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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 579 children under age 5
- 383 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 121 total live births
- 6% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 57% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 30 children (18 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 63 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 11 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
- 8 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
- 30% of infants and toddlers living in low-income households are cared for by family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) care. These care providers are more likely to offer culturally relevant care and provide care to families working nonstandard hours.

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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

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Strong Families

| 76% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home | Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start. | Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care. |

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

1,676 children (910 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*

614 children receive Early Learning Scholarships

173 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children

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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 2,176 children under age 5
- 1,264 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 399 total live births
- 9% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 73% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 131 children (84 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 193 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 58 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
- 44 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 3,419 children under age 5
- 2,339 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 660 total live births
- 6% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 64% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 264 children (141 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 161 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 89 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 2,940 children under age 5
- 1,571 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 528 total live births
- 8.5% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

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- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 242 children (138 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 177 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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## Strong Families

| 84% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home | Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start. | Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care. |

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## Strong Families

- **72% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home**
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

## Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **93 children (62 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)**
- **136 children receive Early Learning Scholarships**
- **33 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children**
- **30% of infants and toddlers living in low-income households are cared for by family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) care. These care providers are more likely to offer culturally relevant care and provide care to families working nonstandard hours.**
- **25 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference**

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## Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- **6,552 children under age 5**
- **990 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)**
- **1,170 total live births**
- **7% of births were low birth weight**

## Strong Families

- **80% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home**
- **Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.**
- **Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.**

## Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **193 children (110 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- **116 children receive Early Learning Scholarships**
- **49 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children**
- **30% of infants and toddlers living in low-income households are cared for by family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) care. These care providers are more likely to offer culturally relevant care and provide care to families working nonstandard hours.**

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### Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- **1,670 children under age 5**
- **1,118 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)**
- **282 total live births**
- **8% of births were low birth weight**

### Strong Families

- **75% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home**
- **Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.**
- **Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.**

### Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **75 children (44 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)***
- **201 children receive Early Learning Scholarships**
- **30 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children**
- **23 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference**
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 833 children under age 5
- 448 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 163 total live births
- 3% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 85% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 29 children (20 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 52 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 14 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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**Infants, Toddlers and Young Children**

- 3,060 children under age 5
- 1,003 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 594 total live births
- 6% of births were low birth weight

**Strong Families**

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**Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities**

- 125 children (73 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 101 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 31 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 4,513 children under age 5
- 1,733 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 907 total live births
- 5% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 229 children (148 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 197 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 62 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 542 children under age 5
- 347 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 110 total live births
- 3% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 65% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 32 children (20 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 44 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 16 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 219 children under age 5
- 93 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 45 total live births
- 11% of births were low birth weight

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- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 7 children (5 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 13 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 5 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
- 4 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 778 children under age 5
- 386 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 148 total live births
- 8% of births were low birth weight

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 30 children (17 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 73 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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**Infants, Toddlers and Young Children**

- 3,508 children under age 5
- 1,930 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 662 total live births
- 6% of births were low birth weight

**Strong Families**

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**Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities**

- 409 children (251 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 166 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 81 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
- 61 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

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- 434 total live births
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### Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **132 children (78 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)**
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### Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- **2,623 children under age 5**
- **1,264 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)**
- **494 total live births**
- **6% of births were low birth weight**

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### Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **154 children (91 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)**
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 359 children under age 5
- 161 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 60 total live births
- 3% of births were low birth weight

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 27 children (16 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 80,738 children under age 5
- 31,971 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 16,322 total live births
- 8% of births were low birth weight

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 10,930 children (4,630 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 3,283 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 1,021 children under age 5
- 441 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 229 total live births
- 4% of births were low birth weight

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 63 children (35 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
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## Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 103 children (61 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 23 children (16 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

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- 601 total live births
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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 113 children (70 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
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### Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- **250 children under age 5**
- **150 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)**
- **64 total live births**
- **4% of births were low birth weight**

### Strong Families

- **72% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home**
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### Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **7 children (4 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)**
- **7 children receive Early Learning Scholarships**

- **8 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children**
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

522 children under age 5
363 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
104 total live births
8% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

91% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

50 children (31 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
21 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
13 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
10 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
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**Infants, Toddlers and Young Children**

- 314 children under age 5
- 156 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 58 total live births
- 3% of births were low birth weight

**Strong Families**

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**Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities**

- 16 children (8 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 13 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 4 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
- 3 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
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Lake County - Equitable Building Blocks for Our Future
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 495 children under age 5
- 256 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 99 total live births
- 7% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 80% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 23 children (11 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 41 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 7 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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Lake of the Woods County - Equitable Building Blocks for Our Future

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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 176 children under age 5
- 64 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 34 total live births
- 6% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 88% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 8 children (4 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 9 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 6 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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## Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 1,709 children under age 5
- 799 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 353 total live births
- 6% of births were low birth weight

## Strong Families

- 79% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

## Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 74 children (43 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 53 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 31 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
- 23 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
- 30% of infants and toddlers living in low-income households are cared for by family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) care. These care providers are more likely to offer culturally relevant care and provide care to families working nonstandard hours.

