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A relatively small number of the children awarded a scholarship in FY 2020 were 5 years old as of September 1, 2019. 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, 2019, and so were retained in the full count of scholarships.

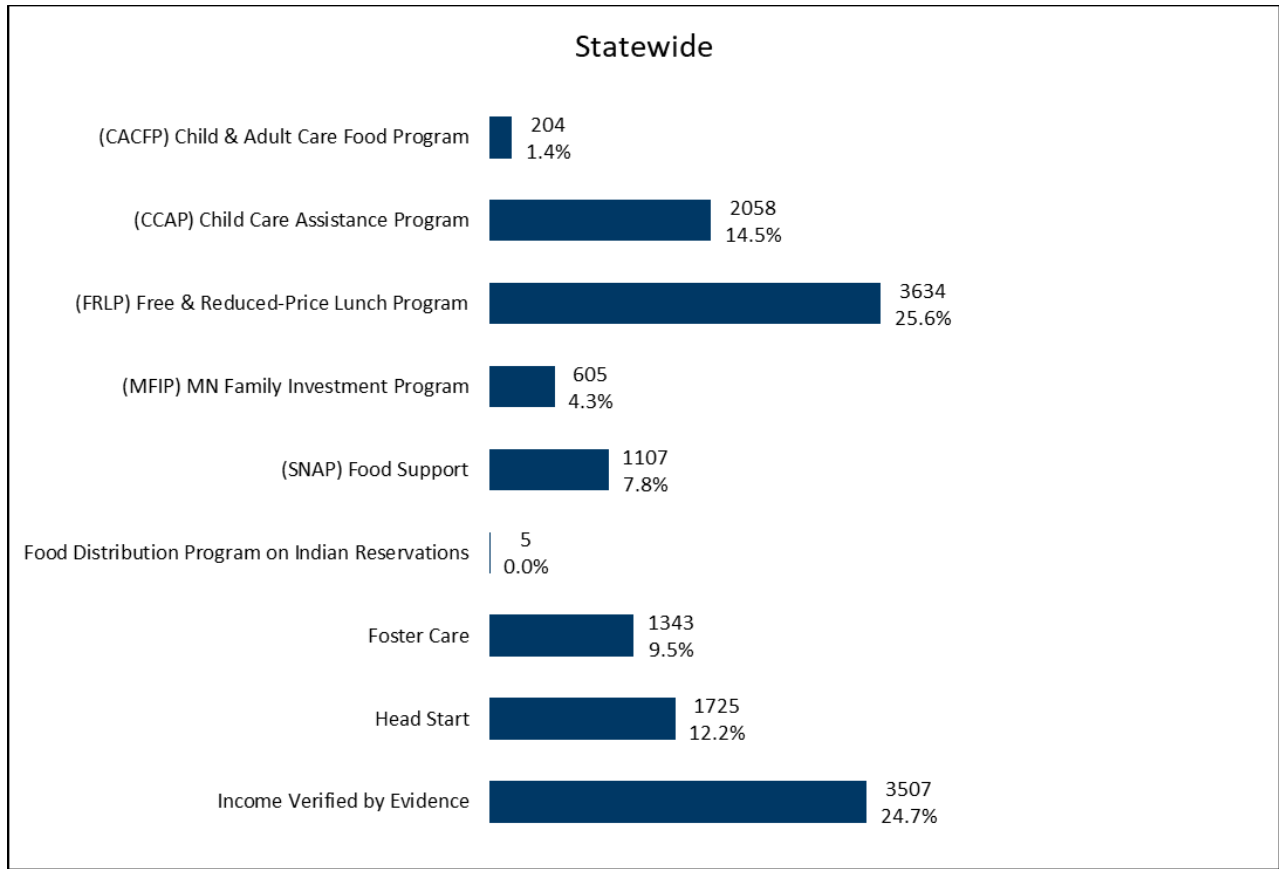
[Refer to Appendix B: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Age on September 1 – FY 2020.](#)

Race and Ethnicity

The race and ethnicity of children who received a new or renewed scholarship in state fiscal year 2020 were collected on scholarship applications with multiple versions as well as carried over from a previous year's entries in the case of renewals. Applicants were able to report one or multiple selections of race and ethnicity as well as to complete the form without a selection of either or both on the initial application for a scholarship and the renewal form.

