



Early Learning Scholarships

Scholarship Use in Minnesota – State Fiscal Year 2023

For period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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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) 2023 is \$8,500 for the general population of eligible children. A separate cap was established for children in priority populations at \$12,000. 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

**In the 2023 Minnesota Legislative Session, the requirement that was set to begin on July 1, 2024, requiring all programs to have a Three- or Four-Star Rating in order to be eligible to receive state early learning scholarships was eliminated. 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 2023 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) 2023 available funding for the Early Learning Scholarships Program totaled \$82,805,308.70 inclusive of \$3,696,524.22 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 2023, approximately \$12 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 2023

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) 2023, running July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. 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, 2023; 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

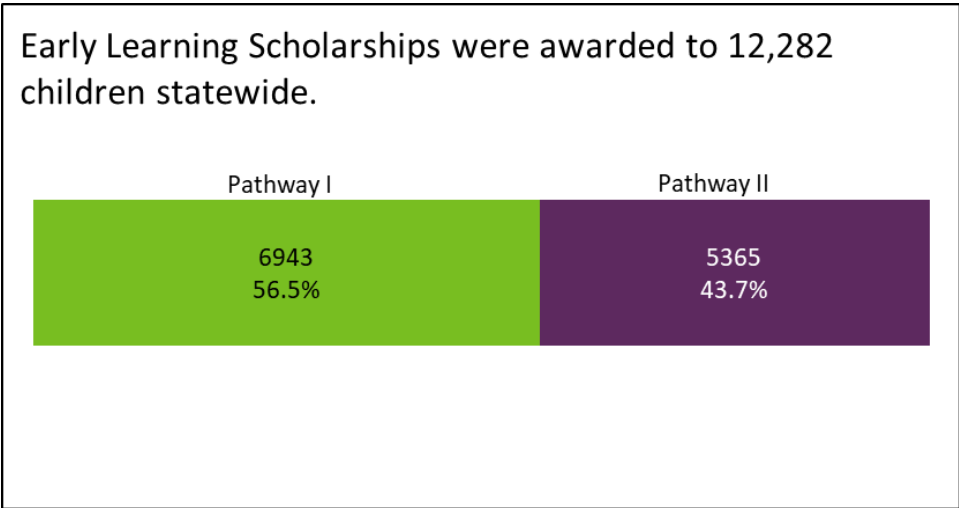
At the statewide level, this report provides an unduplicated count of children who have received a FY 2023-funded scholarship through new awarding or renewal between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. Data was run on November 8, 2023 against a snapshot of data through November 7, 2023, in consideration 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 2023, 12,282 children were identified as having received a state early learning scholarship. Of those, 4,871 (39.7%) were identified as children in one or more of the four [priority populations](#).

State Totals by Pathway

There were 12,282 children who received a FY 2023 scholarship award. The overall percentage of Pathway I scholarships was 12.8% higher than that of Pathway II this year; 1,578 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.

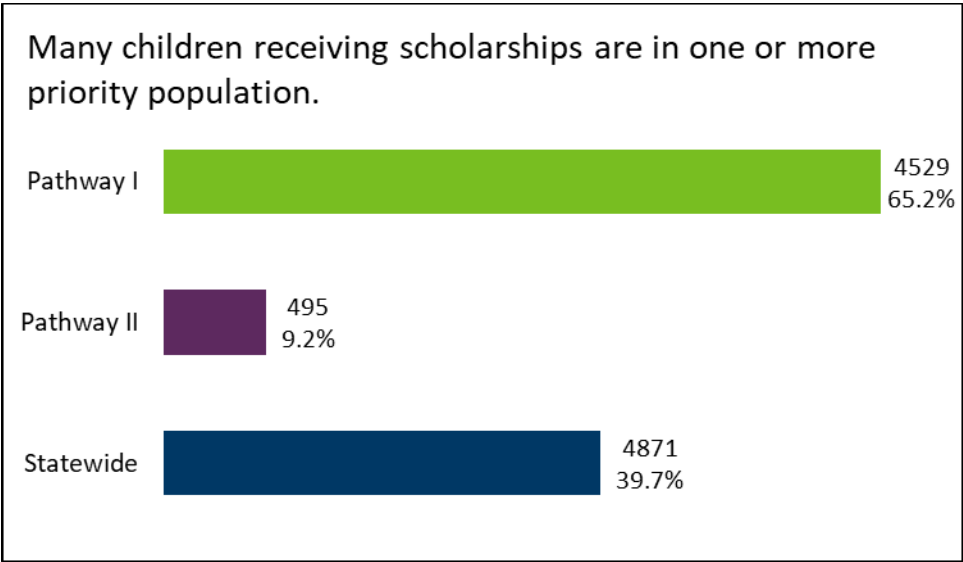


In FY 2023, 12,282 children received a scholarship, marking an increase use in FY 2022 of approximately 5.9 percent from the previous year. The number of children with Pathway II scholarships is about 3 percent lower than in FY 2022, while the number of children awarded Pathway I scholarships increased by about 14 percent. This is in line with expectations. For Pathway I the increase in total scholarships reflects the increase in funds available to award due to the rolling funds in the Special Revenue Account. Pathway II funding, per law, is capped at the same allocation as 2017. The increased cap and revised guidance results in fewer Pathway II awards made from year to year.

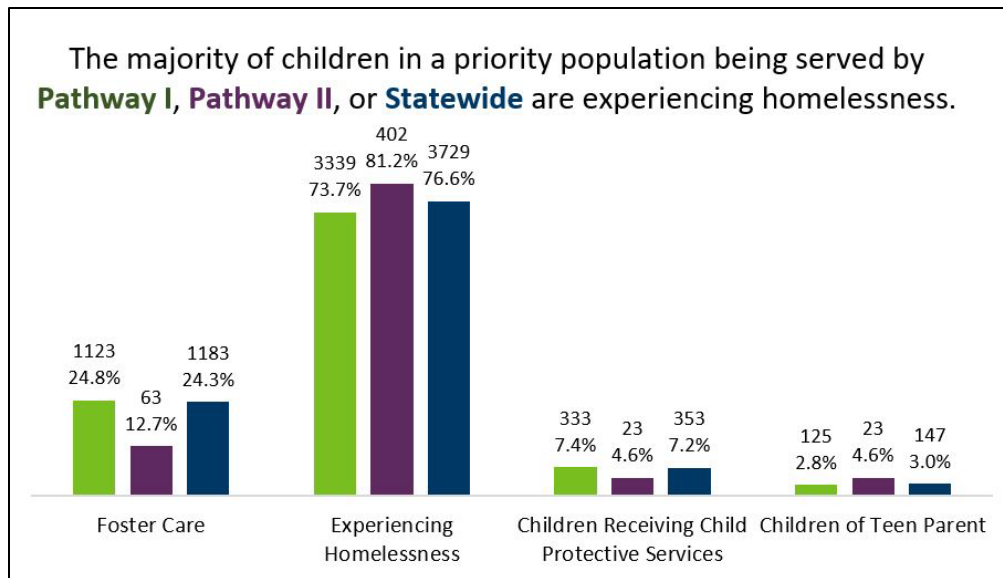
[Refer to Appendix A: Statewide Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type – FY 2023.](#)

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 2023 scholarship, a statewide total of 4,871 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 2023 scholarship in the counts of children of teen parents.

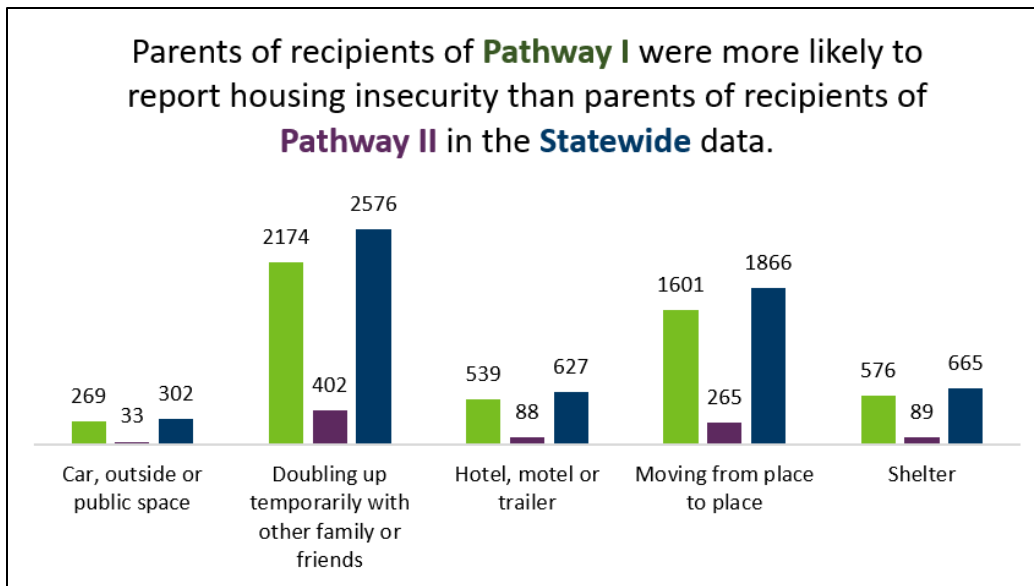
[Refer to Appendix E: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Priority Population – FY 2023.](#)

[Refer to Appendix F: Child Counts by Age on September 1 and Priority Population – FY 2023.](#)

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 3,475 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (3,133 with a Pathway I scholarship and 612 with a Pathway II scholarship).

