



Early Learning Scholarships

Scholarship Use in Minnesota – State Fiscal Year 2019

For period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

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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 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 identify programs using research-based practices that prepare children for school and life.

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 is \$7,500. To receive that maximum, the program serving the child must have a Four-Star Parent Aware Rating. 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
Four-Star Parent Aware Rating	Up to \$7,500 per child
Three-Star Parent Aware Rating	Up to \$5,000 per child
One- or Two-Star Parent Aware Rating*	Up to \$4,000 per child
Currently in a Full-Rating Pathway Cohort*	Up to \$3,000 per child

*Starting July 1, 2020, 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](#).

State fiscal year (FY) 2019 appropriations for the Early Learning Scholarships Program totaled \$70,209,000, inclusive of \$950,000 allowed for administration of the program by MDE. A total of \$69,259,000 was allocated to fund child scholarship awards and direct administration of scholarships by grantee organizations around the state. However, legislation in the 2019 session directed the creation of a Special Revenue account with funds anticipated to be underutilized; \$4.5 million of combined FY 2018 and FY 2019 funds was used for this purpose. Of the amount appropriated in FY 2019, approximately \$38.5 million was awarded in Pathway I scholarships and \$28 million in Pathway II scholarships as of early October 2019. 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, 2020.

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) 2019, running July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. The primary data set was pulled from the Early Learning Scholarship Administration System (ELSA) on October 15, 2019; 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 included in this report were current as of June 30, 2019.

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](#).

Please refer to the [Early Learning Scholarships program webpage](#) or the [State Early Learning Scholarships Policy Manual](#) for additional program information as needed.

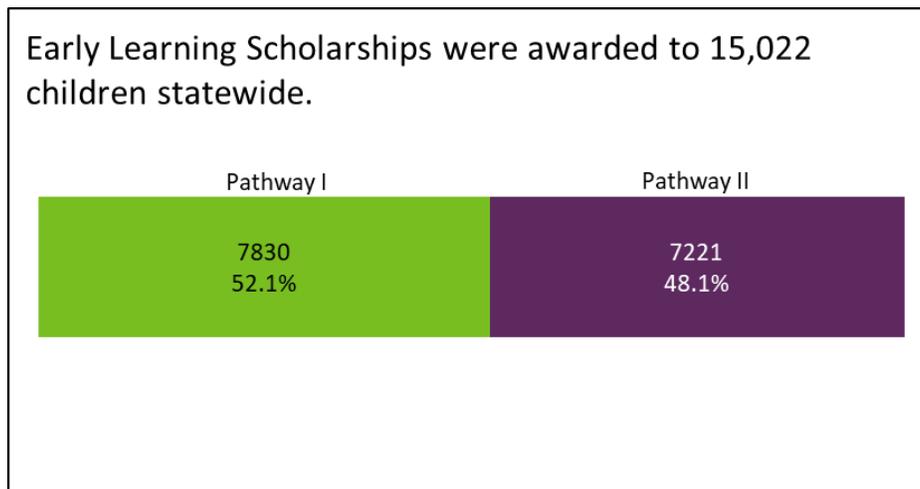
Scholarships Statewide

At the statewide level, this report provides an unduplicated count of children who have received a new or renewed FY 2019-funded scholarship between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019. Data was run on October 15, 2019, 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 2019, 15,022 children were identified as having received a state early learning scholarship.

State Totals by Pathway

The 15,022 children who received a FY 2019 scholarship award were fairly evenly split between Pathway I and Pathway II. This is influenced by allocation of funds, the scholarship award cap amount, program guidance, and other factors.



In FY 2018, 16,537 children received a scholarship, marking an apparent drop in use in FY 2019 of approximately 10 percent from the previous year. A significantly lower count of Pathway II scholarships is the most striking

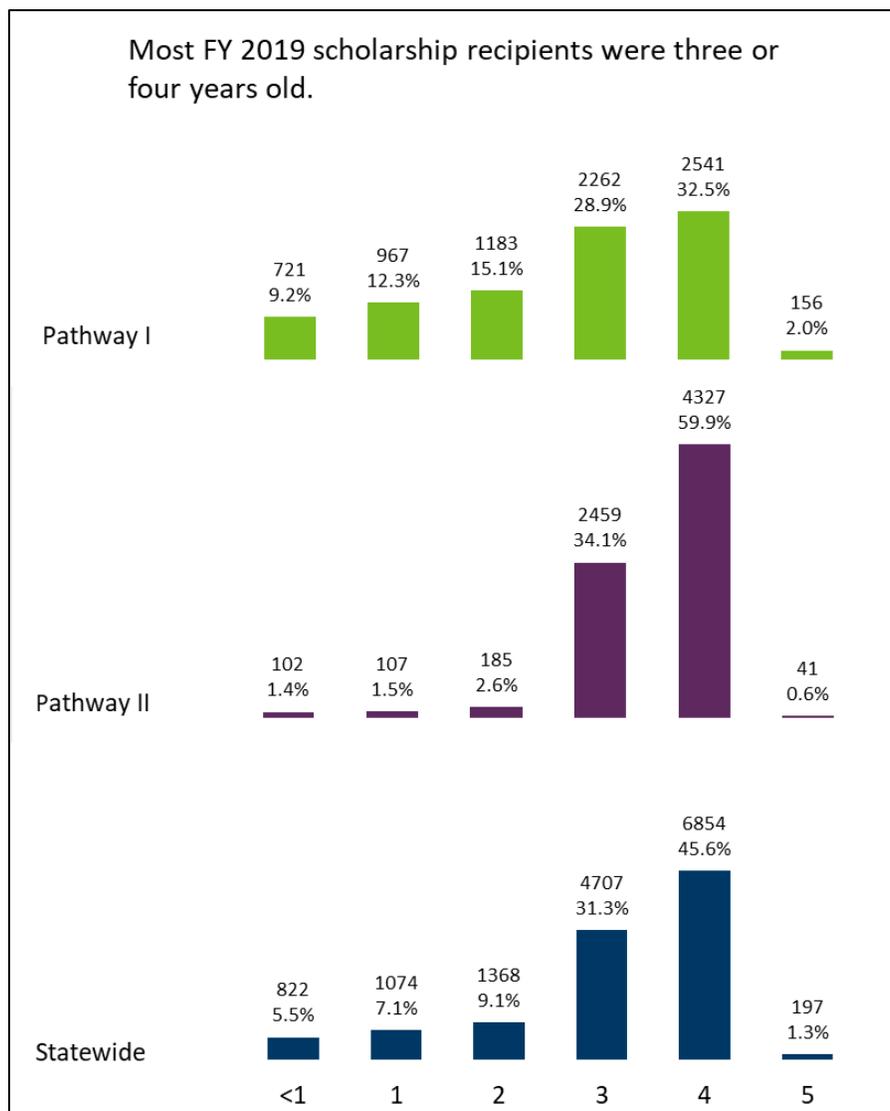
difference. This is at least in part attributable to improved program guidance delivered to school-based and Head Start programs administering Pathway II scholarships to use scholarships to fund program slots at the full award amount allowable based on their MDE-approved program plan rather than partially funding slots by awarding more children at lower amounts.

[Refer to Appendix A: Statewide Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type – FY 2019.](#)

State Demographics

Age on September 1, 2018

The majority of children who received a scholarship were age three or four as of September 1, 2018, 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 three and four who received a Pathway II scholarship is attributable to common use of these funds to provide services in a preschool model.



Approximately 22 percent of children awarded statewide were under age three, an age group extended eligibility if they are either in a priority population identified in statute or the younger sibling of a scholarship recipient at the time of award. Pathway I scholarship recipients represent the bulk of this count.