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

Correction note: The earliest published version of this report included the race and ethnicity counts for FY 2019 in error. The corrected counts for FY 2020 are now represented in the chart that follows as well as the table in Appendix C.



[Refer to Appendix H: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Income Qualifier – FY 2020.](#)

How the Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships

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

The question asking how the family heard about Early Learning Scholarships was first included in the FY 2020 scholarship application. In June 2020, MDE updated the ELSA system to support collection of responses to this question. Since this update was made very late in FY 2020, the data collected is limited for this year. The data set for this report included responses from 902 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (294 with a Pathway II and 608 with a Pathway I scholarship). In this set, the most common response was “My Program,” which was selected by about 59% of responding families statewide with the counts fairly evenly split across Pathway I and Pathway II.

[Refer to Appendix I: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Pathway Type – FY 2020 Limited.](#)

[Refer to Appendix J: How Family Heard About Early Learning Scholarships – Response Counts by Program Type – FY 2020 Limited.](#)

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 program 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. Since this update was made very late in FY 2020, the data collected is limited for this year. The data set for this report included responses from 630 parents/guardians of children with scholarships (246 with a Pathway II and 384 with a Pathway I scholarship). In this limited set, a wide variety of public program participation is represented.

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 \(ECLS\)](#).

Programs Where Scholarships Were Used

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, 2019, and June 30, 2020 (FY 2020). The data set utilized only included programs identified as having served a scholarship recipient at some point between the start of FY 2020 and December 21, 2020. 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 2020 continue to be served into the certified year, ending June 30, 2021. This means the counts of early childhood programs that have served children with FY 2020 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 423 programs that was allocated those funds in FY 2020; 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.

Scholarship Use by Program Type

MDE tracks child scholarship award selections of 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.

Region and County Totals by Pathway Type – Child Residence

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

[Refer to Appendix P: Child Counts by Region, County and Pathway Type – FY 2020.](#)

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 2020.](#)

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 2020.](#)

Pathway I Wait List: June 30, 2020

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, 2020, the final date of state fiscal year 2020.

At the close of FY 2020, the statewide wait list for a Pathway I scholarship totaled 2,793 children. Nine of the eleven 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 2,075 children on the final wait list, making up 74.3 percent of the statewide count.

[Refer to Appendix S: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2020.](#)

Although the wait list counts represent children who were not awarded with FY 2020 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 2020 were later awarded with FY 2021 funds. This is not tracked.

Appendices

Appendix A: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type – FY 2020

FY 2020	Pathway I	Pathway I % of Total	Pathway II	Pathway II % of Total	Total
Statewide	7,575	53.4%	6,646	46.9%	14,185

Appendix B: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Age on September 1 – FY 2020

Pathway	Total	<1	1	2	3	4	5
Pathway I Counts	7,575	752	947	1,338	1,875	2,389	276
Pathway I %	100%	9.9%	12.5%	17.7%	24.8%	31.5%	3.6%
Pathway II Counts	6,646	109	135	201	2,251	3,917	33
Pathway II %	100%	1.6%	2.0%	3.0%	33.9%	58.9%	0.5%
Statewide Counts	14,185	855	1,080	1,538	4,108	6,298	309
Statewide %	100%	6.0%	7.6%	10.8%	29.0%	44.4%	2.2%

Appendix C: Child Counts and Percentages by Pathway Type and Race and Ethnicity – FY 2020

FY 2020	Pathway I	% of Children in Pathway I	Pathway II	% of Children in Pathway II	Statewide Total	% of Children Statewide
Hispanic or Latino	693	9.1%	978	14.7%	1,669	11.8%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	392	5.2%	153	2.3%	544	3.8%

Region 6W– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Yellow Medicine	6	6	0	16	0
Total	14	21	0	32	0

Region 6W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Big Stone	0	0	0	11	0
Chippewa	0	0	10	18	0
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	0	4	0
Swift	0	0	0	15	0
Yellow Medicine	0	0	0	34	0
Total	0	0	10	82	0