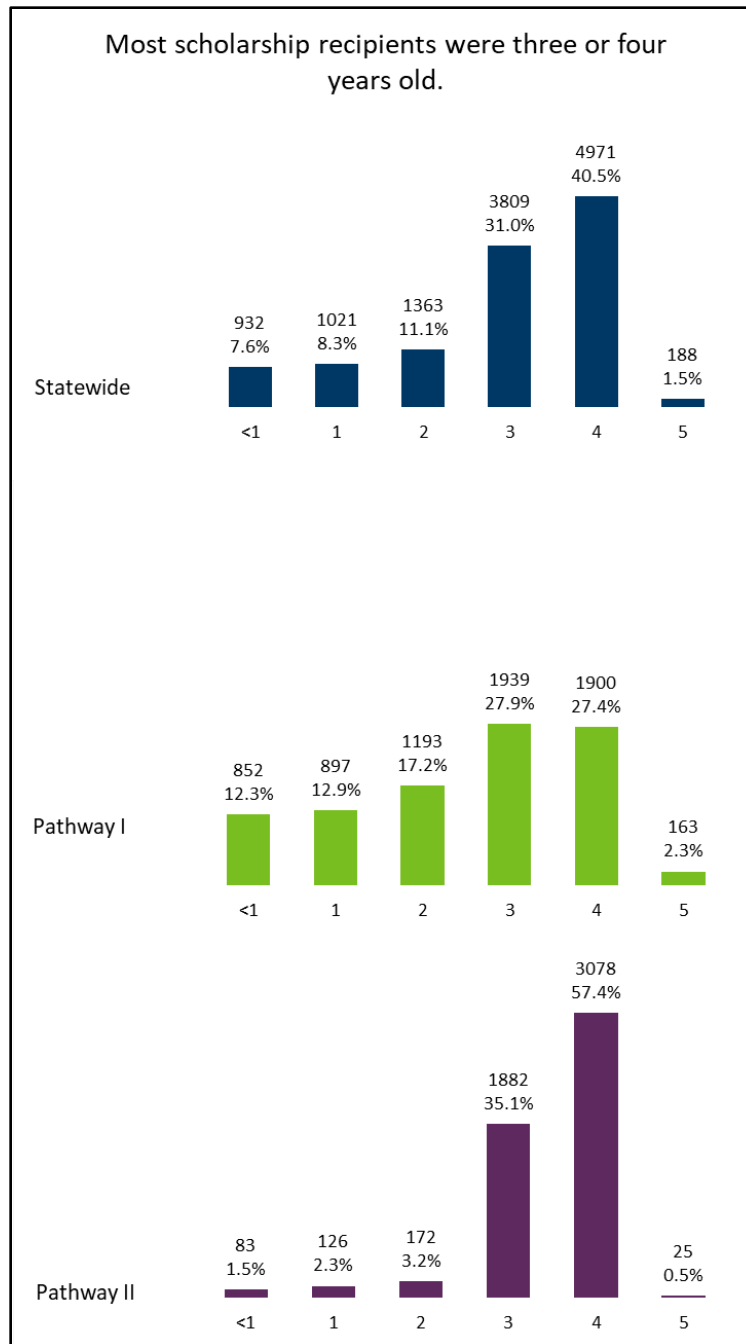


[Refer to Appendix G: Housing Insecurity – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2023.](#)

State Demographics

Age on September 1, 2022

The majority of children who received a scholarship were age 3 or 4 as of September 1, 2022, 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 27 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.

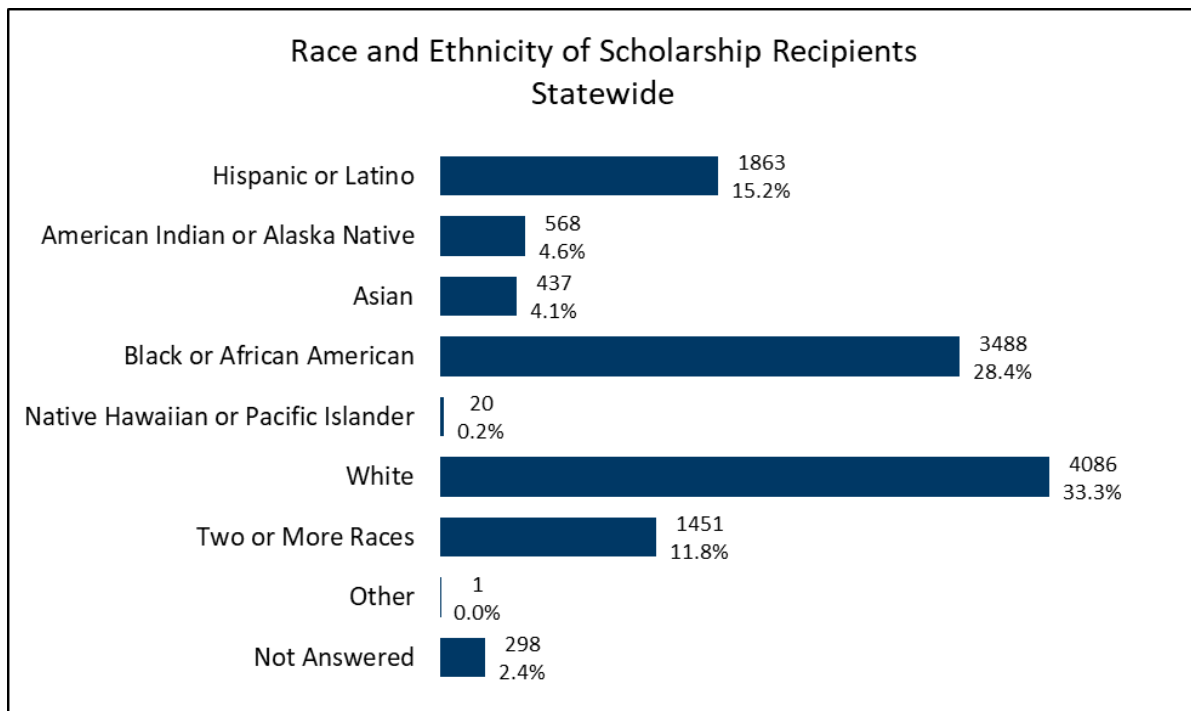
A relatively small number of the children awarded a scholarship in FY 2023 were 5 years old as of September 1, 2022. These 5-year-olds lost age eligibility for a scholarship as of September 1, however they received a scholarship for some portion of the period between July 1 and their final day of eligibility, August 31, 2022, and so were retained in the full count of scholarships.

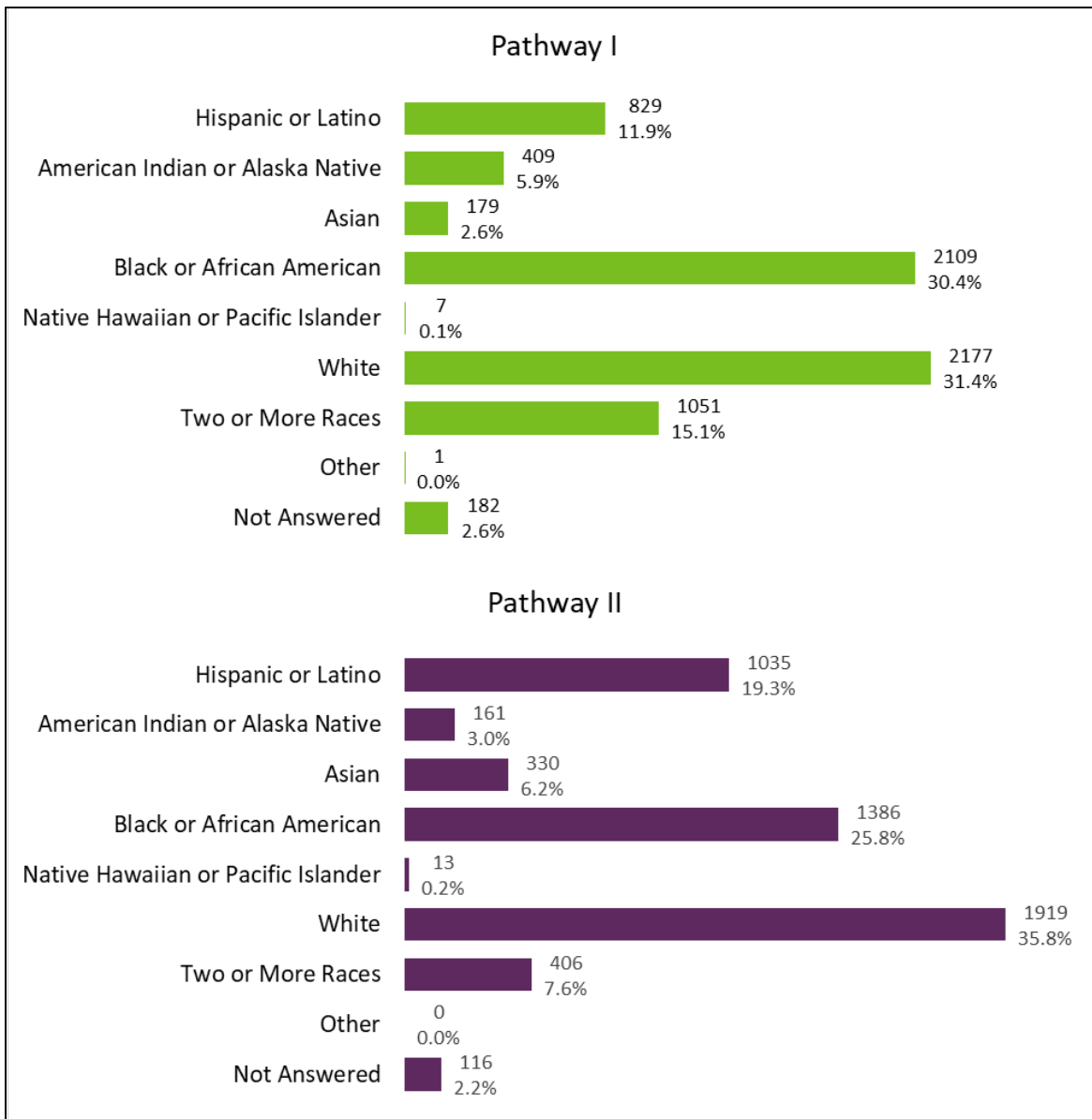
[Refer to Appendix B: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Age on September 1 – FY 2023.](#)

Race and Ethnicity

The race and ethnicity of children who received a new or renewed scholarship in state fiscal year 2023 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.