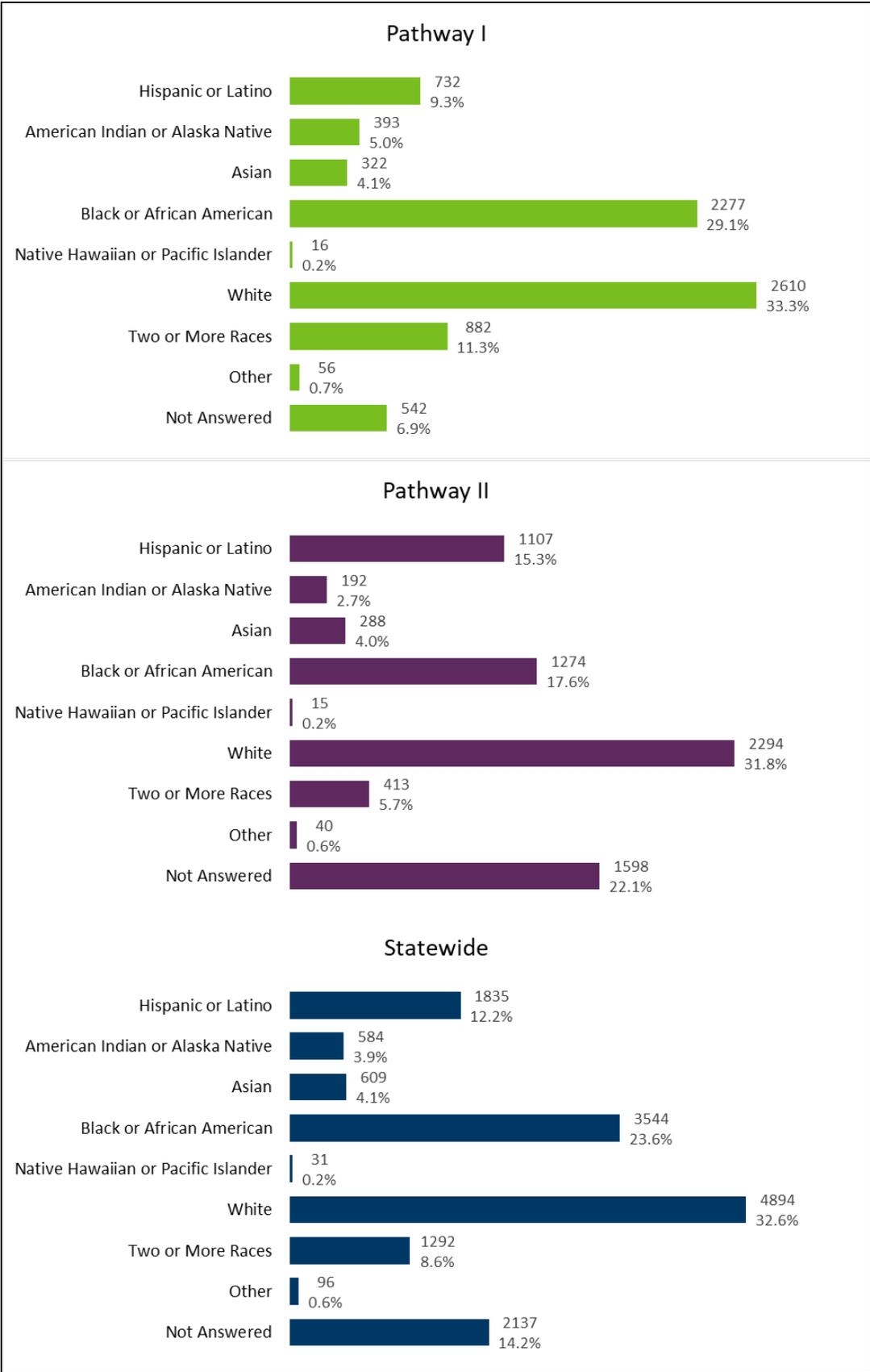
A relatively small number of the children awarded a scholarship in FY 2019 were five years old as of September 1, 2018. These five-year-olds lost age eligibility for a scholarship as of September 1, however they received a scholarship for some portion of the period between July 1 and their final day of eligibility, August 31, 2018, and so were retained in the full count of scholarships.

[Refer to Appendix A: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Age on September 1 – FY 2019.](#)

Race and Ethnicity

The race and ethnicity of children who received a new or renewed scholarship in state fiscal year 2019 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 on both the initial application for a scholarship and the renewal form.

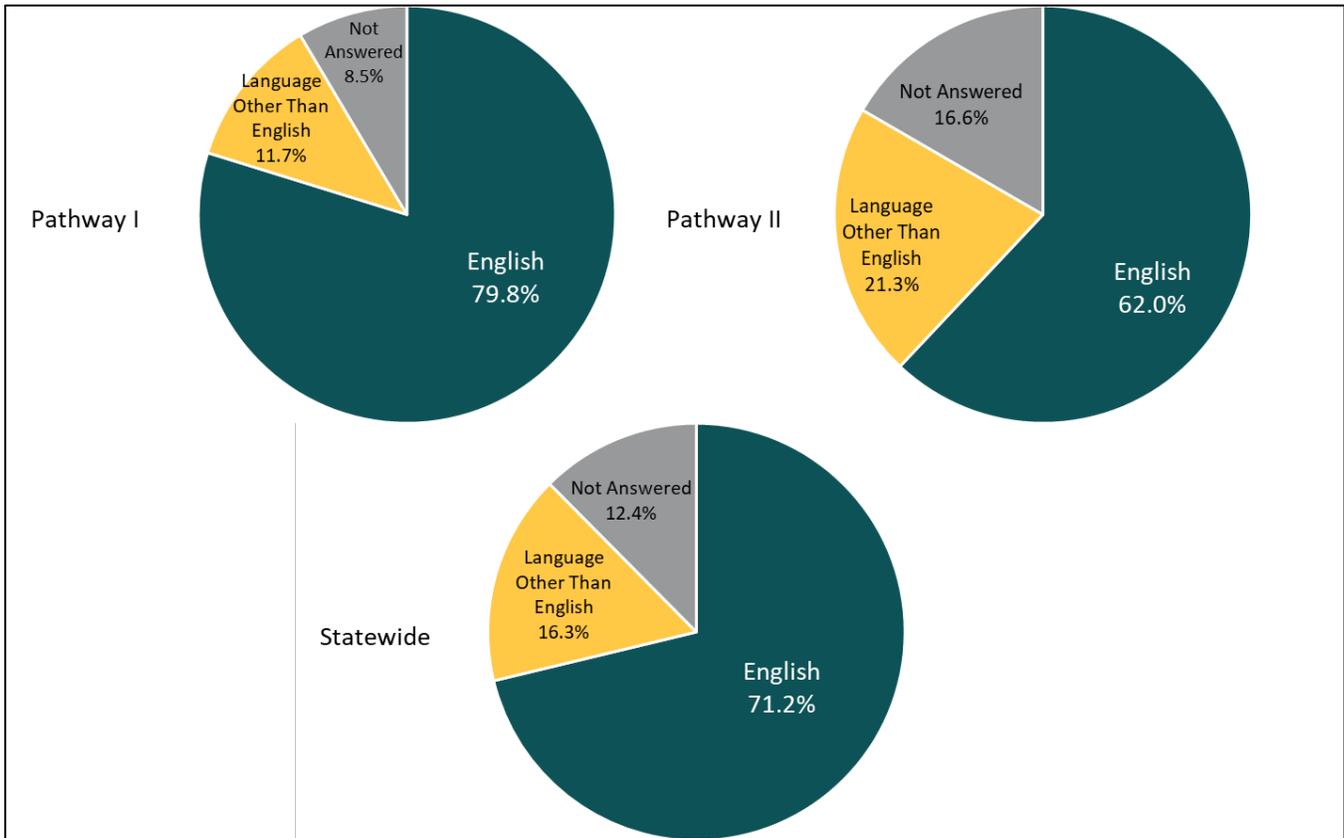
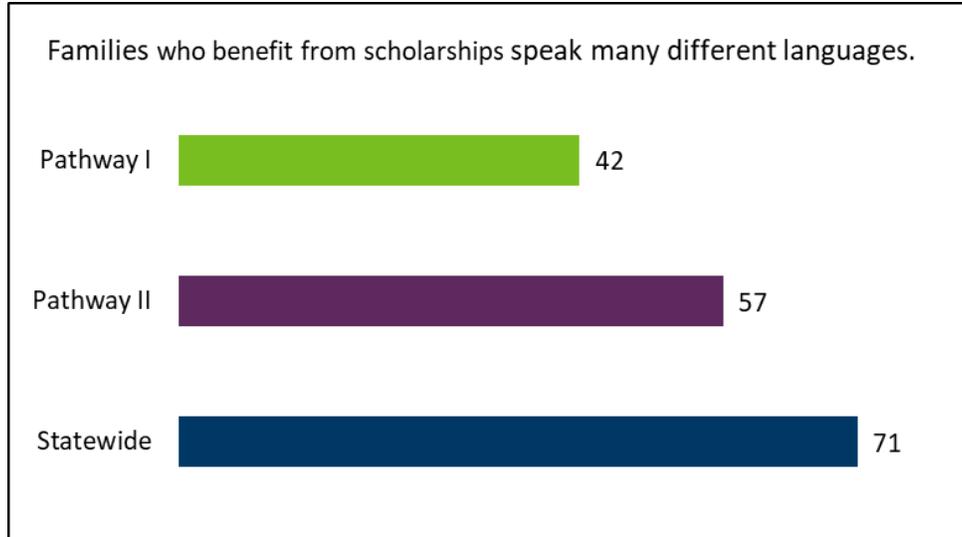
On state early learning scholarship applications prior to the FY 2019 version, the list of races included an "Other" option. In previous reporting, the "Other" responses may have been included in the "Not Answered" count. Between FY 2018 and FY 2019, the response of "Other" was removed from the application, 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 charts that follow in this section.



