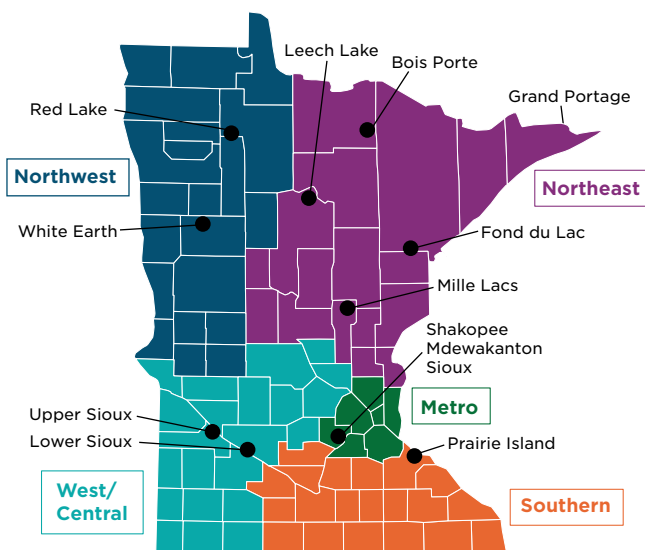


Characteristics of center-based applicants and non-applicants

Results from a 2020 study of the Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant Program

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed child care services in Minnesota and across the nation. To help providers withstand the financial burden caused by the pandemic, Minnesota created the Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant program (PECC) and distributed the first round of funds in April through June 2020. More information about eligibility requirements and a summary of the applicants and awards by round can be found at <https://www.childcareawaremn.org/providers/emergency-child-care-grants/>. This fact sheet presents initial findings on characteristics of center-based applicants and center-based non-applicants to the Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant.

Note: The providers invited to participate were applicants to the Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant Program, and thus, were a subsample of licensed and certified center-based programs and family child care providers throughout Minnesota. These findings are from all providers that applied and responded to the survey, regardless of whether or not they received the grant.



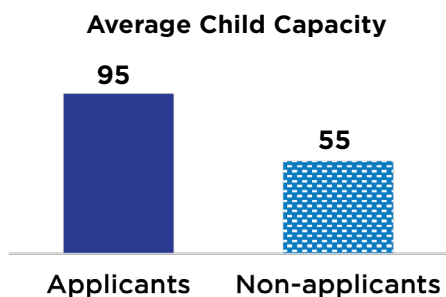
Source: [Child Care Aware of Minnesota](#).

Among Minnesota child care centers, 58 percent applied for the Peacetime Emergency Grant Program (1,036 centers). **Metro area centers were more likely to apply compared to centers in greater Minnesota.***

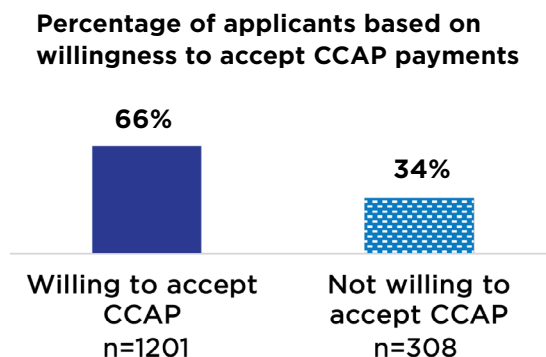
| Child Care Aware Districts | % of providers who applied |
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| Metro (N=1,113) | 61% |
| Northwest (N=87) | 55% |
| Southern (N=223) | 54% |
| West/Central (N=200) | 50% |
| Northeast (N=175) | 40% |

On average, applicants held a child care license for fewer years than non-applicants* (15 and 21 years respectively).

Centers with higher capacities to serve children were more likely to apply for a grant.*



Centers willing to accept children in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) were more likely to apply than unwilling centers.*



Source: Analysis of Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant Applications & Child Care Licensing, 2020
 Note: CCAP provides financial support to help low-income, working families pay for child care. More information can be found here: <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/policies-procedures/child-care-and-early-education/child-care-assistance-program/>

Note: * indicates a statistically significant difference (p < .05)

This is one in a series of fact sheets from a study of Minnesota's Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant program. For more information, visit: <https://www.childtrends.org/project/minnesota-child-care-policy-research-partnership>