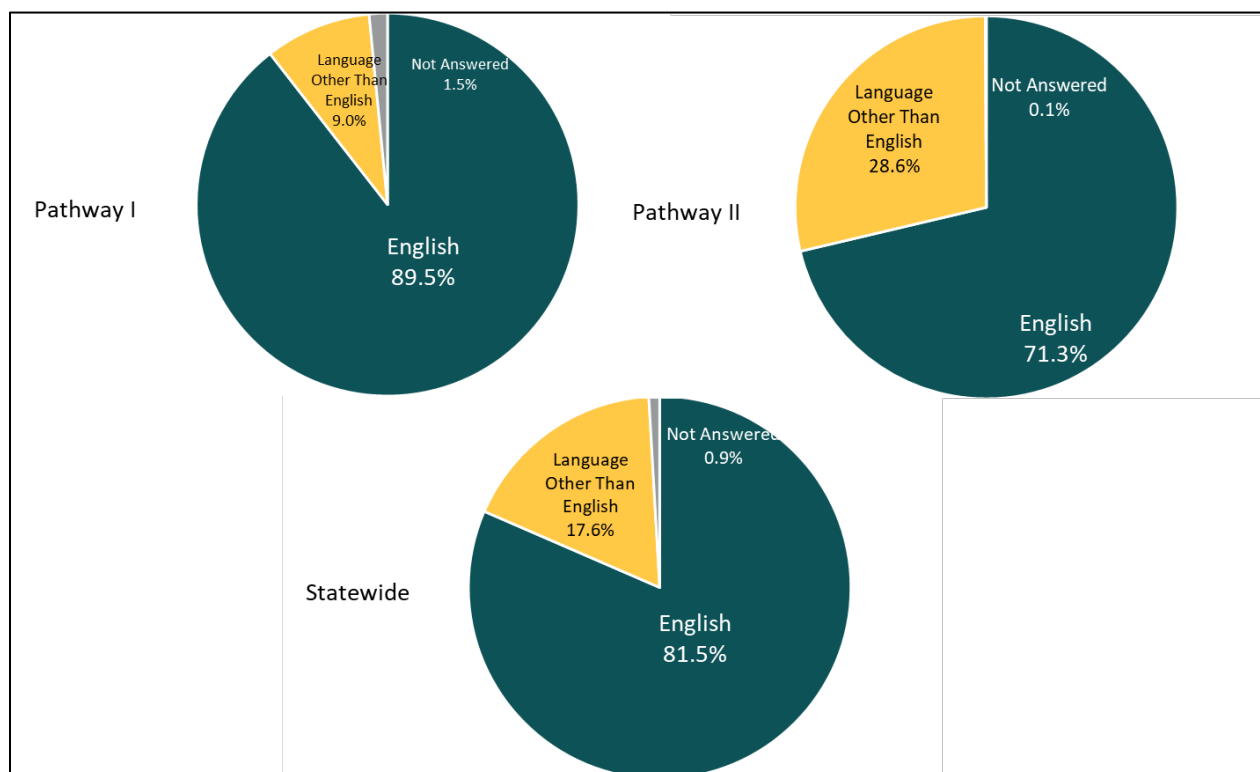
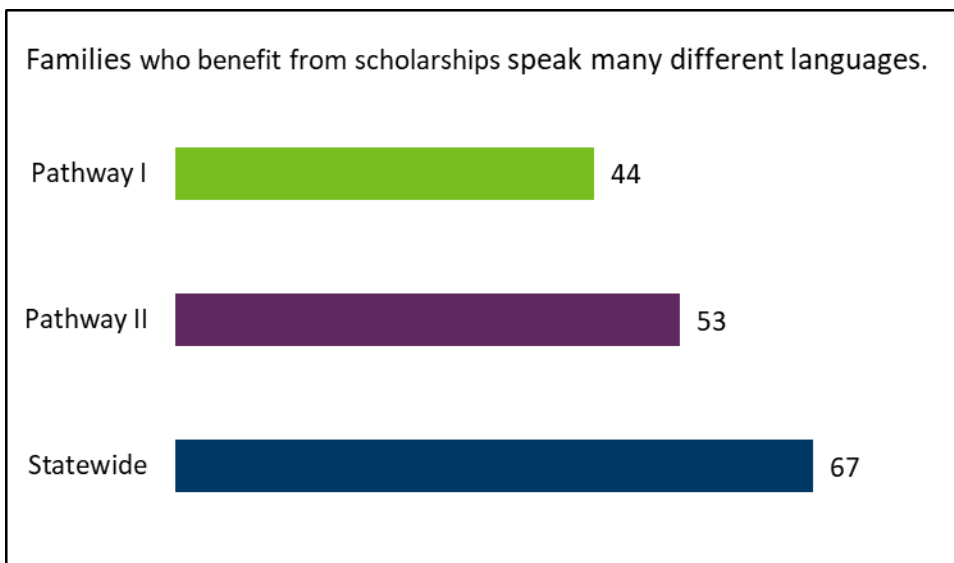




[Refer to Appendix C: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Race and Ethnicity – FY 2023.](#)

Home Language

The families of children awarded FY 2023 state early learning scholarships were asked on the application to report the language they spoke most at home. A total of 67 different home languages were reported statewide.



[Refer to Appendix D: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Home Language – FY 2023.](#)

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.

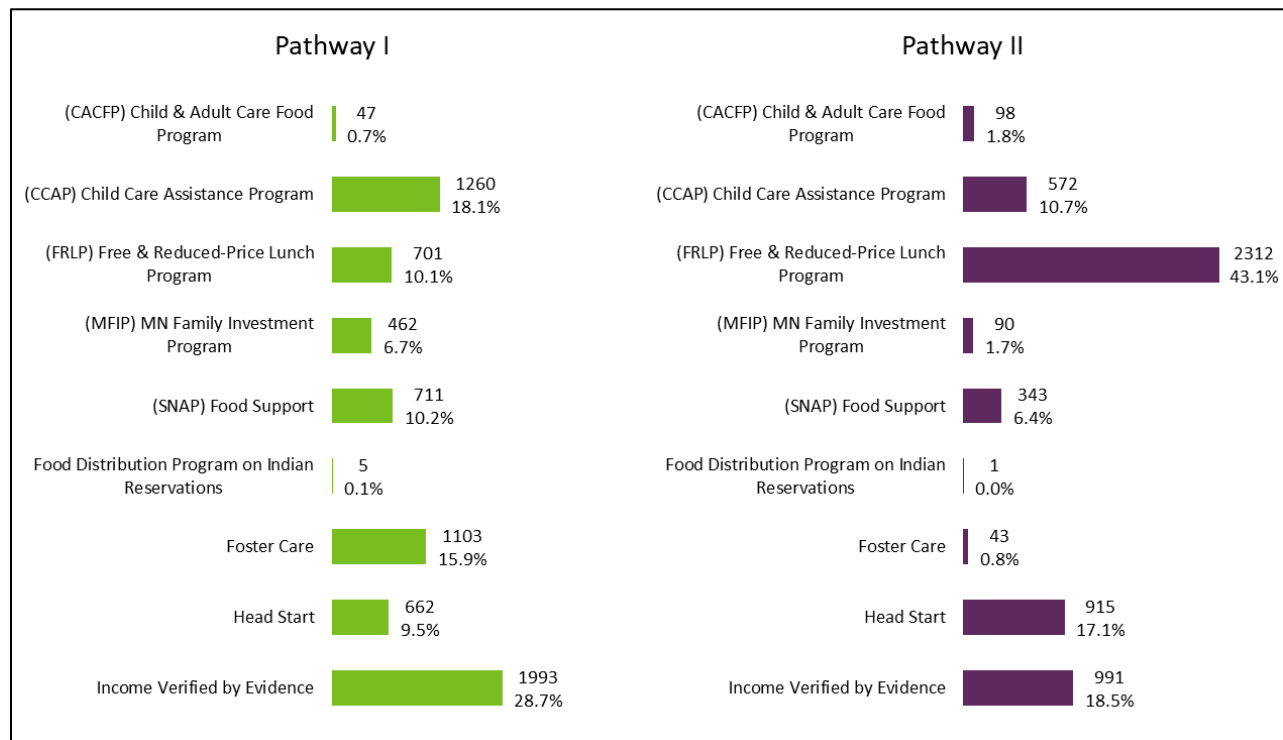
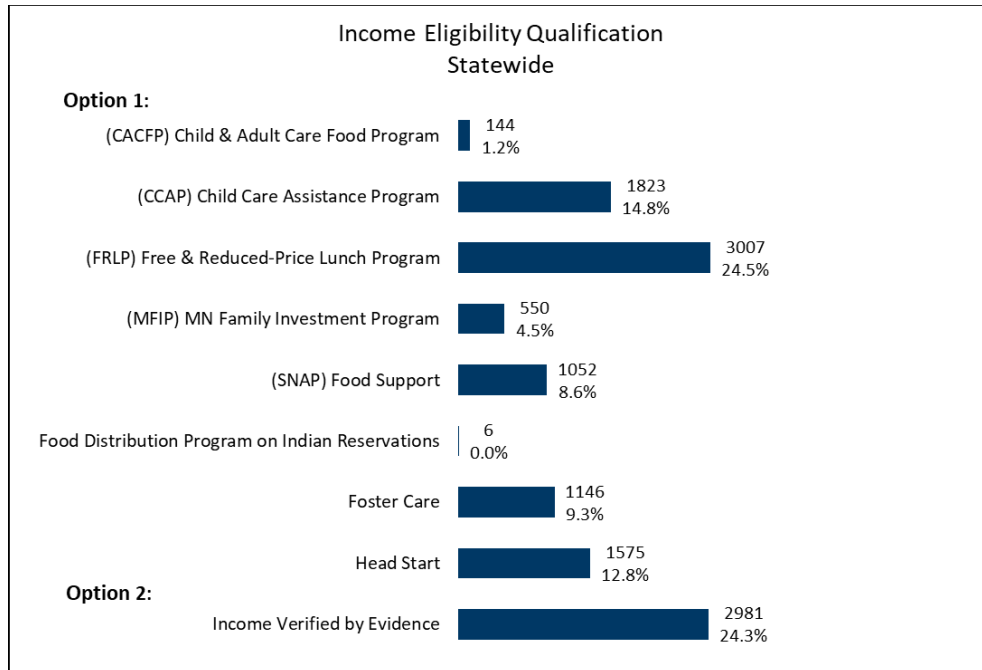
To demonstrate income eligibility under Option 1, an applicant must document their family's current participation in one of eight public assistance or publicly-funded programs:

- 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 2023 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 2023 began July 1, 2022).