[Refer to Appendix C: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Race and Ethnicity – FY 2019.](#)

Home Language

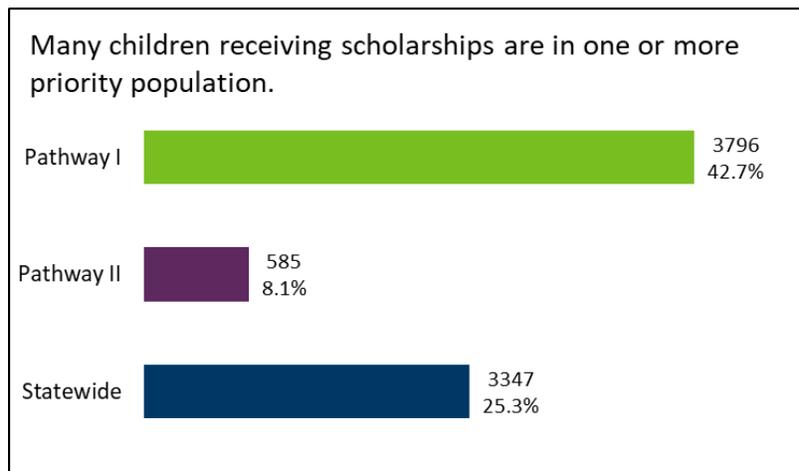
The families of children awarded FY 2019 state early learning scholarships were asked on the application to report the language they spoke most at home. A total of 71 different home languages were reported statewide.



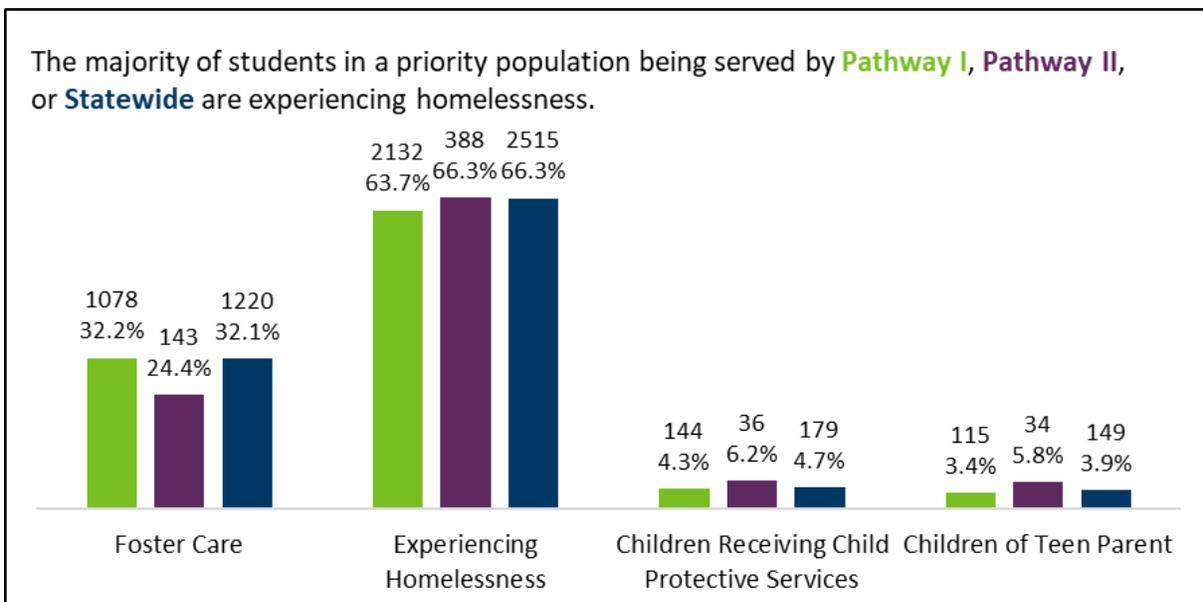
[Refer to Appendix D: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Home Language – FY 2019.](#)

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 2019 scholarship, a statewide total of 3,347 children. Children birth through age five receive priority status for state early learning scholarship awarding if they are children of teen parents, in foster care, in need of (receiving) child protective services, or if the family has experienced homelessness in the previous 24 months. While children of teen parents currently pursuing a high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) diploma 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 for the purpose 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 scholarship applications begin to be processed, children in priority populations are initially awarded alongside all other eligible applicants. Once non-reserve funds are all obligated to awarded children, the Area Administrator then continues to award children in priority populations using the reserve funds until those funds are also fully obligated.



[Refer to Appendix E: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Priority Population – FY 2019.](#)

[Refer to Appendix F: Child Counts by Age on September 1 and Priority Population – FY 2019.](#)

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.

