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Introduction

The [Child Care Assistance Program](#), commonly known as CCAP, provides financial assistance to help families with low incomes pay for child care so that parents may pursue employment or education leading to employment, and that children are well cared for and prepared to enter school ready to learn. Families receiving child care assistance choose their own child care provider, and are referred to [ParentAware.org](#) to search for a provider if needed. There are four types of child care providers: licensed child care centers, licensed family child care homes, centers that are exempt from licensing and legal non-licensed providers.

There are [maximum reimbursement rates](#) that the program can pay providers for caring for children. These maximum rates are set by the state Legislature and vary according to the type of child care provider, the age of the child, the unit of time (i.e. hourly, daily, weekly) and the county where care is provided.

Unless noted, data reported in this profile is drawn from the program's administrative data system, Minnesota Electronic Child Care System (MEC²), for state fiscal years 2013 through 2018. A fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 of the following year, and is designated by the year in which it ends.

Definitions

Providers serving Child Care Assistance Program children: Providers who have been paid for serving children through the program, counted during the month the service occurred.

Registered Child Care Assistance Program providers: Providers who register with a county in order to care for and be paid for caring for children through the program.

Licensed family: Family child care homes licensed by Minnesota, a tribe or another state.

Legal non-licensed family: Unlicensed family providers who meet certain program requirements, typically family or friends.

Licensed center: Center programs licensed by Minnesota, a tribe or another state.

License exempt center: Center programs exempt from licensing, typically because they offer care to school-age children or are located in a school.

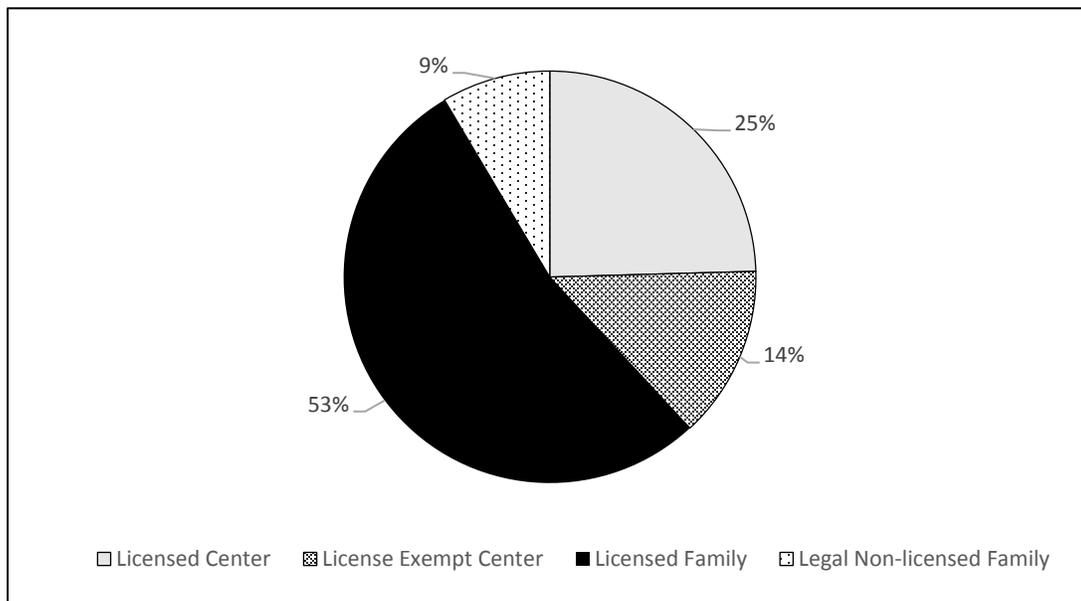
Provider Registration

To provide care and be paid through the Child Care Assistance Program, child care providers must register with the county or tribal agency serving the family. However, registration does not necessarily indicate that a provider has served a Child Care Assistance Program child or been paid by the program, only that the provider has completed the steps necessary to receive program payments if they care for children receiving these benefits. Registrations typically last two years.

Registered Providers, by Provider Type¹

State Fiscal Year	Licensed Centers	License Exempt Centers	Licensed Family	Legal Non-licensed	All Providers
2018	1,215	670	2,645	423	4,953
2017	1,207	781	3,050	631	5,669
2016	1,161	727	3,394	914	6,196
2015	1,131	659	3,682	1,168	6,640
2014	1,086	682	4,217	1,458	7,443

Graph: 2018 Registered Providers, by Provider Type



¹ Registrations are counted as of Dec. 31 of the applicable year. Child care providers register with a county or servicing agency in order to care for children and be paid through the Child Care Assistance Program. Registration does not necessarily mean that a provider has cared for a child or been paid through the program.