In the statewide count, 76.7 percent of children awarded a state early learning scholarship in FY 2023 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.

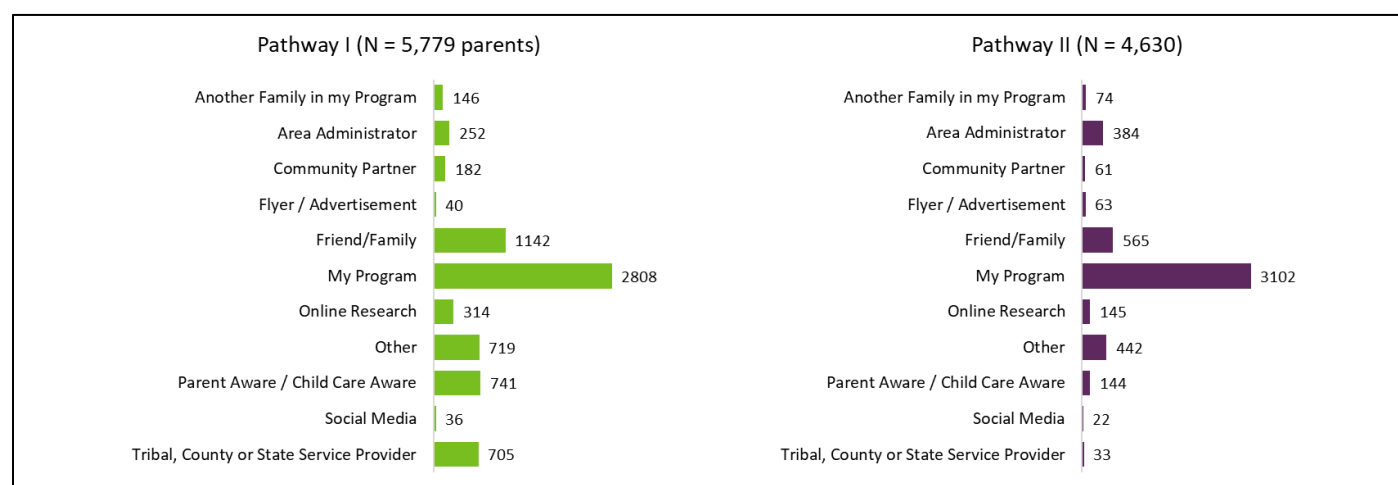
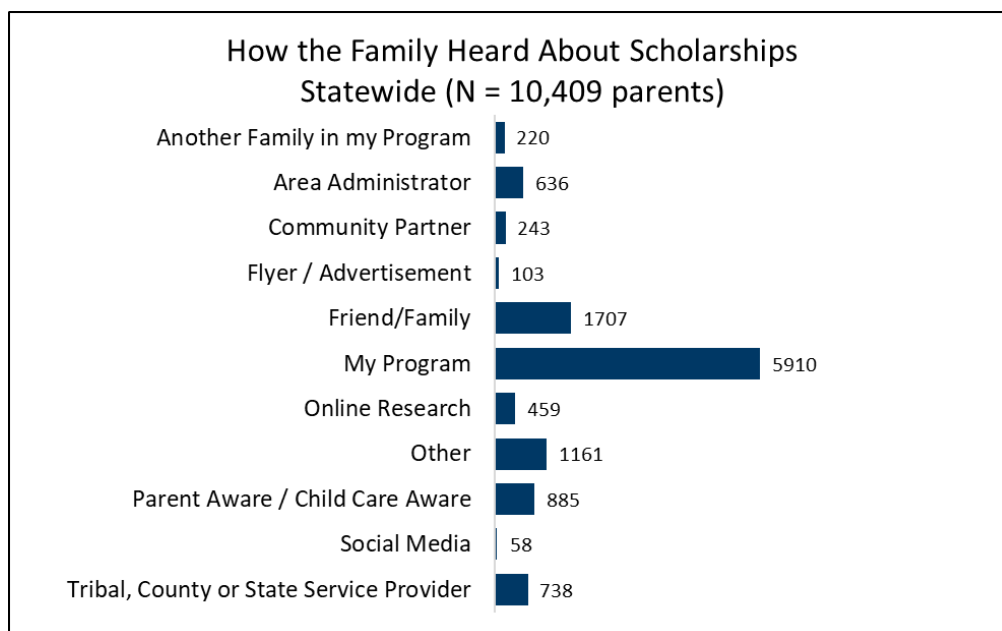


[Refer to Appendix H: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Income Qualifier – FY 2023.](#)

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 10,409 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (5,779 with a Pathway I scholarship and 4,630 with a Pathway II scholarship). In this set, the most common response was “My Program,” which was selected by about 57 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 2023.](#)

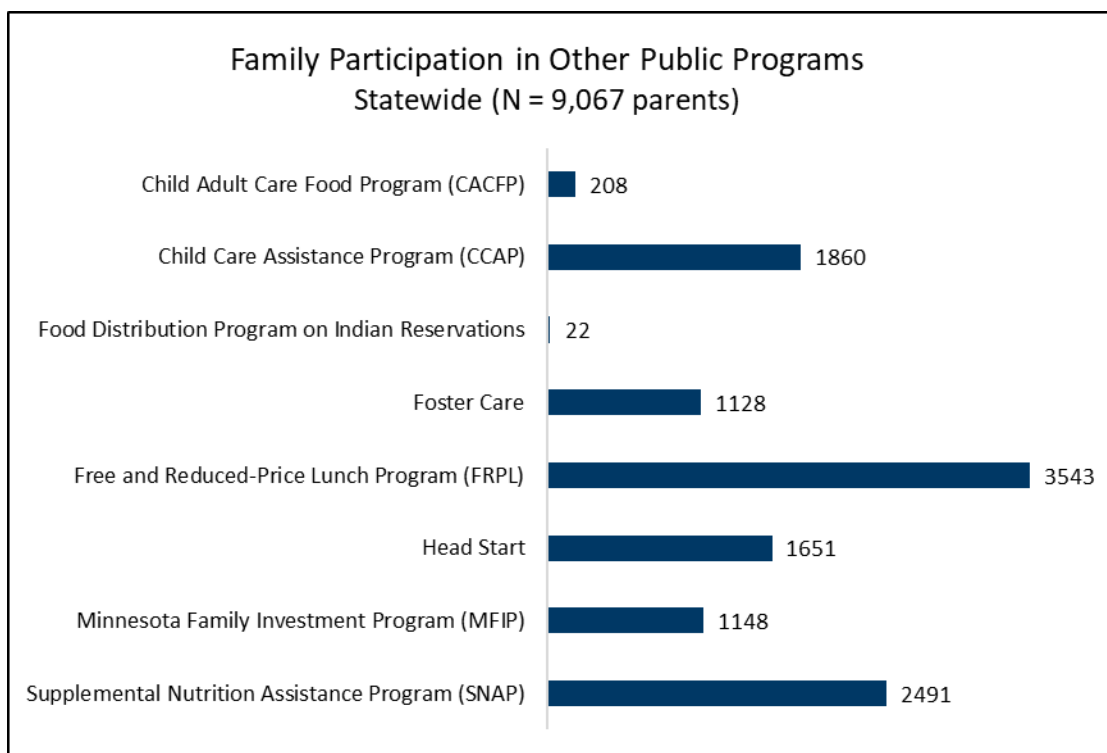
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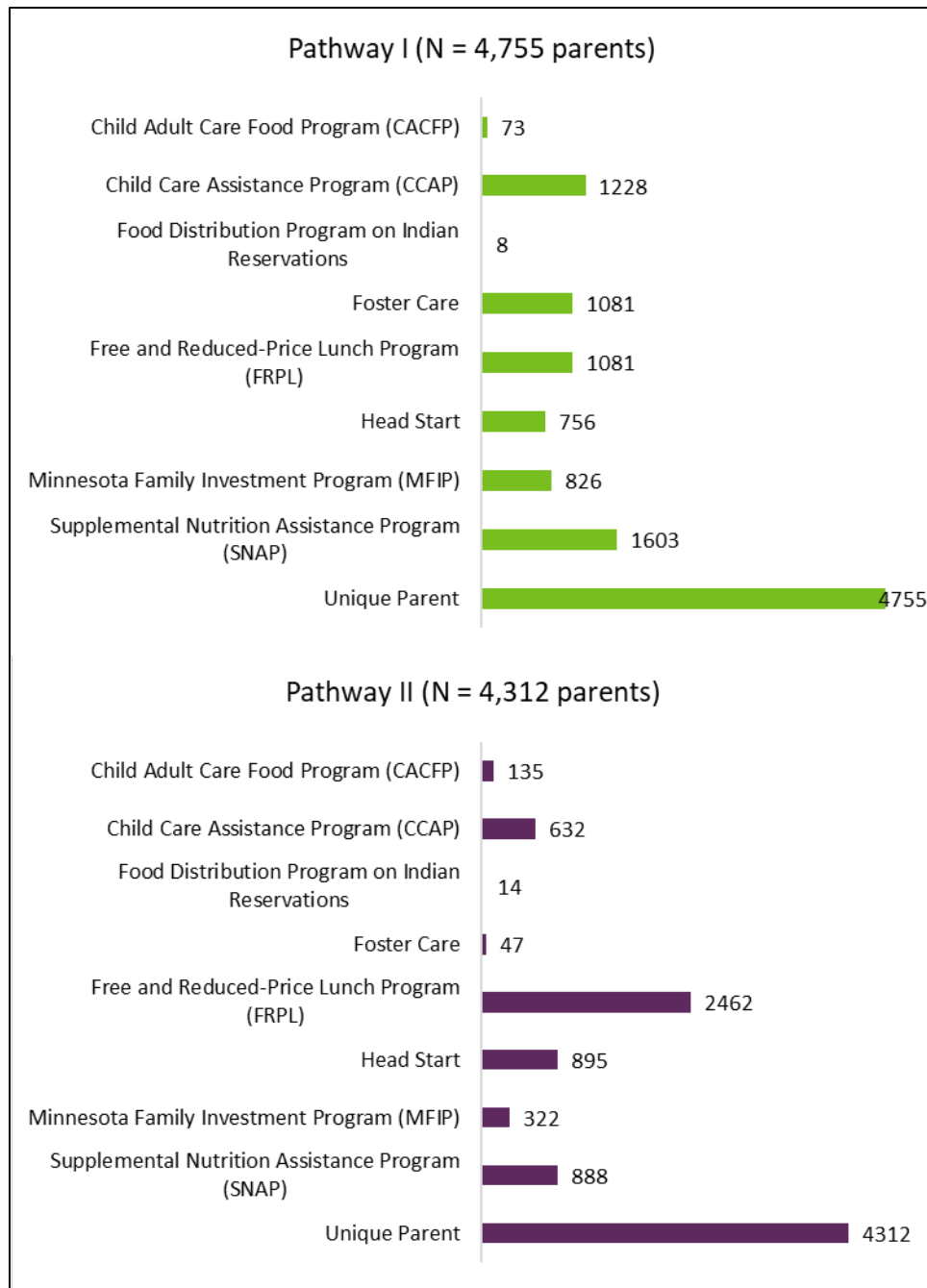
Family Participation in Other Public Programs