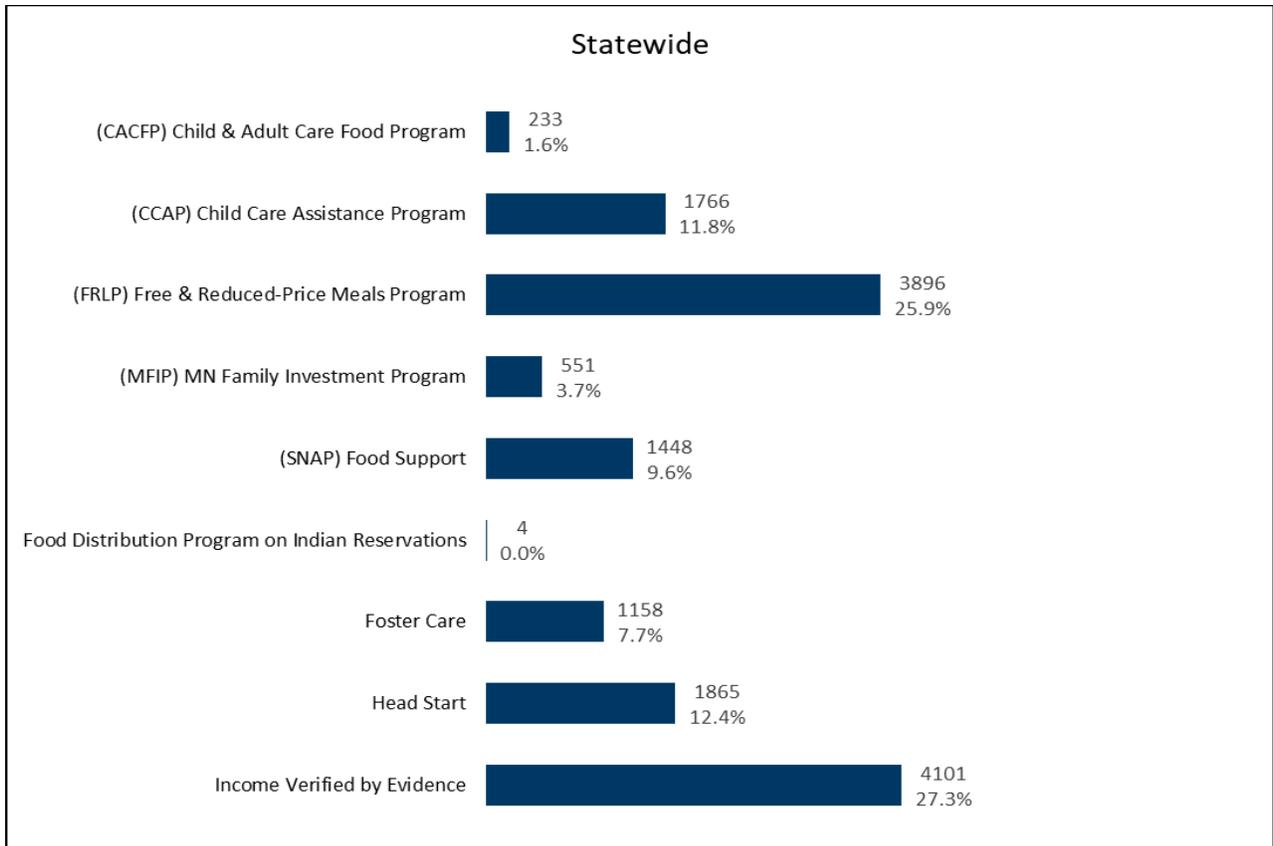
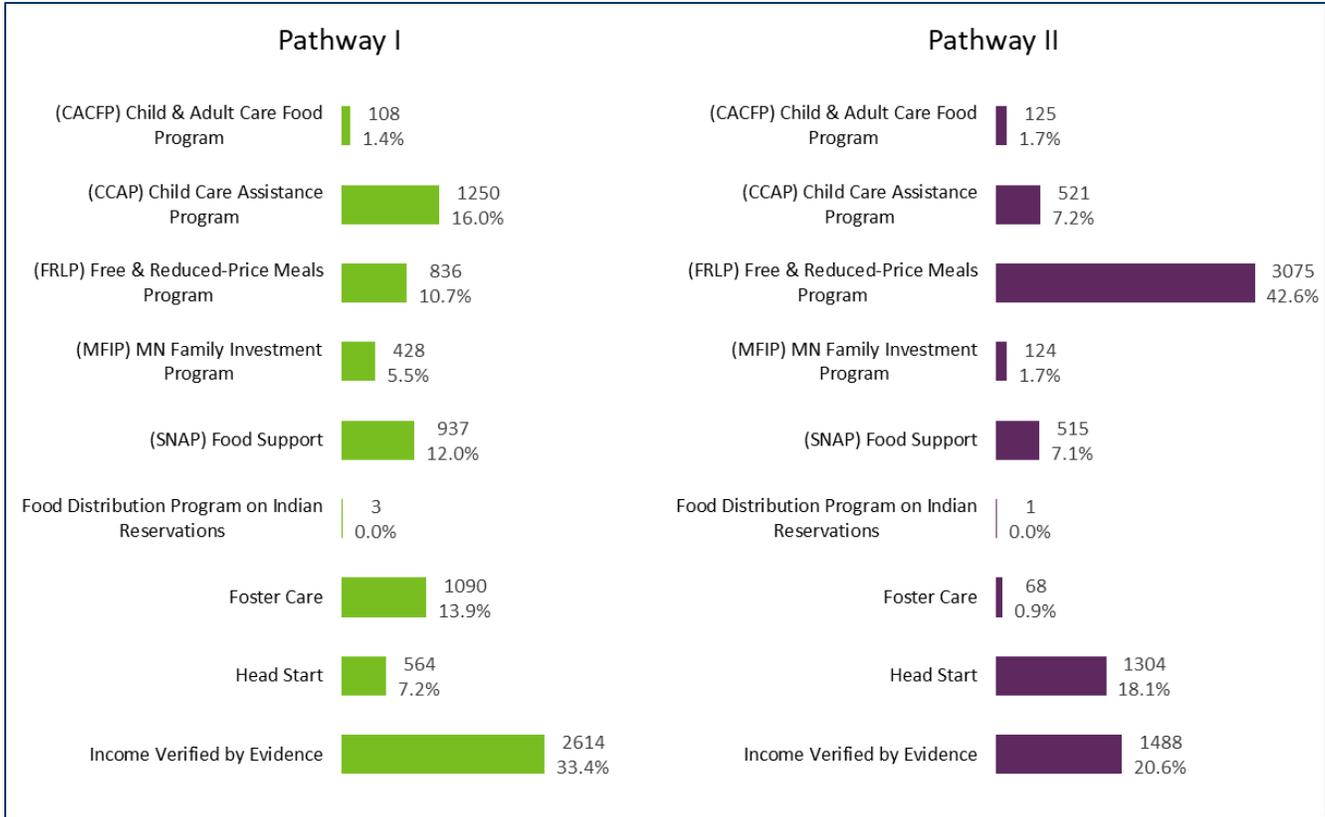
To demonstrate income eligibility under Option 1, an applicant must document their child's current participation in one of eight public assistance or publicly-funded programs:

- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Food Support (SNAP)
- Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRLP)
- 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, but available data is limited to the public program that was reported for the purpose of determining scholarship eligibility.

Applicants who do not document their eligibility through Option 1 may use 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 in the current calendar year.

In the statewide count, 72.7 percent of children awarded a state early learning scholarship in FY 2019 qualified as income-eligible under Option 1. Most children eligible under Option 1 demonstrated participation in the Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRLP). The breakdown by pathway type illustrates this is due to common use of FRLP 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 FRLP. 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, a Pathway I scholarship recipient was much more likely to qualify under Option 2 or participation in either Foster Care or CCAP than a Pathway II recipient.



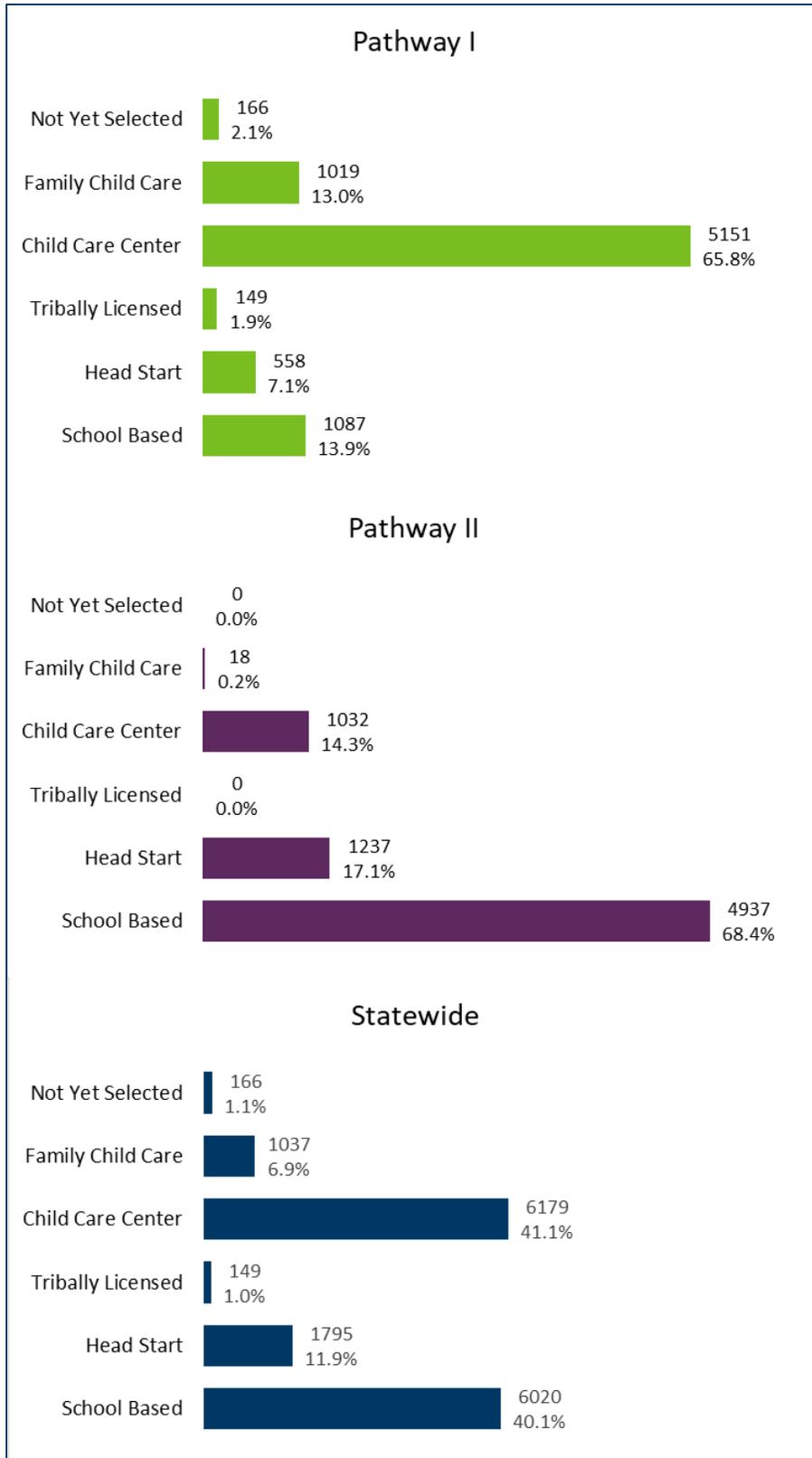
[Refer to Appendix G: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Income Qualifier – FY 2019](#)