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Le Sueur County - Equitable Building Blocks for Our Future

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Lincoln County - Equitable Building Blocks for Our Future
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 349 children under age 5
- 165 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 74 total live births
- 8% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 82% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 11 children (5 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 26 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 6 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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- 30% of infants and toddlers living in low-income households are cared for by family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) care. These care providers are more likely to offer culturally relevant care and provide care to families working nonstandard hours.

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**Infants, Toddlers and Young Children**

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**Strong Families**

- 78% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

**Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities**

- 139 children (71 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 169 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 45 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
- 34 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
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### Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- **460 children under age 5**
- **398 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)**
- **99 total live births**
- **10% of births were low birth weight**

### Strong Families

- **82% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home**
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

### Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **19 children (11 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)**
- **87 children receive Early Learning Scholarships**
- **16 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children**
- **30% of infants and toddlers living in low-income households are cared for by family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) care. These care providers are more likely to offer culturally relevant care and provide care to families working nonstandard hours.**

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Marshall County - Equitable Building Blocks for Our Future

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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 567 children under age 5
- 190 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 131 total live births
- 5% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 71% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 15 children (8 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 16 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 7 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 1,092 children under age 5
- 632 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 231 total live births
- 6% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 75% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 119 children (67 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 36 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 36 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
- 27 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 2,077 children under age 5
- 1,049 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 357 total live births
- 6% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 84% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 113 children (73 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 129 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 35 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
- 26 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
- 30% of infants and toddlers living in low-income households are cared for by family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) care. These care providers are more likely to offer culturally relevant care and provide care to families working nonstandard hours.

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Meeker County - Equitable Building Blocks for Our Future

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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 1,413 children under age 5
- 660 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 252 total live births
- 4% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 70% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 48 children (29 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 86 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 9 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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### Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- **1,654 children under age 5**
- **904 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)**
- **328 total live births**
- **9% of births were low birth weight**

### Strong Families

- **64% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home**
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

### Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **113 children (63 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)**
- **106 children receive Early Learning Scholarships**
- **20 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children**
- **30% of infants and toddlers living in low-income households are cared for by family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) care. These care providers are more likely to offer culturally relevant care and provide care to families working nonstandard hours.**

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Morrison County - Equitable Building Blocks for Our Future

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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 1,983 children under age 5
- 924 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 357 total live births
- 7% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 77 children (46 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 109 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 35 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 2,555 children under age 5
- 1,388 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 525 total live births
- 7% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

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- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 179 children (103 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 114 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 52 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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**Infants, Toddlers and Young Children**

- 2,028 children under age 5
- 546 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 378 total live births
- 6% of births were low birth weight

**Strong Families**

- 90% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
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**Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities**

- 173 children (115 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 70 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 47 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 1,727 children under age 5
- 1,012 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 384 total live births
- 5% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 62 children (32 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 159 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 369 children under age 5
- 213 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 83 total live births
- 4% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 78% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 20 children (12 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 30 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 9 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

10,758 children under age 5
3,390 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
2,114 total live births
5% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

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Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

1,218 children (603 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
165 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
30% of infants and toddlers living in low-income households are cared for by family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) care. These care providers are more likely to offer culturally relevant care and provide care to families working nonstandard hours.

391 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 3,370 children under age 5
- 1,666 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 663 total live births
  - 4% of births were low birth weight

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 110 children (71 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 165 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 68 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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- 30% of infants and toddlers living in low-income households are cared for by family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) care. These care providers are more likely to offer culturally relevant care and provide care to families working nonstandard hours.