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 9,067 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (4,755 with a Pathway I and 4,312 with a Pathway II 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 \(ECLS\)](#).





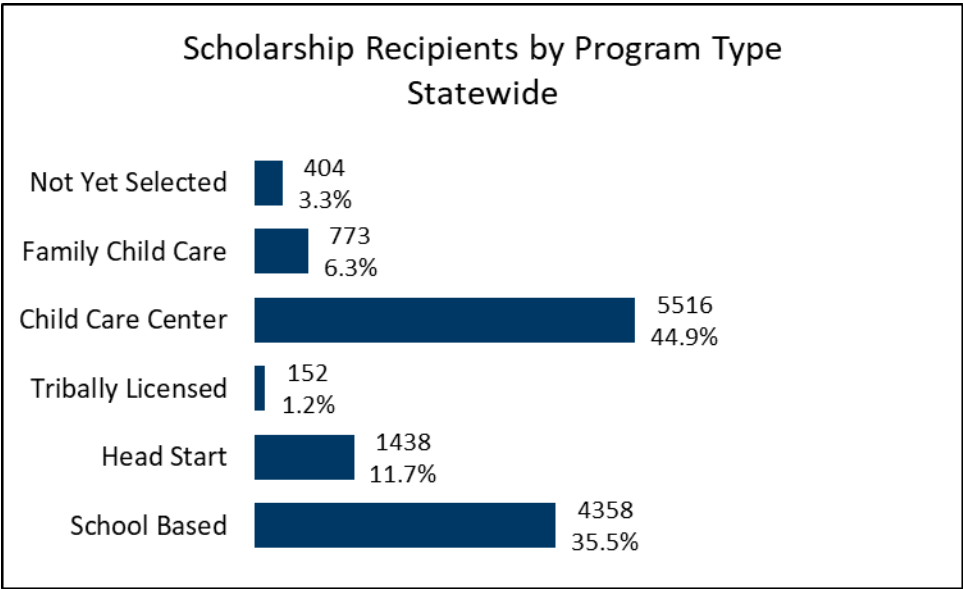
[Refer to Appendix K: Family Public Program Participation – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2023.](#)

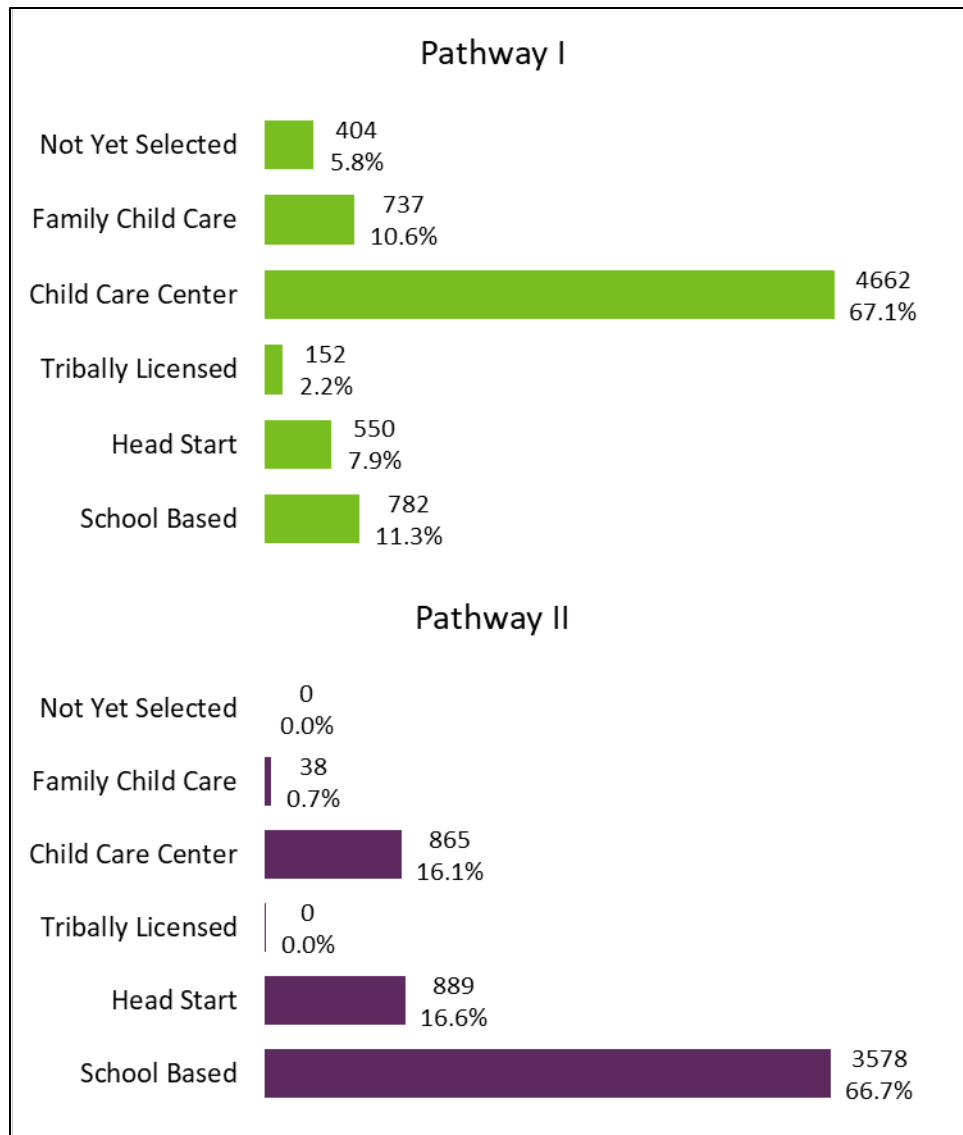
Scholarship Use in Early Childhood Programs

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, 2022, and June 30, 2023 (FY 2023). The data set utilized only included programs identified as selected to serve a scholarship recipient at some point between the start of FY 2023 and November 8, 2023. 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 2023 continue to be served into the certified year, ending June 30, 2024. This means the counts of early childhood programs that have served children with FY 2023 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 357 programs allocated those funds in FY 2023; 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.