Programs Where Scholarships Were Used

The reporting in this section centers on the early education and care programs where state early learning scholarships were used for children awarded between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019 (FY 2019). The data set utilized only included programs identified as having served a scholarship recipient at some point between the start of FY 2019 and October 15, 2019. A scholarship year is the 12-month period beginning on the date a child is awarded funds. As a result, many children awarded in FY2019 continue to be served into the certified year, ending June 30, 2020. This means the counts of early education and care programs that have served children with FY 2019 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.

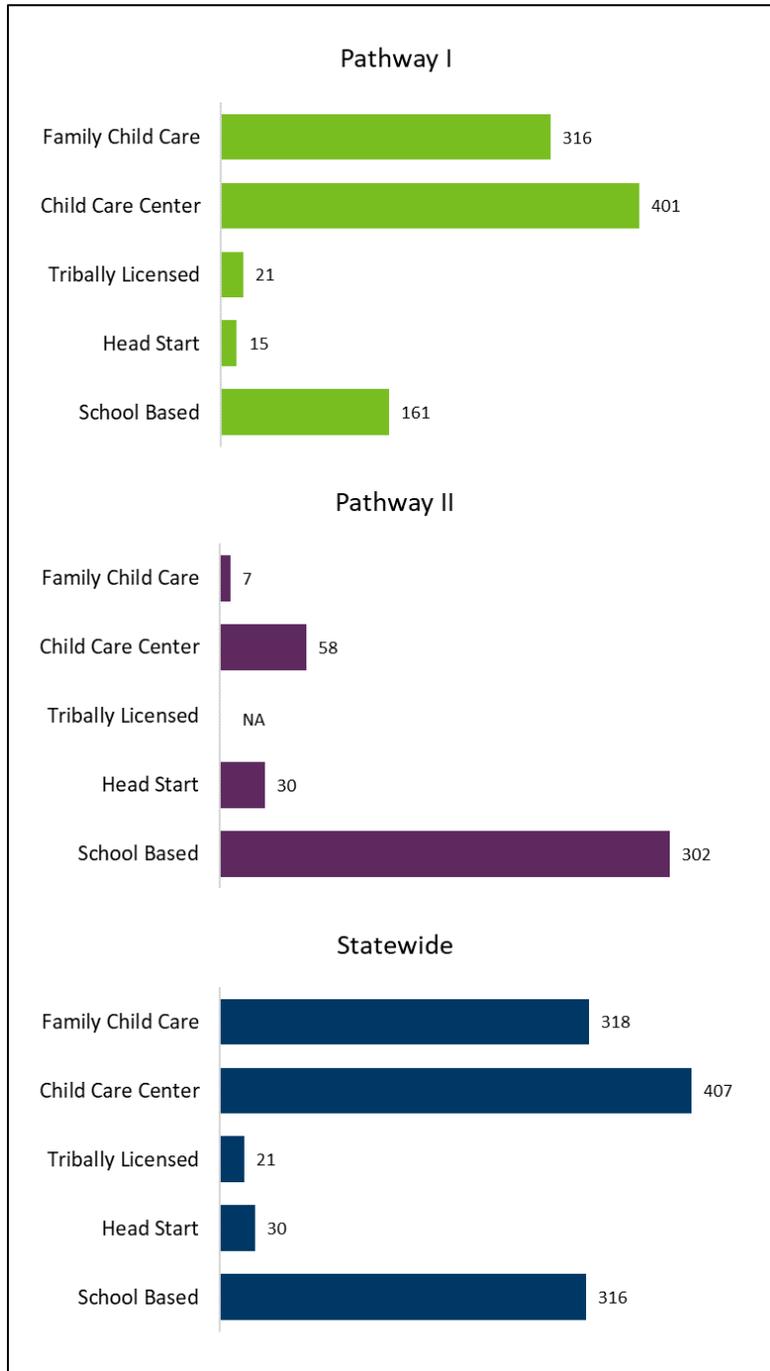
All Pathway II scholarships were awarded directly by one of the 397 programs that was allocated those funds in FY 2019; a requirement of eligibility is that the program be Parent Aware Four-Star Rated. Pathway I scholarships may be awarded prior to selection of an eligible program by the family. As a result, in some charts and tables in this section, “Not Yet Selected” and “Not Applicable” (NA) are used.



[Refer to Appendix H: Child Counts and Percentages by Program Type and Pathway Type.](#)

Scholarship Use by Program Type

MDE tracks child scholarship award selections of early care and education 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 scholarship administration and reporting.



[Refer to Appendix I: Program Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2019.](#)

Rated Sites (of a Program) with Scholarships

Sites are the physical locations of an early education or care 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 J: Site Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2019.](#)

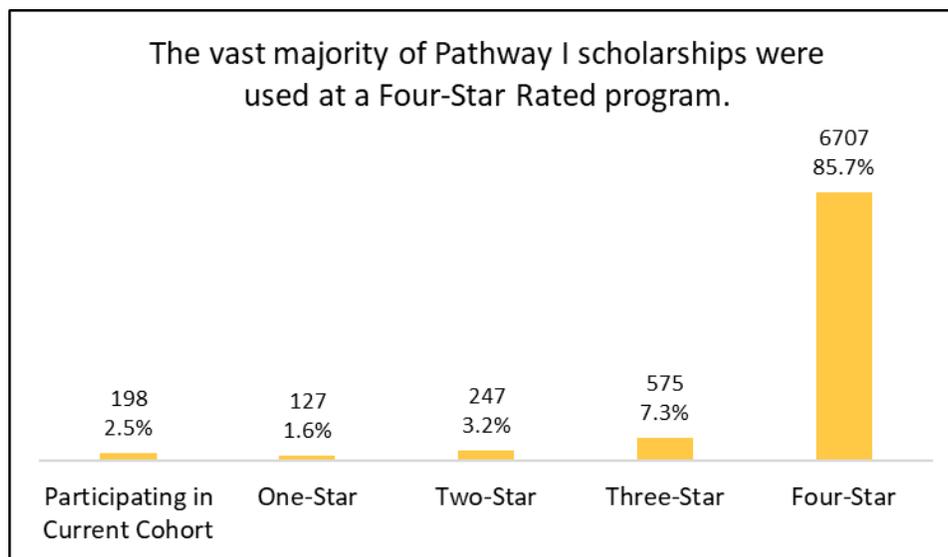
Pathway I Scholarship Use

State Early Learning Scholarships – Pathway I awarded in FY 2019 could be used at any 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. As of July 1, 2020, 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, 2.1 percent (166) of the children who were awarded a FY 2019 Pathway I scholarship did not have a program selected.

Pathway I Scholarship Use – Parent Aware Star Rating

The vast majority of FY 2019 Pathway I scholarships, 85.7 percent, were used in Four-Star Rated programs. When considered together, use at Three- and Four-Star Rated programs represents 93 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 2021. 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 K: Pathway I – Child Counts by Program Parent Aware Rating – FY 2019.](#)

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

The table below reflects the use of Pathway I scholarships by program type and Parent Aware Star Rating. It is a duplicated count as a child may change programs within their scholarship year. Only Parent Aware Four-Star Rated programs are eligible for Head Start and school-based programs (school district and charter schools). Because of this, “NA” (not applicable) is reflected for all ratings less than Four-Star for both of these program types.