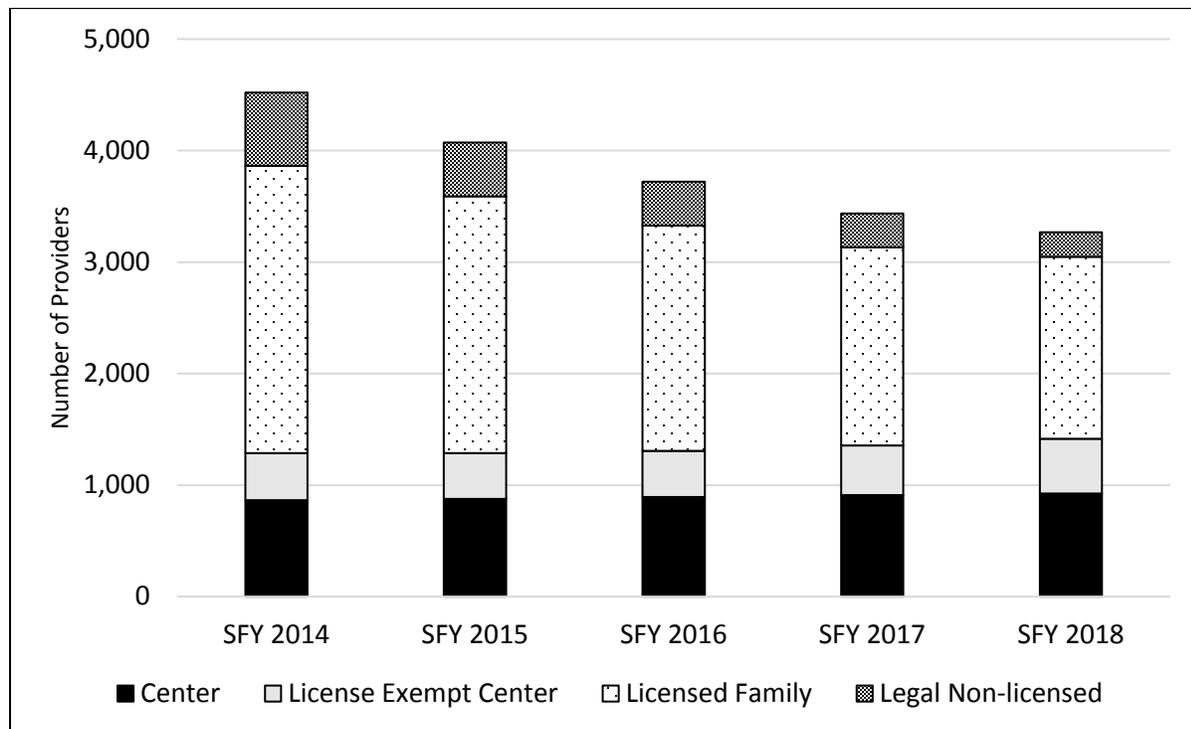
Number of Providers Serving Child Care Assistance Program Children (Monthly Average)

Providers are counted as having “served” a Child Care Assistance Program child if they were paid by the program for caring for that child. Providers are counted during the month service occurred (i.e., the month the provider cared for the child), though payment may have been issued at a later month.

Monthly Average Count of Providers Serving CCAP Children, by Provider Type²

State Fiscal Year	Center	License Exempt Center	Licensed Family	Legal Non-licensed	Total
2018	926	489	1,633	218	3,266
2017	911	444	1,779	302	3,436
2016	894	412	2,020	394	3,720
2015	875	413	2,302	482	4,072
2014	864	422	2,578	656	4,520

Graph: Monthly Average Count of Providers Serving CCAP Children, by Provider Type



² Monthly average counts are typically lower than annual unduplicated counts because children may not be in care with the same provider for a full 12 months.

Average Count of Providers Serving CCAP Children, by Provider Type

Licensed Center Providers Serving CCAP Children³

State Fiscal Year	Center Licensed by DHS	Center Licensed by a Tribe	Center Licensed by Another State	Subtotal Number of Providers
2018	887	5	34	926
2017	869	6	36	911
2016	852	8	34	894
2015	838	6	31	875
2014	826	6	32	864

Licensed Family Child Care Providers Serving CCAP Children⁴

State Fiscal Year	FCC Licensed by DHS	FCC Licensed by a Tribe	FCC Licensed by Another State	Subtotal Number of Providers
2018	1,600	13	20	1,633
2017	1,742	12	25	1,779
2016	1,988	13	20	2,021
2015	2,261	14	28	2,303
2014	2,541	12	26	2,579

License Exempt Centers

License Exempt Centers are not categorized by sub-type in the Child Care Assistance Program data system (MEC²). These providers are exempt from licensing typically because they offer care to school-age children and/or are located in a school.