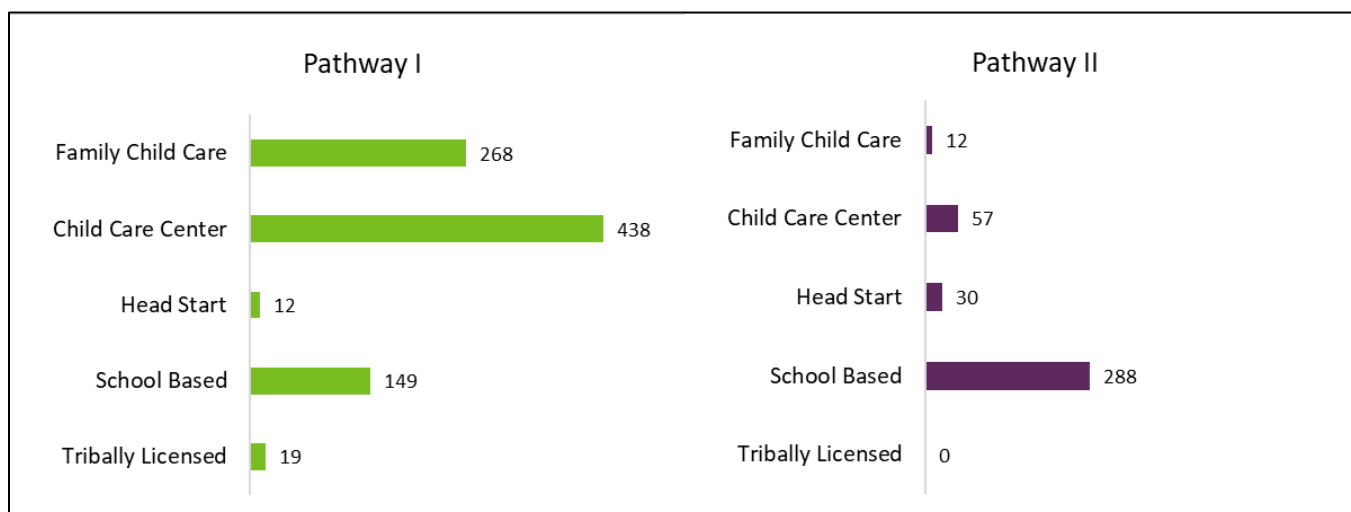
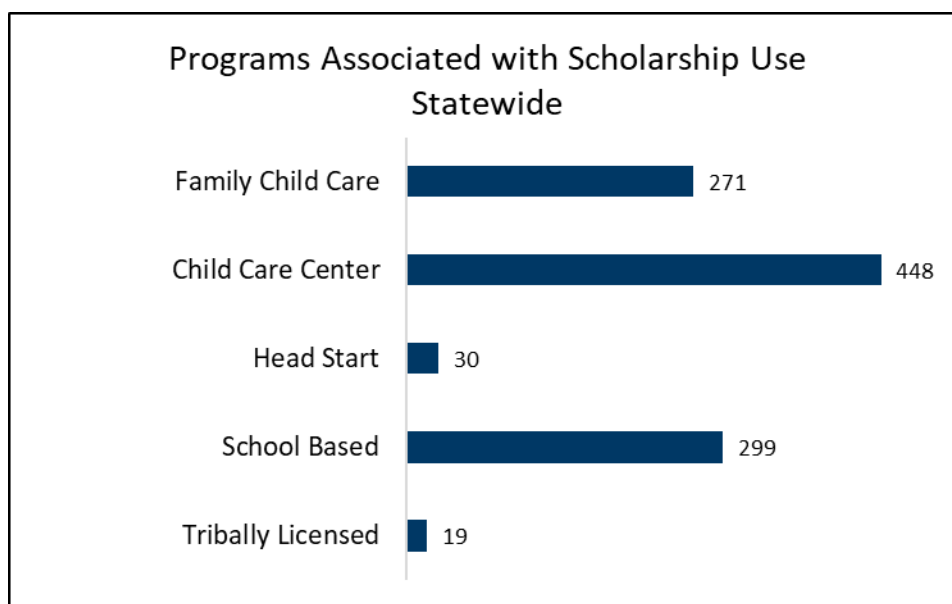




[Refer to Appendix L: Child Counts and Percentages by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2023.](#)

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 2023.](#)

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 2023.](#)

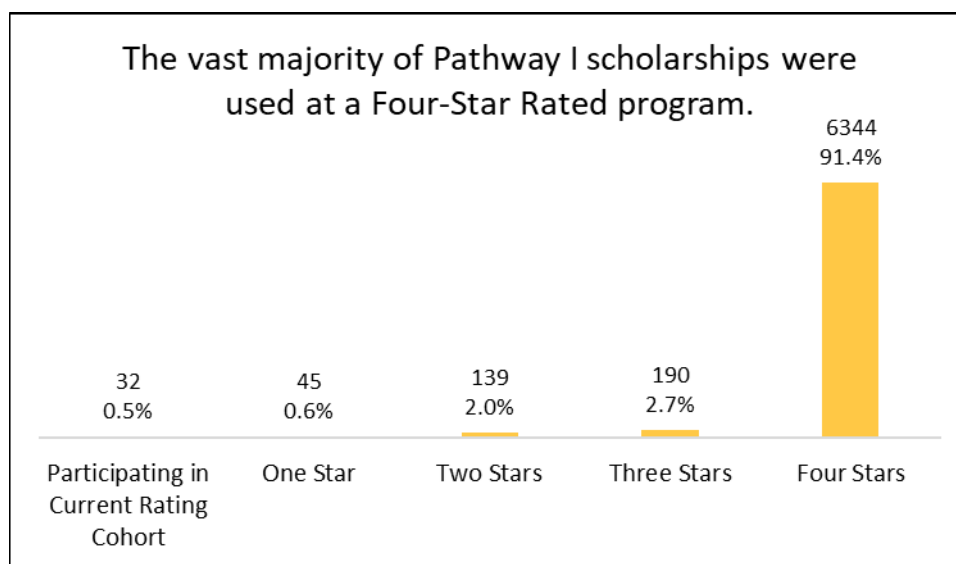
Pathway I Scholarship Use

State Early Learning Scholarships – Pathway I awarded in FY 2023 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. In the population of records used for this reporting, 5.8 percent (404) of children who were awarded a FY 2023 Pathway I scholarship did not have a program selected for use as of November 8, 2023.

Note: As provided in statute, in FY2023, a family was 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 2023 Pathway I scholarships, 91.4 percent, were used in Four-Star Rated programs. When considered together, use at Three- and Four-Star Rated programs represents 94.1 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.



[Refer to Appendix O: Pathway I – Child Counts by Program Parent Aware Rating – FY 2023.](#)

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 8, 2023. 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	7	24	NA	NA	1
One Star	21	24	NA	NA	0
Two Stars	51	70	NA	NA	18
Three Stars	86	88	NA	NA	13
Four Stars	581	4,498	550	782	122
Total	737	4,662	550	782	152

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 2023.](#)

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 2023.](#)

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 2023.](#)

Pathway I Wait List: June 30, 2023

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, 2023, the final day of state fiscal year 2023

At the close of FY 2023, the statewide wait list for a Pathway I scholarship totaled 1,285 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 979 children on the final wait list, making up 76.2% percent of the statewide count.

[Refer to Appendix S: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2023.](#)

Although the wait list counts represent children who were not awarded with FY 2023 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 2023 were later awarded with FY 2024 funds. This is not tracked.

Appendices

Appendix A: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type – FY 2023

FY 2023	Pathway I	Pathway I % of Total	Pathway II	Pathway II % of Total	Total
Statewide	6,943	56.5%	5,365	43.7%	12,282

Appendix B: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Age on September 1 – FY 2023

Pathway	Total	<1	1	2	3	4	5
Pathway I Counts	6,943	852	897	1,193	1,939	1,900	163
Pathway I %	100%	12.3%	12.9%	17.2%	27.9%	27.4%	2.3%
Pathway II Counts	5,365	83	126	172	1,882	3,078	25
Pathway II %	100%	1.5%	2.3%	3.2%	35.1%	57.4%	0.5%
Statewide Counts	12,282	932	1,021	1,363	3,809	4,971	188
Statewide %	100%	7.6%	8.3%	11.1%	31.0%	40.5%	1.5%

Appendix C: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Race and Ethnicity – FY 2023

FY 2023	Pathway I	% of Children in Pathway I	Pathway II	% of Children in Pathway II	Statewide Total	% of Children Statewide
Hispanic or Latino	829	11.9%	1,035	19.3%	1,863	15.2%

FY 2023	Pathway I	% of Children in Pathway I	Pathway II	% of Children in Pathway II	Statewide Total	% of Children Statewide
American Indian or Alaskan Native	409	5.9%	161	3.0%	568	4.6%
Asian	179	2.6%	330	6.2%	437	4.1%
Black or African American	2,109	30.4%	1,386	25.8%	3,488	28.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	7	0.1%	13	0.2%	20	0.2%
White	2,177	31.4%	1,919	35.8%	4,086	33.3%
Two or More Races	1,051	15.1%	406	7.6%	1,451	11.8%
Other	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Not Answered	182	2.6%	116	2.2%	289	2.4%
Total	6,943	100%	5,535	100%	12,282	100%

Appendix D: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Home Language – FY 2023

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	6,211	3,826	10,011
Spanish	222	674	896
Somali	180	410	590
Hmong	44	83	127
Karen	26	79	105
Amharic	26	48	74
Arabic	17	48	65
Oromo, Afan Oromo, Oromiffa	14	49	63
French	14	10	24
Vietnamese	7	14	21
Russian	5	13	18
Other Language Combined	70	106	176
Not Answered	107	5	112
Total	6,943	5,365	12,282

Appendix E: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Priority Population – FY 2023

Priority Populations	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Children of Teen Parent	125	23	147
Foster Care	1,123	63	1,183
Children Receiving Child Protective Services	333	23	353
Experiencing Homelessness	3,339	402	3,729
Total	4,529	495	4,871

Appendix F: Statewide Child Counts by Age on September 1 and Priority Population – FY 2023

Priority Populations	Total	<1	1	2	3	4	5*
Children of Teen Parent	147	54	30	21	19	22	1
Foster Care	1,183	140	174	219	282	332	36
Children Receiving Child Protective Services	353	67	55	67	91	69	4
Experiencing Homelessness	3,729	480	525	709	1,007	925	83
Total	4,871	662	722	947	1,311	1,251	116

*The 5-year-olds who received a FY 2023 scholarship were newly awarded or renewed in the period from July 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022. These 5-year-olds were no longer age-eligible for a scholarship as of September 1, 2022.