Program Rating	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Participating in Current Cohort	8	186	NA	NA	4
One-Star	49	78	NA	NA	0
Two-Star	95	136	NA	NA	18
Three-Star	326	205	NA	NA	46
Four-Star	543	4,625	558	1,087	87
Total	1,019	5,151	558	1,087	149

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

[Refer to Appendix L: Child Counts by Region, County and Pathway Type – FY 2019.](#)

Region and County Totals by Program Type – Program Location

The county of the site selected for early education and care 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 M: Child Counts by Region, County and Program Type – Pathway I and II – FY 2019.](#)

Pathway I Scholarship Use by Region and Parent Aware Star Rating

The county of the site selected for early education and care 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 N: Pathway I – Child Counts by Region, County and Star Rating – FY 2019.](#)

Pathway I Wait List: June 30, 2019

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 included in this report are those current as of June 30, 2019, the final date of state fiscal year 2019.

At the close of FY 2019, the statewide wait list for a Pathway I scholarship totaled 2,715 children. Twelve of the thirteen economic development regions and one of the two tribal administrative areas reported children on the wait list. Region 11, comprised by the seven Twin Cities Metro counties, reported 2,022 children on the final wait list, making up 74.5 percent of the statewide count.

[Refer to Appendix O: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2019.](#)

Although the wait list counts represent children who were not awarded with FY 2019 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 2019 were later awarded with FY 2020 funds. This is not tracked.

Appendices

Appendix A: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type – FY 2019

FY 2019	Pathway I	Pathway I % of Total	Pathway II	Pathway II % of Total	Total
Statewide	7,830	52.1%	7,221	48.1%	15,022

Appendix B: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Age on September 1 – FY 2019

Pathway	Total	<1	1	2	3	4	5
Pathway I Counts	7,830	721	967	1,183	2,262	2,541	156
Pathway I %	100%	9.2%	12.3%	15.1%	28.9%	32.5%	2.0%
Pathway II Counts	7,221	102	107	185	2,459	4,327	41
Pathway II %	100%	1.4%	1.5%	2.6%	34.1%	59.9%	0.6%
Statewide Counts	15,022	822	1,074	1,368	4,707	6,854	197
Statewide %	100%	5.5%	7.1%	9.1%	31.3%	45.6%	1.3%

Appendix C: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Race and Ethnicity – FY 2019

FY2019	Pathway I	% of Children in Pathway I	Pathway II	% of Children in Pathway II	Statewide Total	% of Children Statewide
Hispanic or Latino	732	9.3%	1,107	15.3%	1,835	12.2%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	393	5.0%	192	2.7%	584	3.9%

FY2019	Pathway I	% of Children in Pathway I	Pathway II	% of Children in Pathway II	Statewide Total	% of Children Statewide
Asian	322	4.1%	288	4.0%	609	4.1%
Black or African American	2,277	29.1%	1,274	17.6%	3,544	23.6%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	16	0.2%	15	0.2%	31	0.2%
White	2,609	33.3%	2,294	31.8%	4,893	32.6%
Two or More Races	882	11.3%	413	5.7%	1,292	8.6%
Other	56	0.7%	40	0.6%	96	0.6%
Not Answered	543	6.9%	1,598	22.1%	2,138	14.2%
Total	7,830	100%	7,221	100%	15,022	100%

Appendix D: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Home Language – FY 2019

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	6,247	4,479	10,712
Spanish	235	721	955
Somali	322	433	755
Hmong	130	65	195

Home Language	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Oromo, Afan Oromo, Oromiffa	30	43	73
Karen	15	58	72
Amharic	40	27	67
Arabic	34	32	66
French	17	8	25
Russian	9	14	23
Vietnamese	11	12	23
Other Language Combined	71	127	198
Not Answered	669	1,202	1,868
Total	7,830	7,221	15,022

Appendix E: Child Counts by Pathway Type and Priority Population – FY 2019

Priority Populations	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Children of Teen Parent	115	34	149
Foster Care	1,078	143	1,220
Children Receiving Child Protective Services	144	36	179

Priority Populations	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Experiencing Homelessness	2,132	388	2,515
Total	3,347	585	3,796

Appendix F: Statewide Child Counts by Age on September 1 and Priority Population – FY 2019

Priority Populations	Total	<1	1	2	3	4	5*
Children of Teen Parent	149	50	36	15	32	16	0
Foster Care	1,220	152	209	239	286	305	29
Children Receiving Child Protective Services	179	23	29	38	48	40	1
Experiencing Homelessness	2,515	309	362	437	688	674	45
Total	3,796	505	605	700	1,024	1,016	75

*Some five year olds may receive a scholarship if awarded or renewed prior to them being kindergarten age eligible, September 1, 2018.

Appendix G: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Income Qualifier – FY 2019

Income Qualifier	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Option 1: Child and Adult Care Food Programs (CACFP)	108	1.4%	125	1.7%	233	1.6%
Option 1: Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	1,250	16.0%	521	7.2%	1,766	11.8%

Income Qualifier	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Option 1: Free & Reduced-Price Meals Program (FRLP)	836	10.7%	3,075	42.6%	3,896	25.9%
Option 1: MN Family Investment Program (MFIP)	428	5.5%	124	1.7%	551	3.7%
Option 1: Food Support (SNAP)	937	12.0%	515	7.1%	1,448	9.6%
Option 1: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	4	0.0%
Option 1: Foster Care	1090	13.9%	68	0.9%	1,158	7.7%
Option 1: Head Start	564	7.2%	1,304	18.1%	1,865	12.4%
Option 2: Income Verified by Evidence	2,614	33.4%	1,488	20.6%	4,101	27.3%

Appendix H: Child Counts and Percentages by Program Type and Pathway Type

Program Type	Pathway I	% of Children	Pathway II	% of Children	Statewide	% of Children
Not Yet Selected	166	2.1%	NA	NA	166	1.1%
Family Child Care	1,019	13.0%	18	0.2%	1,037	6.9%
Child Care Center	5,151	65.8%	1,032	14.3%	6,179	41.1%
Tribally Licensed	149	1.9%	0	0.0%	149	1.0%
Head Start	558	7.1%	1,237	17.1%	1,795	11.9%
School Based	1,087	13.9%	4,937	68.4%	6,020	40.1%

Appendix I: Program Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2019

Program Type	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Family Child Care	316	7	318
Child Care Center	401	58	407
Tribally Licensed	21	0	21
Head Start	15	30	30
School Based	161	302	316

Appendix J: Site Counts by Program Type and Pathway Type – FY 2019

Program Type	Pathway I	Pathway II	Statewide
Family Child Care	316	7	318
Child Care Center	580	160	588
Tribally Licensed	21	0	21
Head Start	70	153	191
School Based	267	504	580

Appendix K: Pathway I – Child Counts by Program Parent Aware Rating – FY 2019

Program Rating	Count	Percent
Not Yet Selected	166	2.1%
Participating in Current Cohort	198	2.5%
One-Star	127	1.6%

Program Rating	Count	Percent
Two-Star	247	3.2%
Three-Star	575	7.3%
Four-Star	6,707	85.7%

Appendix L: Child Counts by Region, County and Pathway Type – FY 2019

Region 1	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Kittson	0	7	7
Marshall	4	12	16
Norman	10	20	30
Pennington	10	33	43
Polk	71	79	149
Red Lake	9	14	22
Roseau	13	30	43
Total	117	195	310

Region 2	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Beltrami	87	74	161
Clearwater	10	34	44
Hubbard	78	25	103

Region 2	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Lake of the Woods	1	8	9
Mahnomen	76	11	87
Total	252	152	404

Region 3	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Aitkin	30	35	63
Carlton	72	64	136
Cook	8	5	13
Itasca	95	87	182
Koochiching	9	12	21
Lake	35	6	41
St. Louis	198	179	377
Total	447	388	833

Region 4	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Becker	123	70	193
Clay	66	132	197

Region 4	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Douglas	18	18	36
Grant	2	14	16
Otter Tail	32	133	165
Pope	3	5	8
Stevens	6	12	18
Traverse	1	6	7
Wilkin	0	25	25
Total	251	415	665

Region 5	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Cass	135	66	201
Crow Wing	100	67	166
Morrison	49	60	109
Todd	39	59	97
Wadena	44	37	81
Total	367	289	654

Region 6E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Kandiyohi	79	121	200
McLeod	29	101	129
Meeker	48	38	86
Renville	24	43	67
Total	180	303	482

