

ECLDS Program Data Information

- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP): [CCAP](#) helps make quality child care affordable by providing financial assistance to help families with low incomes pay for child care.
- District Preschool: Program for children age three to kindergarten entrance with the purpose of preparing children to enter kindergarten.
- Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE): [ECFE](#) provides supports for all Minnesota families with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten entrance based on the idea that parents are a child's first and most important teachers.
- Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE): [ECSE](#) provides supports and services to infants, toddlers and preschool children with disabilities and their families.
- Early Education Student: MDE requires a [student identification process](#) for children registered in Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) and School Readiness in order to better understand children's early learning experiences prior to kindergarten.

ECLDS charts start with kindergarten cohorts and look back at previous program participation. As seen on the [Data Source Matrix](#), Early Education Student is starting in the ECLDS with SFY14 cohort for ECFE and District Preschool. Kindergarten data is finalized the January following the end of the school year. June 2016 will be the first time that the SFY14 information for ECFE and District Preschool will be available in kindergarten cohort charts. June 2020 is the anticipated first time for a kindergartner's birth to five participation in ECFE and District Preschool (EE Student 17-18 cohort) will be reflected in kindergarten cohort information.