Appendix G: Housing Insecurity – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2023

Housing Insecurity	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Car, outside or public space	269	33	302
Doubling up temporarily with other family or friends	2,174	402	2,576
Hotel, motel or trailer	539	88	627
Moving from place to place	1,601	265	1,866
Shelter	576	89	665
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	1,306	181	1,487
Total	3,133	612	3,745

Appendix H: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Income Qualifier – FY 2023

Income Qualifier	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Option 1: Child and Adult Care Food Programs (CACFP)	47	0.7%	98	1.8%	144	1.2%
Option 1: Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	1,260	18.1%	572	10.7%	1,823	14.8%
Option 1: Free & Reduced-Price Meals Program (FRPL)	701	10.1%	2,312	43.1%	3,007	24.5%

Income Qualifier	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Option 1: MN Family Investment Program (MFIP)	462	6.7%	90	1.7%	550	4.5%
Option 1: Food Support (SNAP)	711	10.2%	343	6.4%	1,052	8.6%
Option 1: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations	5	0.1%	1	0.0%	6	0.0%
Option 1: Foster Care	1,103	15.9%	43	0.8%	1,146	9.3%
Option 1: Head Start	662	9.5%	915	17.1%	1,575	12.8%
Option 2: Income Verified by Evidence	1,993	28.7%	991	18.5%	2,981	24.3%

Appendix I: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2023

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Another Family in My Program	146	74	220
Area Administrator	252	384	636
Community Partner	182	61	243
Flyer/Advertisement	40	63	103
Friend/Family	1,142	565	1,707

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
My Program	2,808	3,102	5,910
Online Research	314	145	459
Parent Aware/Child Care Aware	741	144	885
Social Media	36	22	58
Tribal, County or State Service Provider	705	33	738
Other	719	442	1,161
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	964	338	1,302
Total	5,779	4,630	10,409

Appendix J: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Program Type – FY 2023

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Another Family in My Program	12	109	10	75	10
Area Administrator	8	175	14	429	3
Community Partner	14	117	18	81	4
Flyer/Advertisement	10	19	4	68	1

Heard About Early Learning Scholarships Method	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Friend/Family	155	839	105	556	37
My Program	297	2,270	1,094	2,151	56
Online Research	39	225	11	191	2
Parent Aware/Child Care Aware	118	568	33	144	23
Social Media	2	18	4	27	2
Tribal, County or State Service Provider	57	540	23	61	27
Other	56	593	104	372	15
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	110	725	101	339	28
Total	605	4,542	1,297	3,719	118

Appendix K: Family Public Program Participation – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2023

Family Public Program Participation	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	73	135	208
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	1,228	632	1,860
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations	8	14	22
Foster Care	1,081	47	1,128

Family Public Program Participation	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Free or Reduced-Price Meals Program (FRP)	1,081	2,462	3,543
Head Start	756	895	1,651
Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)	826	322	1,148
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	1,603	888	2,491
Count Selecting One or More Above Option	1,323	785	2,108
Total	4,755	4,312	9,067

Appendix L: Child Counts and Percentages by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2023

Program Type	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Not Yet Selected	404	5.8%	NA	NA	404	3.3%
Family Child Care	773	10.6%	38	0.7%	773	6.3%
Child Care Center	4,662	67.1%	865	16.1%	5,516	44.9%
Tribally Licensed	152	2.2%	0	0.0%	152	1.2%
Head Start	550	7.9%	889	16.6%	1,438	11.7%
School Based	782	11.3%	3,578	66.7%	4,358	35.5%

Appendix M: Program Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2023

Program Type	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Family Child Care	268	12	271
Child Care Center	438	57	448
Tribally Licensed	19	0	19
Head Start	12	30	30
School Based	149	288	299

Appendix N: Site Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2023

Program Type	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Family Child Care	266	12	269
Child Care Center	606	157	617
Tribally Licensed	19	0	19
Head Start	54	129	156
School Based	217	444	513

Appendix O: Pathway I – Child Counts by Program Parent Aware Rating – FY 2023

Program Rating	Count	Percent
Not Yet Selected	404	5.8%
Participating in Current Rating Cohort	32	0.5%
One Star	45	0.6%

Program Rating	Count	Percent
Two Stars	139	2.0%
Three Stars	193	2.7%
Four Stars	6,344	91.4%

Appendix P: Child Counts by Region, County and Pathway Type – FY 2023

Region 1	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Kittson	0	5	5
Marshall	5	12	17
Norman	21	15	36
Pennington	12	20	31
Polk	50	32	81
Red Lake	7	18	25
Roseau	8	16	24
Total	103	118	219

Region 2	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Beltrami	97	67	164
Clearwater	11	16	27
Hubbard	72	14	86
Lake of the Woods	3	5	8
Mahnomen	53	8	60
Total	236	110	345

Region 3	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Aitkin	11	25	36
Carlton	74	48	122
Cook	15	1	16
Itasca	93	98	191
Koochiching	18	6	24
Lake	31	6	37
St. Louis	225	168	393
Total	467	352	819

Region 4	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Becker	175	40	196
Clay	53	76	129
Douglas	22	7	29
Grant	2	6	8
Otter Tail	34	80	114
Pope	8	2	10
Stevens	7	25	32
Traverse	1	5	6
Wilkin	1	14	15
Total	303	255	557

Region 5	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Cass	76	36	112
Crow Wing	73	60	132
Morrison	39	11	50
Todd	39	29	68
Wadena	28	29	57
Total	255	165	419

Region 5	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Region 6E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Kandiyohi	76	57	133
McLeod	46	26	72
Meeker	35	12	47
Renville	9	40	49
Total	166	135	301

Region 6W	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Big Stone	0	9	9
Chippewa	6	24	30
Lac Qui Parle	7	6	13
Swift	10	11	21
Yellow Medicine	23	13	35
Total	46	63	108

Region 7E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Chisago	35	22	57
Isanti	22	35	57
Kanabec	14	24	38
Mille Lacs	45	22	67
Pine	19	40	59
Total	135	143	278

Region 7W	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Benton	84	38	122
Sherburne	108	30	135
Stearns	153	180	332
Wright	105	95	198
Total	450	343	787

Region 8	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Cottonwood	24	19	43
Jackson	5	1	6
Lincoln	3	18	21
Lyon	32	40	71
Murray	8	6	14
Nobles	44	78	122
Pipestone	10	4	14
Redwood	13	17	30
Rock	11	14	25
Total	150	197	346

Region 9	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Blue Earth	23	67	90
Brown	12	32	44
Faribault	0	26	26
Le Sueur	16	24	40
Martin	0	35	35

Region 9	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Nicollet	5	27	32
Sibley	13	23	36
Waseca	6	27	33
Watonwan	0	41	41
Total	75	302	377

Region 10	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Dodge	13	27	40
Fillmore	6	34	40
Freeborn	10	42	52
Goodhue	15	45	60
Houston	5	10	15
Mower	19	71	90
Olmsted	260	95	355
Rice	42	50	92
Steele	21	36	57
Wabasha	4	27	31
Winona	35	45	80

Region 10	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Total	430	482	912

Region 11	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Anoka	344	346	690
Carver	70	36	106
Dakota	687	275	960
Hennepin	1,627	1,078	2,699
Ramsey	997	737	1,731
Scott	170	92	262
Washington	233	137	369
Total	4,128	2,701	6,817

Tribal Administrative Area	Pathway I
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	105
White Earth Nation	127

Appendix Q: Child Counts by Region, County and Program Type – Pathway I and II – FY 2023

Region 1 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kittson	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	4	4	0	0	0
Norman	4	17	0	0	0
Pennington	11	0	0	1	0
Polk	26	11	12	1	2
Red Lake	7	0	0	0	0
Roseau	7	1	1	0	0
Total	59	30	13	2	2

Region 1 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kittson	0	0	1	4	0
Marshall	0	0	5	7	0
Norman	0	0	0	15	0
Pennington	0	0	6	14	0
Polk	0	0	5	27	0
Red Lake	0	0	0	18	0

Region 1 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Roseau	0	0	15	1	0
Total	0	0	32	86	0

Region 2 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Beltrami	31	10	18	6	35
Clearwater	6	0	0	2	3
Hubbard	44	0	30	0	0
Lake of the Woods	3	0	0	0	0
Mahnomen	2	0	4	0	46
Total	86	10	52	8	84

Region 2 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School based	Tribally licensed
Beltrami	0	1	24	42	0
Clearwater	0	0	5	11	0
Hubbard	0	0	0	14	0
Lake of the Woods	0	0	2	3	0

Region 2 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School based	Tribally licensed
Mahnomen	0	0	2	6	0
Total	0	1	33	76	0

Region 3 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Aitkin	2	0	0	9	0
Carlton	11	43	8	19	0
Cook	5	6	0	8	0
Itasca	25	9	50	13	0
Koochiching	0	0	11	8	0
Lake	3	17	0	11	0
St. Louis	19	155	32	20	0
Total	65	230	101	88	0

Region 3 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Aitkin	0	0	0	25	0
Carlton	0	0	9	39	0

Region 3 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cook	0	0	0	1	0
Itasca	2	0	38	58	0
Koochiching	0	0	1	5	0
Lake	0	0	0	6	0
St. Louis	0	0	72	96	0
Total	2	0	120	230	0

Region 4 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Becker	38	11	63	4	55
Clay	17	29	1	0	0
Douglas	0	14	0	4	0
Grant	0	0	0	0	0
Otter Tail	7	5	13	4	0
Pope	0	6	1	0	0
Stevens	2	0	0	2	0
Traverse	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkin	0	0	0	0	1

Region 4 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Total	64	65	78	14	56

Region 4 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Becker	1	0	26	13	0
Clay	1	0	22	53	0
Douglas	0	0	0	7	0
Grant	0	0	0	6	0
Otter Tail	0	0	5	75	0
Pope	0	0	0	2	0
Stevens	0	0	10	14	0
Traverse	0	0	0	5	0
Wilkin	0	0	0	14	0
Total	2	0	63	190	0

Region 5 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cass	16	10	21	21	6
Crow Wing	15	41	0	16	0

Region 5 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Morrison	13	12	0	15	0
Todd	9	30	0	7	0
Wadena	9	9	3	7	0
Total	62	102	24	66	6

Region 5 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cass	0	2	5	29	0
Crow Wing	0	0	2	58	0
Morrison	0	1	0	10	0
Todd	0	0	0	29	0
Wadena	0	0	0	29	0
Total	0	3	7	155	0

Region 6E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kandiyohi	12	51	0	21	0
McLeod	15	23	0	6	0
Meeker	5	19	0	10	0

Region 6E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Renville	0	4	0	2	0
Total	32	97	0	39	0

Region 6E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kandiyohi	0	0	3	54	0
McLeod	0	0	0	26	0
Meeker	0	0	0	12	0
Renville	0	0	3	37	0
Total	0	0	6	129	0

Region 6W– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Big Stone	0	0	0	0	0
Chippewa	0	0	0	6	0
Lac Qui Parle	0	7	0	0	0
Swift	0	3	0	7	0
Yellow Medicine	10	0	0	14	0
Total	10	10	0	27	0