Region 6W	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Big Stone	2	7	9
Chippewa	12	40	52
Lac Qui Parle	1	12	13
Swift	15	18	32
Yellow Medicine	25	31	56
Total	55	108	162

Region 7E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Chisago	50	51	101
Isanti	35	55	90
Kanabec	21	60	81

Region 7E	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Mille Lacs	50	56	106
Pine	38	57	95
Total	194	279	473

Region 7W	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Benton	106	71	177
Sherburne	84	45	129
Stearns	235	230	465
Wright	105	132	237
Total	530	478	1,008

Region 8	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Cottonwood	42	32	73
Jackson	26	14	40
Lincoln	3	23	26
Lyon	80	90	169
Murray	13	6	19

Region 8	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Nobles	68	92	159
Pipestone	13	36	47
Redwood	30	38	67
Rock	41	18	58
Total	316	349	658

Region 9	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Blue Earth	53	75	128
Brown	28	35	62
Faribault	1	26	27
Le Sueur	14	39	53
Martin	16	20	36
Nicollet	29	41	70
Sibley	5	33	38
Waseca	10	34	44
Watsonwan	2	50	52
Total	158	353	510

Region 10	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Dodge	11	29	40
Fillmore	3	54	57
Freeborn	10	95	105
Goodhue	37	61	98
Houston	8	23	31
Mower	23	91	114
Olmstead	272	119	391
Rice	71	76	147
Steele	17	9	26
Wabasha	15	40	55
Winona	29	54	83
Total	496	651	1,147

Region 11	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Anoka	275	339	614
Carver	58	58	116
Dakota	401	405	804
Hennepin	2,061	1,228	3,283

Region 11	Pathway I	Pathway II	Total
Ramsey	1,371	917	2,285
Scott	138	141	278
Washington	163	173	336
Total	4,467	3,261	7,716

Tribal Administrative Area	Pathway I
Leech Lake	151
White Earth	134

Appendix M: Child Counts by Region, County and Program Type – Pathway I and II – FY 2019

Region 1 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kittson	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	3	1	0	0	0
Norman	0	7	0	0	3
Pennington	9	0	0	1	0
Polk	35	9	24	0	2
Red Lake	9	0	0	0	0
Roseau	13	0	0	0	0

Region 1 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Total	69	17	24	1	5

Region 1 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kittson	0	0	4	3	0
Marshall	0	0	6	6	0
Norman	0	0	5	15	0
Pennington	0	0	10	23	0
Polk	1	4	6	68	0
Red Lake	0	0	1	13	0
Roseau	0	0	22	8	0
Total	1	4	54	136	0

Region 2 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Beltrami	23	2	35	1	23
Clearwater	8	1	0	0	2
Hubbard	27	3	53	0	0
Lake of the Woods	1	0	0	0	0

Region 2 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Mahnomen	2	3	5	2	62
Total	61	9	93	3	87

Region 2 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School based	Tribally licensed
Beltrami	0	0	18	56	0
Clearwater	0	0	12	22	0
Hubbard	0	0	7	18	0
Lake of the Woods	0	0	5	3	0
Mahnomen	0	0	8	3	0
Total	0	0	50	102	0

Region 3 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Aitkin	8	0	0	21	0
Carlton	11	40	0	27	0
Cook	4	4	0	0	0
Itasca	29	20	37	19	0

Region 3 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Koochiching	1	0	1	7	0
Lake	4	23	0	11	0
St. Louis	25	107	47	24	0
Total	82	194	85	109	0

Region 3 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Aitkin	0	0	8	27	0
Carlton	0	0	25	39	0
Cook	0	0	0	5	0
Itasca	3	0	32	52	0
Koochiching	0	0	6	6	0
Lake	0	0	0	6	0
St. Louis	0	0	80	99	0
Total	3	0	151	234	0

Region 4 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Becker	49	7	33	9	53
Clay	10	54	2	0	0
Douglas	2	12	0	6	0
Grant	0	1	0	0	0
Otter Tail	13	7	6	6	0
Pope	0	1	0	2	0
Stevens	2	0	0	4	0
Traverse	1	0	0	0	0
Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0
Total	77	82	41	27	53

Region 4 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Becker	0	0	25	45	0
Clay	0	0	27	105	0
Douglas	0	0	0	18	0
Grant	0	0	4	10	0
Otter Tail	0	0	1	132	0

Region 4 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Pope	0	0	0	5	0
Stevens	0	0	0	12	0
Traverse	0	0	0	6	0
Wilkin	0	0	0	25	0
Total	0	0	57	358	0

Region 5 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cass	27	15	62	27	4
Crow Wing	10	66	0	23	0
Morrison	12	14	0	22	0
Todd	17	7	0	19	0
Wadena	15	3	3	21	0
Total	81	105	65	112	4

Region 5 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cass	0	0	18	46	0
Crow Wing	0	0	11	56	0

Region 5 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Morrison	0	1	8	51	0
Todd	0	1	6	52	0
Wadena	0	0	1	36	0
Total	0	4	44	241	0

Region 6E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kandiyohi	12	55	0	16	0
McLeod	11	15	0	2	0
Meeker	3	26	0	20	0
Renville	5	13	0	6	0
Total	31	109	0	44	0

Region 6E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Kandiyohi	0	0	59	62	0
McLeod	0	0	33	68	0
Meeker	0	5	13	20	0
Renville	0	0	18	25	0

Region 6E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Total	0	5	123	175	0

Region 6W– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Big Stone	2	0	0	0	0
Chippewa	0	0	0	12	0
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	1	0
Swift	3	3	0	10	0
Yellow Medicine	1	3	0	21	0
Total	6	6	0	44	0

Region 6W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Big Stone	0	0	0	7	0
Chippewa	0	0	22	18	0
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	12	0
Swift	0	0	0	18	0
Yellow Medicine	0	4	0	27	0

Region 6W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Total	0	4	22	82	0

Region 7E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	4	28	0	18	0
Isanti	5	27	0	3	0
Kanabec	7	10	1	5	0
Mille Lacs	10	24	4	14	0
Pine	15	16	0	7	0
Total	41	105	5	47	0

Region 7E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	2	14	0	36	0
Isanti	1	7	1	46	0
Kanabec	0	0	6	54	0
Mille Lacs	0	0	10	46	0
Pine	0	5	6	46	0
Total	3	26	23	228	0

Region 7W – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	13	78	10	4	0
Sherburne	9	48	5	13	0
Stearns	25	175	10	23	0
Wright	10	77	0	16	0
Total	57	378	25	56	0

Region 7W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	0	7	8	56	0
Sherburne	0	3	10	32	0
Stearns	0	24	22	184	0
Wright	0	37	24	71	0
Total	0	71	64	343	0

Region 8 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	16	9	0	17	0
Jackson	10	0	0	14	0

Region 8 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Lincoln	1	0	0	2	0
Lyon	22	42	0	16	0
Murray	1	6	0	6	0
Nobles	2	65	0	1	0
Pipestone	10	5	0	0	0
Redwood	3	11	0	18	0
Rock	2	5	0	33	0
Total	67	143	0	107	0

Region 8 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	0	0	10	22	0
Jackson	0	0	6	8	0
Lincoln	0	0	1	22	0
Lyon	0	0	55	35	0
Murray	0	0	0	6	0
Nobles	0	0	24	68	0
Pipestone	0	1	0	35	0

Region 8 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Redwood	0	0	8	30	0
Rock	0	0	1	17	0
Total	0	1	105	243	0

Region 9 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	9	20	1	19	0
Brown	5	3	1	19	0
Faribault	0	0	0	1	0
Le Sueur	1	5	0	9	0
Martin	3	2	0	11	0
Nicollet	8	8	0	15	0
Sibley	2	3	0	0	0
Waseca	0	3	0	7	0
Watonwan	2	0	0	0	0
Total	30	44	2	81	0

Region 9 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	0	3	7	65	0
Brown	0	0	5	30	0
Faribault	0	0	2	24	0
Le Sueur	0	5	2	32	0
Martin	0	0	3	17	0
Nicollet	0	1	13	27	0
Sibley	0	0	0	33	0
Waseca	0	1	2	31	0
Watonwan	0	0	4	46	0
Total	0	10	38	305	0

