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RE: MSAR #11930_MSDE_Child Care Subsidy (Scholarship), Education Article 9.5-112 (November 1, 2026)

Dear Senator Guzzone and Delegate Barnes,

In response to the Legislature's request to receive monthly reports on the participation and expenditures of the Child Care Scholarship (CCS) Program, please find attached the report for November 1, 2026. This report includes preliminary data for Fiscal Year 2027.

The data used in the Unduplicated Count of Children Participating and the Unduplicated Count of Families Participating Reports are generated using the most current data available. To allow for financial reconciliation, the data included in the Actual Expenditure report also uses the most current data available and reflect invoices paid to child care providers during each month.

Eligible families have up to 60 days to redeem the Child Care Scholarship from the date of issuance, and child care providers have an additional 60 days to submit appropriate documentation supporting the payment for the scholarship. Therefore, please note that the enrollment and expenditure data included in this report may change as more data is collected; the previous month's information has been updated since the last submission.

Key data on the CCS Program waitlist, including the number of children by county, income, and demographic group, are included in the report, in addition to information on the number of new scholarships that have been issued during the partial freeze to children exempt from the waitlist.

While CCS enrollment has declined substantially since the waitlist was initiated in May 2025, the CCS Program continues to operate with a partial enrollment freeze (waitlist). The program is under a "partial" enrollment freeze because families are exempt from the enrollment freeze if they are either experiencing

homelessness or receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and meet all other eligibility requirements. Siblings of children already receiving a scholarship are also eligible to be added to an existing case. Further, as a result of the decline in CCS Program enrollment, new scholarships are currently being offered to all children with income below 20% of state median income (SMI) in alignment with the prioritization criteria established in House Bill (H.B.) 849. Data on the number of children awarded new scholarships as a result of the prioritization criteria will be included in future monthly reports.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Laurel Cratsley, Executive Director, Governmental Affairs, Education Policy, and External Relations, by email at Laurel.cratsley@maryland.gov or by telephone at 443-571-5461.

Sincerely,



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Introduction

Pursuant to Education Article, Section 9.5-112, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) respectfully submits the following monthly report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, providing Child Care Scholarship (CCS) Program expenditures and participation as specified in the legislative directive.

The report includes:

1. The number of children and families participating in the CCS Program to date in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027; see page 4.
2. CCS Program expenditures to date for SFY 2027 include total monthly expenditure (when CCS Program-associated payments were made) and enrollment fees paid; see page 7.
3. The number of children and families placed on the CCS Program waitlist and those not subject to the waitlist, disaggregated by income, age, and county, along with comparisons of these groups with those currently enrolled in the CCS Program, see page 11.

The data included in this report were obtained on October 8, 2026. The financial and enrollment situation of the CCS Program may have changed by the time of this report's publication.

1.0 Child Care Scholarship Program Participation

This section presents monthly counts of children and families participating in the CCS Program in SFY 2027. Table 1 presents the unduplicated number of children who participated in the CCS Program from July through September 2026. Table 2 presents the unduplicated number of families who participated in the CCS Program from July through September 2026. Total enrollment increased by 1,010 children in August but then declined by 1,449 children in September 2026. Enrollment typically fluctuates during the summer due to changes in school and child care schedules and is anticipated to increase throughout the school year.

Given current CCS Program enrollment, MSDE began contacting families who are currently on the CCS waitlist to offer new child care scholarships in July. MSDE is offering new scholarships in alignment with the requirements outlined in Child Care Scholarship Program – Freeze in Enrollment – Exceptions and Waitlist, H.B. 849, 2026 Reg. Sess. (Md. ch. 594, 2026).