Region 7E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	5	23	0	12	0
Isanti	3	16	0	3	0
Kanabec	6	18	0	0	0
Mille Lacs	8	22	1	9	0

Region 7E – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Pine	17	18	0	4	0
Total	39	97	1	28	0

Region 7E – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Chisago	2	6	0	32	0
Isanti	1	1	0	43	0
Kanabec	0	0	4	35	0
Mille Lacs	0	2	5	44	0
Pine	0	6	6	40	0
Total	3	15	15	194	0

Region 7W – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	16	75	11	2	0
Sherburne	9	85	2	12	0
Stearns	26	170	7	15	0
Wright	7	88	0	23	0
Total	58	418	20	52	0

Region 7W – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Benton	2	6	5	23	0
Sherburne	0	6	4	23	0
Stearns	0	22	14	153	0
Wright	0	24	23	62	0
Total	2	58	46	261	0

Region 8 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	15	11	0	12	0
Jackson	12	2	0	5	0
Lincoln	1	1	0	1	0
Lyon	16	56	0	14	0
Murray	2	9	0	10	0
Nobles	4	61	0	5	0
Pipestone	13	8	0	0	0
Redwood	2	11	0	13	0
Rock	2	7	0	32	0

Region 8 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Total	67	166	0	92	0

Region 8 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Cottonwood	0	0	7	25	0
Jackson	0	0	5	14	0
Lincoln	0	0	0	20	0
Lyon	0	0	4	45	0
Murray	0	0	0	5	0
Nobles	0	0	22	59	0
Pipestone	0	0	2	13	0
Redwood	0	0	5	28	0
Rock	0	0	0	15	0
Total	0	0	45	224	0

Region 9 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	8	15	0	3	0
Brown	4	2	0	6	0

Region 9 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Faribault	0	0	0	1	0
Le Sueur	0	7	0	6	0
Martin	2	2	0	7	0
Nicollet	5	2	0	10	0
Sibley	1	3	0	0	0
Waseca	0	0	0	3	0
Watonwan	3	0	0	1	0
Total	23	31	0	37	0

Region 9 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Blue Earth	0	0	9	58	0
Brown	0	0	6	26	0
Faribault	0	0	2	25	0
Le Sueur	0	0	1	29	0
Martin	0	0	5	36	0
Nicollet	0	0	11	17	0
Sibley	0	0	1	28	0

Region 9 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Waseca	0	0	4	27	0
Watsonwan	0	0	3	43	0
Total	0	0	42	289	0

Region 10 – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	1	9	0	1	0
Fillmore	0	4	0	0	0
Freeborn	0	5	0	0	0
Goodhue	3	14	0	7	0
Houston	0	0	0	0	0
Mower	2	11	0	1	0
Olmstead	7	194	8	14	0
Rice	11	26	0	30	0
Steele	0	13	0	4	0
Wabasha	0	3	0	5	0
Winona	2	15	0	6	0
Total	26	294	8	68	0

Region 10– Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Dodge	0	2	4	18	0
Fillmore	0	0	7	40	0
Freeborn	0	12	18	46	0
Goodhue	0	2	11	37	0
Houston	0	0	4	11	0
Mower	0	0	19	66	0
Olmstead	0	38	18	45	0
Rice	0	10	33	63	0
Steele	0	0	0	35	0
Wabasha	0	0	18	19	0
Winona	0	18	11	27	0
Total	0	82	143	407	0

Region 11– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	30	299	0	16	0
Carver	0	42	0	4	0
Dakota	8	403	4	32	0

Region 11– Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Hennepin	102	1,491	94	112	0
Ramsey	158	930	60	45	0
Scott	7	118	0	25	0
Washington	18	147	0	35	0
Total	323	3,430	158	269	0

Region 11 – Pathway II	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Anoka	1	138	59	199	0
Carver	0	7	2	41	0
Dakota	0	82	14	232	0
Hennepin	2	418	200	718	0
Ramsey	16	236	97	512	0
Scott	0	20	5	93	0
Washington	0	73	12	89	0
Total	19	974	389	1,884	0