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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

945 children under age 5

433 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)

170 total live births

7% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

80% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

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**Infants, Toddlers and Young Children**

- 1,412 children under age 5
- 894 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 276 total live births
- 7% of births were low birth weight

**Strong Families**

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**Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities**

- 86 children (50 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 95 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 615 children under age 5
- 375 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 130 total live births
- 11% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 77% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 40 children (24 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 47 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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**Infants, Toddlers and Young Children**

- 2,124 children under age 5
- 1,091 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 434 total live births
- 7% of births were low birth weight

**Strong Families**

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**Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities**

- 72 children (43 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 149 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 32 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
- 24 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
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**Infants, Toddlers and Young Children**

- 627 children under age 5
- 300 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 128 total live births
  - 13% of births were low birth weight

**Strong Families**

- 73% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
  - 13% of births were low birth weight
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

**Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities**

- 24 children (14 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 8 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 9 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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## Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- **38,057 children** under age 5
- **20,970 children** age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- **7,689 total live births**
- **8%** of births were low birth weight

## Strong Families

- **77%** of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
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## Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **4,741 children** (2,278 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- **2,285 children** receive Early Learning Scholarships
- **309 providers** receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
- 233 of these providers do not receive full reimbursement for their costs, therefore they must pay workers less, assume a loss, or charge families the difference
- **30%** of infants and toddlers living in low-income households are cared for by family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) care. These care providers are more likely to offer culturally relevant care and provide care to families working nonstandard hours.

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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 140 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 41 total live births
- 2% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 86% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 10 children (5 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 22 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 10 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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## Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

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## Strong Families

- **68% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home**
- **Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.**
- **Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.**

## Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **38 children (21 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- **67 children receive Early Learning Scholarships**
- **11 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children**
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 886 children under age 5
- 517 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 183 total live births
- 10% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

- 74% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 35 children (18 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 67 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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1,922 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)

752 total live births
6% of births were low birth weight

3,723 children under age 5

69% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home

Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.

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234 children (112 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*

147 children receive Early Learning Scholarships

69 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children

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## Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 609 children under age 5
- 266 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 108 total live births
- 5% of births were low birth weight

## Strong Families

- 75% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

## Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 29 children (15 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 58 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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### Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 10,216 children under age 5
- 2,115 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 1,835 total live births
- 6% of births were low birth weight

### Strong Families

- 79% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

### Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 636 children (246 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 278 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 6,216 children under age 5
- 2,089 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 1,216 total live births
- 5% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

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- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
- Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 249 children (142 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 129 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 70 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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### Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

| 851 children under age 5 | 397 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL) | 156 total live births

- **7% of births were low birth weight**

### Strong Families

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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 9,980 children under age 5
- 4,469 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 2,058 total live births
  - 7% of births were low birth weight

83% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home

Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.

Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.

Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 898 children (425 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 465 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 138 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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### Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 244 children (135 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 26 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
- 43 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 533 children under age 5
- 216 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 129 total live births
- 4% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

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- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 16 children (12 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 26 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

10,283 children under age 5
5,065 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
1,991 total live births
7% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

75% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

731 children (488 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
377 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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The life outcomes of every child begins to take shape before they are born and are influenced by the dynamic interplay of cumulative experiences and systemic barriers, which are buffered by relationships with family, caregivers and community.

Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 554 children under age 5
- 357 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 119 total live births
- 8% of births were low birth weight

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 34 children (19 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 18 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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# Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- **1,632 children under age 5**
- **996 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)**
- **326 total live births**
  - **4% of births were low birth weight**

# Strong Families

- **69% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home**
- **Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.**
- **Families living and working with low-incomes have limited access to affordable child care.**

# Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **57 children (36 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)**
  - *Monthly Average*
- **97 children receive Early Learning Scholarships**
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Wabasha County - Equitable Building Blocks for Our Future

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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

1,190 children under age 5
499 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
243 total live births
4% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

80% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

40 children (24 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
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## Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- **888 children under age 5**
- **430 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)**
- **194 total live births**
- **4% of births were low birth weight**

## Strong Families

- **67% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home**
- Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
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## Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- **51 children (29 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)**
- **81 children receive Early Learning Scholarships**
- **21 providers receive Child Care Assistance subsidy to care for children**
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

15,348 children under age 5
3,592 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
2,725 total live births
6% of births were low birth weight

Strong Families

82% of mothers with children under age 6 are working outside the home
Paid family & medical leave improves birth outcomes and helps give families a great start.
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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

786 children (457 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
336 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 807 children under age 5
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- 159 total live births
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Strong Families

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 41 children (25 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- 52 children receive Early Learning Scholarships
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**Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities**

- 36 children (22 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
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Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

- 617 children under age 5
- 320 children age 0-5 are living in poverty (200% FPL)
- 106 total live births
  - 7% of births were low birth weight

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Child Care and Early Learning Opportunities

- 19 children (10 families) access support through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
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