Region 10 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	1	6	0	3	0
Fillmore	0	3	0	0	0
Freeborn	0	9	1	0	0
Goodhue	3	20	0	13	0
Houston	2	2	0	4	0

Region 10 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Mower	1	21	0	1	0
Olmstead	7	237	5	18	0
Rice	7	41	1	28	0
Steele	0	12	0	2	0
Wabasha	1	5	0	9	0
Winona	2	23	0	4	0
Total	24	379	7	82	0

Region 10– Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	0	5	6	18	0
Fillmore	0	1	4	49	0
Freeborn	0	27	13	55	0
Goodhue	0	0	15	46	0
Houston	0	0	5	18	0
Mower	0	0	22	69	0
Olmstead	0	23	24	72	0
Rice	0	16	6	54	0

Region 10– Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Steele	0	0	0	9	0
Wabasha	0	0	22	18	0
Winona	0	10	11	33	0
Total	0	82	128	441	0

Region 11– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	31	228	7	19	0
Carver	0	47	0	11	0
Dakota	7	354	0	30	0
Hennepin	131	1,673	132	175	0
Ramsey	209	1,054	70	69	0
Scott	6	110	0	31	0
Washington	9	114	2	39	0
Total	393	3,580	211	374	0

Region 11 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	1	81	50	207	0
Carver	0	9	0	49	0
Dakota	0	116	13	276	0
Hennepin	3	304	185	738	0
Ramsey	7	213	103	594	0
Scott	0	32	6	103	0
Washington	0	70	21	82	0
Total	11	825	378	2,049	0

Tribal – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Leech Lake	27	4	88	27	5
White Earth	9	1	8	8	111

Appendix N: Pathway I – Child Counts by Region, County and Star Rating – FY 2019

Region 1	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Kittson	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	0	0	0	1	3

Region 1	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Norman	0	0	0	1	9
Pennington	0	0	0	1	9
Polk	0	0	12	6	52
Red Lake	0	3	0	0	6
Roseau	0	2	9	2	0
Total	0	5	21	11	79

Region 2	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Beltrami	1	1	16	20	45
Clearwater	2	0	3	6	0
Hubbard	2	0	6	18	55
Lake of the Woods	0	1	0	0	0
Mahnomen	0	0	5	26	45
Total	5	2	30	70	145

Region 3	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Aitkin	0	0	2	5	22
Carlton	1	3	1	2	66
Cook	0	0	4	0	4
Itasca	0	2	13	6	77
Koochiching	0	0	1	0	8
Lake	0	0	0	4	34
St. Louis	9	2	7	42	139
Total	10	7	28	59	350

Region 4	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Becker	0	0	3	18	106
Clay	0	4	4	0	58
Douglas	0	0	6	2	11
Grant	0	0	0	0	1
Otter Tail	0	3	2	11	16
Pope	0	0	1	0	2
Stevens	2	0	0	0	4

Region 4	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Traverse	0	0	0	1	0
Wilkin	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	7	16	32	198

Region 5	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Cass	3	0	8	15	105
Crow Wing	0	0	23	18	58
Morrison	0	0	1	8	39
Todd	0	2	3	15	23
Wadena	0	4	5	6	27
Total	3	6	40	62	252

Region 6E	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Kandiyohi	0	2	9	11	59
McLeod	0	1	9	3	15
Meeker	0	0	3	1	45
Renville	0	0	11	0	13
Total	0	3	32	15	132

Region 6W	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Big Stone	0	0	0	2	0
Chippewa	0	0	0	0	12
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	0	1
Swift	0	0	1	2	12
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	1	24
Total	0	0	1	5	49

Region 7E	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Chisago	0	0	0	4	45
Isanti	0	0	1	7	27

Region 7E	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Kanabec	0	0	6	2	16
Mille Lacs	1	0	2	1	47
Pine	2	0	1	7	28
Total	3	0	10	21	163

Region 7W	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Benton	0	0	3	24	81
Sherburne	1	0	1	7	66
Stearns	4	13	3	44	166
Wright	0	3	0	8	90
Total	5	16	7	83	403

Region 8	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Cottonwood	0	0	0	8	34
Jackson	0	0	0	10	14
Lincoln	0	1	0	0	2
Lyon	0	26	8	18	30

Region 8	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Murray	2	0	0	0	13
Nobles	0	4	0	2	62
Pipestone	0	2	0	11	0
Redwood	0	2	7	2	19
Rock	0	5	0	2	33
Total	2	40	15	53	207

Region 9	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Blue Earth	3	4	0	4	39
Brown	0	0	1	3	23
Faribault	0	0	0	0	1
Le Sueur	0	0	0	2	13
Martin	0	0	2	1	13
Nicollet	5	6	0	3	17
Sibley	0	0	3	1	1
Waseca	0	0	0	0	10
Watonwan	0	0	0	2	0

Region 9	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Total	8	10	6	16	117

Region 10	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Dodge	0	0	0	0	10
Fillmore	0	0	0	0	3
Freeborn	0	0	0	0	10
Goodhue	0	0	0	0	35
Houston	0	0	0	2	6
Mower	0	0	0	1	22
Olmstead	0	0	0	14	251
Rice	0	0	3	0	67
Steele	0	0	0	0	14
Wabasha	0	0	0	1	14
Winona	0	2	0	0	27
Total	0	2	3	18	459

Region 11	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Anoka	9	2	6	1	260
Carver	3	0	1	0	53
Dakota	7	4	0	3	375
Hennepin	93	10	18	57	1,913
Ramsey	41	10	11	62	1,264
Scott	6	1	2	4	132
Washington	1	2	0	3	156
Total	160	29	38	130	4,153

Tribal Administrators	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Leech Lake	4	0	1	16	124
White Earth	0	0	4	35	99

Appendix O: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2019

Statewide	Total Wait List
Total Statewide Wait List	2,715

Region 1	Total Wait List
Kittson	0
Marshall	0
Norman	1
Pennington	3
Polk	18
Red Lake	0
Roseau	0
Total Region Wait List	22

Region 2	Total Wait List
Beltrami	2
Clearwater	3
Hubbard	8
Lake of the Woods	1
Mahnomen	0
Total Region Wait List	14

Region 3	Total Wait List
Aitkin	2
Carlton	15
Cook	1
Itasca	7
Koochiching	0
Lake	6
St. Louis	46
Total Region Wait List	77

Region 4	Total Wait List
Becker	94
Clay	49
Douglas	20
Grant	2
Otter Tail	33
Pope	0
Stevens	1

Region 4	Total Wait List
Traverse	1
Wilkin	2
Total Region Wait List	202

Region 5	Total Wait List
Cass	2
Crow Wing	6
Morrison	7
Todd	4
Wadena	8
Total Region Wait List	27

Region 6E	Total Wait List
Kandiyohi	19
McLeod	10
Meeker	14
Renville	5

Region 6E	Total Wait List
Total Region Wait List	48

Region 6W	Total Wait List
Big Stone	0
Chippewa	3
Lac qui Parle	0
Swift	3
Yellow Medicine	1
Total Region Wait List	7

Region 7E	Total Wait List
Chisago	32
Isanti	17
Kanabec	1
Mille Lacs	11
Pine	10
Total Region Wait List	71

Region 7W	Total Wait List
Benton	15
Sherburne	15
Stearns	13
Wright	19
Total Region Wait List	62

Region 8	Total Wait List
Cottonwood	0
Jackson	0
Lincoln	0
Lyon	0
Murray	0
Nobles	0
Pipestones	0
Redwood	0
Rock	0
Total Region Wait List	0

Region 9	Total Wait List
Blue Earth	12
Brown	1
Faribault	0
Le Sueur	13
Martin	17
Nicollet	18
Sibley	0
Waseca	1
Watonwan	1
Total Region Wait List	63

Region 10	Total Wait List
Dodge	7
Fillmore	0
Freeborn	3
Goodhue	9
Houston	1

Region 10	Total Wait List
Mower	15
Olmstead	111
Rice	28
Steele	3
Wabasha	2
Winona	12
Total Region Wait List	191

Region 11	Total Wait List
Anoka	181
Carver	18
Dakota	220
Hennepin	993
Ramsey	334
Scott	107
Washington	69
Total Region Wait List	2,022

Tribal Administrative Area	Total Wait List
Leech Lake	0
White Earth	9