Tribal – Pathway I	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	Head Start	School Based	Tribally Licensed
Leech Lake	21	6	62	46	2
White Earth	14	4	10	9	120

Appendix R: Pathway I – Child Counts by Region, County and Star Rating – FY 2020

Region 1	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Kittson	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	0	0	0	2	2
Norman	0	0	0	0	12
Pennington	0	0	0	3	11
Polk	0	0	0	24	39
Red Lake	0	0	0	1	7
Roseau	0	0	0	5	0
Total	0	0	0	35	71

Region 2	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Beltrami	0	4	1	30	44
Clearwater	2	0	2	7	0

Region 2	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Hubbard	7	1	7	16	76
Lake of the Woods	0	1	0	2	0
Mahnomen	0	0	1	35	48
Total	9	6	11	90	168

Region 3	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Aitkin	0	0	0	8	13
Carlton	0	2	0	10	73
Cook	0	0	7	1	5
Itasca	0	0	2	9	105
Koochiching	0	0	1	0	9
Lake	0	0	2	0	32
St. Louis	13	9	22	58	135
Total	13	11	34	86	372

Region 4	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Becker	0	0	6	28	160
Clay	1	1	1	7	57
Douglas	0	0	3	1	11
Grant	0	0	0	0	8
Otter Tail	0	1	1	5	16
Pope	0	0	0	0	4
Stevens	0	1	0	0	5
Traverse	0	0	0	1	1
Wilkin	0	0	0	0	2
Total	1	3	11	42	264

Region 5	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Cass	5	0	5	24	93
Crow Wing	0	0	22	19	60
Morrison	0	4	0	5	56
Todd	0	0	0	13	33
Wadena	0	2	2	9	30

Region 5	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Total	5	6	29	70	272

Region 6E	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Kandiyohi	0	1	4	21	75
McLeod	0	3	0	20	17
Meeker	0	0	0	4	50
Renville	0	0	5	2	11
Total	0	4	9	47	153

Region 6W	Participating in Current Cohort	One-Star	Two-Star	Three-Star	Four-Star
Big Stone	0	0	0	4	0
Chippewa	0	0	1	0	11
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	3	0	1
Swift	0	0	0	9	9
Yellow Medicine	0	2	0	8	17
Total	0	2	4	21	38

Appendix S: Pathway I – Final Wait List – FY 2020

Statewide	Total Wait List
Total Statewide Wait List	2,793

Region 1	Total Wait List
Kittson	0
Marshall	0
Norman	0
Pennington	0
Polk	7
Red Lake	1
Roseau	0
Total Region Wait List	8

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

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

Region 3	Total Wait List
Aitkin	0
Carlton	14
Cook	3
Itasca	22
Koochiching	0
Lake	5
St. Louis	73
Total Region Wait List	117

Region 4	Total Wait List
Becker	35
Clay	0
Douglas	13

Region 4	Total Wait List
Grant	0
Otter Tail	24
Pope	0
Stevens	0
Traverse	0
Wilkin	0
Total Region Wait List	72

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

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

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

Region 7E	Total Wait List
Chisago	42
Isanti	20
Kanabec	14

Region 7E	Total Wait List
Mille Lacs	7
Pine	7
Total Region Wait List	90

Region 7W	Total Wait List
Benton	9
Sherburne	17
Stearns	45
Wright	12
Total Region Wait List	83

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	11
Brown	12
Faribault	0
Le Sueur	13
Martin	7
Nicollet	9
Sibley	1
Waseca	0
Watonwan	4
Total Region Wait List	57

Region 10	Total Wait List
Dodge	5
Fillmore	3
Freeborn	0
Goodhue	8
Houston	4
Mower	26
Olmstead	141
Rice	67
Steele	6
Wabasha	8
Winona	18
Total Region Wait List	286

Region 11	Total Wait List
Anoka	10
Carver	21
Dakota	222

Region 11	Total Wait List
Hennepin	1,205
Ramsey	535
Scott	74
Washington	8
Total Region Wait List	2,075

Tribal Administrative Area	Total Wait List
Leech Lake	0
White Earth	4