³ Families may select child care providers licensed by the State of Minnesota, a federally-recognized tribe, or another state (these providers are located in another state). To be eligible for child care assistance in Minnesota, families must reside in Minnesota.

⁴ See Note 3 above.

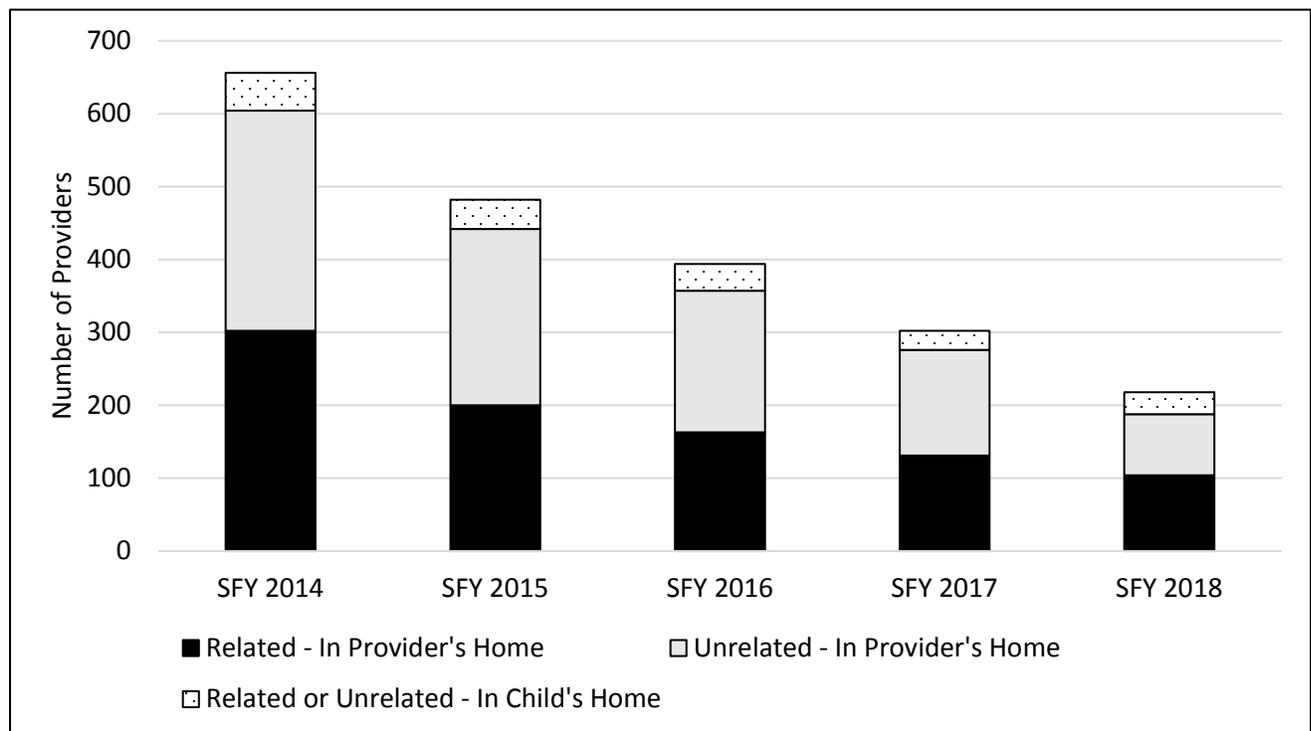
Legal Non-licensed Providers

Each legal non-licensed provider's sub-type below reflects the provider's relationship to the child or children served and the site where care is provided.

Average Count of Legal Non-licensed Providers Serving CCAP Children⁵

State Fiscal Year	Related and In Provider's Home	Unrelated and in Provider's Home	In Child's Home	Total Number of LNL Providers
2018	104	84	30	218
2017	131	145	26	302
2016	163	194	37	393
2015	200	242	40	482
2014	302	302	52	656

Graph: Average Count of Legal Non-licensed Providers Serving CCAP Children



⁵ Providers were classified based on factors that trigger additional requirements: (a) a legal non-licensed provider serving any child in the child's home was counted as providing care in the child's home; (b) a legal non-licensed provider serving any unrelated child during the service month was counted as serving unrelated children. Providers included in this count were paid for serving children by the Child Care Assistance Program. Providers are counted during the time period in which service occurred; payments may have been issued during a later period. Monthly average counts are typically lower than annual unduplicated counts because children may not be in care for a full 12 months with the same provider.



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