Region 6W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Big Stone	0	0	0	9	0
Chippewa	0	0	10	14	0
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	6	0
Swift	0	0	0	11	0
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	13	0
Total	0	0	10	53	0

Region 7E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	5	15	0	14	0
Isanti	2	15	0	5	0
Kanabec	4	7	1	1	0
Mille Lacs	5	31	1	8	0
Pine	3	8	1	9	0
Total	19	77	3	37	0

Region 7E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	0	1	3	18	0
Isanti	1	0	0	34	0
Kanabec	2	0	4	18	0
Mille Lacs	0	1	10	11	0
Pine	0	3	2	35	0
Total	3	5	19	116	0

Region 7W – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	7	50	12	6	0
Sherburne	6	61	0	33	0
Stearns	19	103	4	13	1
Wright	9	70	0	24	0
Total	41	284	16	76	1

Region 7W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	0	9	5	24	0

Region 7W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Sherburne	0	11	0	19	0
Stearns	0	16	12	152	0
Wright	0	23	23	51	0
Total	0	59	39	246	0

Region 8 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	9	7	0	9	0
Jackson	1	1	0	3	0
Lincoln	0	0	0	1	2
Lyon	8	19	0	4	0
Murray	0	1	0	7	0
Nobles	4	39	0	1	0
Pipestone	2	6	0	2	0
Redwood	1	10	0	2	0
Rock	0	1	0	10	0
Total	25	84	0	39	2

Region 8 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	0	0	0	19	0
Jackson	0	0	0	1	0
Lincoln	0	0	1	17	0
Lyon	0	0	0	40	0
Murray	0	0	0	6	0
Nobles	0	0	18	60	0
Pipestone	0	0	4	0	0
Redwood	0	0	0	17	0
Rock	0	0	0	14	0
Total	0	0	23	174	0

Region 9 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	8	6	0	8	0
Brown	0	0	0	11	0
Faribault	0	0	0	0	0
Le Sueur	4	5	0	6	1
Martin	0	0	0	0	0

Region 9 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Nicollet	1	3	0	2	0
Sibley	4	6	0	2	0
Waseca	3	0	0	1	0
Watonwan	0	0	0	0	0
Total	20	20	0	30	1

Region 9 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	0	0	16	51	0
Brown	0	0	7	25	0
Faribault	0	0	3	23	0
Le Sueur	0	0	4	20	0
Martin	0	0	5	30	0
Nicollet	0	0	6	21	0
Sibley	0	0	0	23	0
Waseca	0	0	4	23	0
Watonwan	0	0	5	36	0
Total	0	0	50	252	0

Region 10 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	1	3	0	9	0
Fillmore	0	4	0	2	0
Freeborn	2	2	0	6	0
Goodhue	0	8	0	7	0
Houston	0	2	0	3	0
Mower	0	18	1	0	0
Olmsted	8	221	13	9	0
Rice	5	19	0	22	0
Steele	3	17	0	1	0
Wabasha	0	0	0	2	0
Winona	0	16	0	19	0
Total	19	310	14	80	0

Region 10– Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	0	4	7	16	0
Fillmore	0	3	4	27	0
Freeborn	0	0	12	30	0

Region 10– Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Goodhue	0	1	2	42	0
Houston	0	0	5	5	0
Mower	0	1	18	52	0
Olmsted	0	27	20	48	0
Rice	0	8	2	40	0
Steele	0	0	0	36	0
Wabasha	0	0	9	18	0
Winona	0	7	10	30	0
Total	0	51	89	344	0

Region 11– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	30	292	1	35	0
Carver	3	61	0	7	0
Dakota	18	590	5	84	0
Hennepin	82	1,301	140	68	0
Ramsey	88	768	100	24	0
Scott	6	143	0	26	0

Region 11– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Washington	8	188	3	32	0
Total	235	3,343	249	276	0

Region 11 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	3	78	60	206	0
Carver	0	3	0	33	0
Dakota	1	82	9	183	0
Hennepin	3	344	185	546	0
Ramsey	24	182	126	405	0
Scott	0	9	8	75	0
Washington	0	48	10	79	0
Total	31	746	398	1,527	0

Tribal – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	18	8	37	24	10
White Earth Nation	13	0	5	1	106

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	0
Marshall	0	1	2	0	0
Norman	0	0	2	0	19
Pennington	0	2	0	1	9
Polk	0	0	3	10	39
Red Lake	0	0	0	6	1
Roseau	0	0	1	0	8
Total	0	3	8	17	79

Region 2	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Beltrami	0	5	15	16	66
Clearwater	0	2	0	3	6
Hubbard	0	0	0	8	64
Lake of the Woods	0	0	3	0	0

Region 2	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Mahnomen	2	0	6	3	42
Total	2	7	24	30	178

Region 3	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Aitkin	0	0	0	0	11
Carlton	0	2	1	0	72
Cook	0	0	0	0	15
Itasca	0	0	0	2	90
Koochiching	0	0	0	0	18
Lake	0	0	0	0	31
St. Louis	15	11	13	6	193
Total	15	13	14	8	430

Region 4	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Becker	0	0	5	10	153
Clay	0	0	2	4	40
Douglas	0	0	0	3	15
Grant	0	0	0	0	0
Otter Tail	0	0	2	0	25
Pope	0	0	4	0	3
Stevens	0	0	0	0	4
Traverse	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkin	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	13	17	241

Region 5	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Cass	0	0	10	2	58
Crow Wing	0	1	0	9	63
Morrison	1	0	0	4	34
Todd	0	0	0	5	38

Region 5	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Wadena	0	2	1	1	23
Total	1	3	11	21	216

Region 6E	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Kandiyohi	0	0	0	6	72
McLeod	0	2	5	3	34
Meeker	0	3	2	0	29
Renville	0	0	2	0	4
Total	0	5	9	9	139

Region 6W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Big Stone	0	0	0	0	0
Chippewa	0	0	0	0	6
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	0	7
Swift	0	0	0	0	10

Region 6W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	0	23
Total	0	0	0	0	46

Region 7E	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Chisago	1	0	0	0	33
Isanti	0	0	0	0	22
Kanabec	0	0	1	4	9
Mille Lacs	0	0	0	1	43
Pine	0	0	1	2	17
Total	1	0	2	7	124

Region 7W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Benton	0	0	0	5	68
Sherburne	0	0	0	2	95
Stearns	0	0	2	8	125

Region 7W	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Wright	2	4	3	3	90
Total	2	4	5	18	378

Region 8	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Cottonwood	0	0	0	4	21
Jackson	0	0	0	0	5
Lincoln	0	0	1	0	2
Lyon	0	0	0	2	29
Murray	0	0	1	0	7
Nobles	0	2	2	0	40
Pipestone	0	1	0	1	8
Redwood	0	0	0	0	13
Rock	0	0	0	0	11
Total	0	3	4	7	136

Region 9	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Blue Earth	0	0	1	0	21
Brown	0	0	0	0	11
Faribault	0	0	0	0	0
Le Sueur	0	0	0	0	15
Martin	0	0	0	0	0
Nicollet	0	0	0	0	5
Sibley	0	0	0	2	10
Waseca	0	0	0	0	4
Watonwan	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	2	66

Region 10	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Dodge	0	0	1	0	12
Fillmore	0	0	1	0	5
Freeborn	0	0	0	2	8
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	19
Olmsted	0	2	3	0	238
Rice	3	0	0	0	42
Steele	2	0	0	1	18
Wabasha	0	0	0	0	2
Winona	0	0	3	0	32
Total	5	2	8	3	396

Region 11	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Anoka	1	0	9	9	327
Carver	2	1	2	2	63
Dakota	0	3	6	5	664
Hennepin	4	1	9	16	1,532
Ramsey	0	0	11	5	947
Scott	0	0	1	1	167
Washington	0	0	2	13	215

Region 11	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Total	6	5	40	51	3,915

Tribal Administrators	Participating in Current Rating Cohort	One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	0	0	13	6	77
White Earth Nation	2	1	8	11	105

Appendix S: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2023

Statewide	Total Wait List
Total Statewide Wait List	1,285

Region 1	Total Wait List
Kittson	0
Marshall	1
Norman	1
Pennington	4
Polk	0
Red Lake	0
Roseau	0
Total Region Wait List	6

Region 2	Total Wait List
Beltrami	12
Clearwater	3
Hubbard	6
Lake of the Woods	0

Region 2	Total Wait List
Mahnomen	1
Total Region Wait List	22

Region 3	Total Wait List
Aitkin	0
Carlton	0
Cook	0
Itasca	0
Koochiching	0
Lake	0
St. Louis	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 4	Total Wait List
Becker	27
Clay	12
Douglas	5

Region 4	Total Wait List
Grant	0
Otter Tail	13
Pope	1
Stevens	4
Traverse	0
Wilkin	0
Total Region Wait List	62

Region 5	Total Wait List
Cass	5
Crow Wing	15
Morrison	17
Todd	3
Wadena	2
Total Region Wait List	42

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	8
Isanti	5
Kanabec	2

Region 7E	Total Wait List
Mille Lacs	3
Pine	0
Total Region Wait List	18

Region 7W	Total Wait List
Benton	14
Sherburne	25
Stearns	25
Wright	12
Total Region Wait List	76

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	1
Brown	1
Faribault	0
Le Sueur	1
Martin	0
Nicollet	2
Sibley	0
Waseca	0
Watsonwan	0
Total Region Wait List	5

Region 10	Total Wait List
Dodge	2
Fillmore	0
Freeborn	8
Goodhue	5
Houston	0
Mower	0
Olmsted	38
Rice	17
Steele	1
Wabasha	0
Winona	4
Total Region Wait List	75

Region 11	Total Wait List
Anoka	0
Carver	1
Dakota	58

Region 11	Total Wait List
Hennepin	502
Ramsey	405
Scott	13
Washington	0
Total Region Wait List	979

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