6	15
Total	0	11	2	66	130

Region 9	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Blue Earth	0	0	1	1	19
Brown	0	2	0	0	13
Faribault	0	0	0	0	0
Le Sueur	0	0	0	2	7
Martin	0	0	0	1	1
Nicollet	0	0	2	2	14
Sibley	0	0	1	0	6
Waseca	0	0	0	0	2
Watonwan	0	0	0	1	0
Total	0	2	4	7	62

Region 10	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Dodge	0	0	0	0	4
Fillmore	0	0	0	0	5
Freeborn	0	0	0	0	3
Goodhue	0	0	0	0	16

Region 10	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Houston	0	0	0	0	1
Mower	0	2	0	0	22
Olmsted	2	0	3	1	224
Rice	0	0	0	2	44
Steele	0	0	0	0	13
Wabasha	0	0	0	0	6
Winona	1	0	0	3	19
Total	3	2	3	6	357

Region 11	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Anoka	2	0	4	3	320
Carver	0	2	0	2	47
Dakota	0	0	2	8	510
Hennepin	8	0	11	14	1,425
Ramsey	3	1	4	19	971
Scott	0	0	0	0	143
Washington	0	0	0	9	135

Region 11	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Total	13	3	21	55	3,551

Tribal Administrators	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	2	0	1	7	90
White Earth Nation	0	3	2	22	87

Appendix S: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2021

Statewide	Total Wait List
Total Statewide Wait List	1,579

Region 1	Total Wait List
Kittson	0
Marshall	0
Norman	0
Pennington	1
Polk	3
Red Lake	0
Roseau	0
Total Region Wait List	4

Region 2	Total Wait List
Beltrami	0
Clearwater	0
Hubbard	0
Lake of the Woods	0

Region 2	Total Wait List
Mahnomen	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 3	Total Wait List
Aitkin	0
Carlton	4
Cook	3
Itasca	2
Koochiching	0
Lake	0
St. Louis	1
Total Region Wait List	10

Region 4	Total Wait List
Becker	7
Clay	7
Douglas	8

Region 4	Total Wait List
Grant	0
Otter Tail	5
Pope	0
Stevens	0
Traverse	0
Wilkin	0
Total Region Wait List	27

Region 5	Total Wait List
Cass	0
Crow Wing	0
Morrison	0
Todd	0
Wadena	0
Total Region Wait List	0

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	2
Isanti	1
Kanabec	0

Region 7E	Total Wait List
Mille Lacs	4
Pine	1
Total Region Wait List	8

Region 7W	Total Wait List
Benton	0
Sherburne	0
Stearns	0
Wright	0
Total Region Wait List	0

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	2
Brown	0
Faribault	0
Le Sueur	1
Martin	0
Nicollet	1
Sibley	0
Waseca	0
Watsonwan	0
Total Region Wait List	4

Region 10	Total Wait List
Dodge	0
Fillmore	0
Freeborn	0
Goodhue	0
Houston	1
Mower	0
Olmsted	7
Rice	0
Steele	0
Wabasha	0
Winona	1
Total Region Wait List	9

Region 11	Total Wait List
Anoka	79
Carver	3
Dakota	7

Region 11	Total Wait List
Hennepin	963
Ramsey	424
Scott	7
Washington	29
Total Region Wait List	1,512

Tribal Administrative Area	Total Wait List
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0
White Earth Nation	5