Table 1: Unduplicated Count of Children Participating in the CCS Program in SFY27

County of Residence	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Allegany County	262	252	229									
Anne Arundel County	2,029	2,139	2,035									
Baltimore County	7,991	8,177	7,958									
Calvert County	291	301	290									
Caroline County	148	136	134									
Carroll County	440	471	450									
Cecil County	540	558	533									
Charles County	1,487	1,510	1,484									
Dorchester County	242	248	227									
Frederick County	1,016	1,075	981									
Garrett County	76	73	72									
Harford County	1,300	1,360	1,273									
Howard County	1,460	1,457	1,408									
Kent County	62	71	66									
Montgomery County	5,974	6,112	5,877									

County of Residence	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Prince George's County	6,349	6,564	6,342									
Queen Anne's County	119	124	119									
Saint Mary's County	381	388	372									
Somerset County	192	182	181									
Talbot County	177	177	163									
Washington County	760	787	702									
Wicomico County	964	963	921									
Worcester County	179	179	170									
Baltimore City	5,965	6,110	5,978									
Total	**38,404**	**39,414**	**37,965**									

Source: Data retrieved from the Child Care Administrative Tracking System (CCATS) on October 8, 2026.

Table 2: Unduplicated Count of Families Participating in the CCS Program in SFY27

County of Residence	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Allegany County	159	153	141									
Anne Arundel County	1,383	1,424	1,347									
Baltimore County	5,092	5,161	5,047									
Calvert County	183	189	187									
Caroline County	97	92	89									
Carroll County	267	284	279									
Cecil County	329	333	319									
Charles County	920	930	918									
Dorchester County	159	159	148									
Frederick County	643	685	640									
Garrett County	48	47	46									
Harford County	817	842	806									
Howard County	956	958	931									

County of Residence	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Kent County	38	43	40									
Montgomery County	3,746	3,795	3,687									
Prince George's County	4,142	4,229	4,063									
Queen Anne's County	75	79	76									
Saint Mary's County	223	227	222									
Somerset County	113	106	104									
Talbot County	130	129	122									
Washington County	484	501	456									
Wicomico County	598	596	573									
Worcester County	110	109	102									
Baltimore City	3,869	3,917	3,882									
Total	**24,581**	**24,988**	**24,225**									

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on October 8, 2026.

2.0 Child Care Scholarship Expenditures

The tables presented in this section (Tables 3 and 4) pertain to expenditures for Direct Services in the CCS Program. Table 3 presents total payments made during SFY27, including Advance Payments for care received in the next month and True-Ups as processed. True-Ups are payment corrections based on change of services from prior periods. They are either a credit for a child being enrolled at midpoint or a debit for a child being withdrawn at midpoint. This in turn shows the complete expenditure total that is reflected in the Financial Management Information System (FMIS) system for CCS Program Direct Services.

Table 4 presents the total registration fees paid during each month of SFY27[1]. Registration fees represent a one-time payment made by MSDE to a child care provider for each child at the time of initial enrollment. The fee is paid once per provider per child in the amount of $100. If a child transfers to a different provider, the new provider may receive the $100 registration fee; however, if the child later returns to the original provider, the registration fee is not paid again. The payment of registration fees is allowable under federal guidance, which permits Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) subsidies to cover reasonable provider charges, including registration or enrollment fees. Specifically, 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §98.45(m)(3)– (4) directs Lead Agencies to adopt payment practices reflecting those in the private market, including: "pay for reasonable mandatory registration fees that the provider charges to private-paying parents."

Table 3: CCS Total Expenditure in SFY27 ($), July 2026 – December 2026

Provider County	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Fiscal Year Total
Allegany County	337,618	191,544	141,196				**670,358**
Anne Arundel County	3,315,349	1,971,036	1,840,685				**7,127,071**
Baltimore County	16,967,206	10,162,097	8,966,772				**36,096,076**
Calvert County	487,280	287,155	273,683				**1,048,118**

[1] In previous versions of this report, there was a table titled *"Child Care Expenditure for Participation in a Specific Month in SFY26 ($)"*. This table, formerly Table 3, has been removed to alleviate misunderstanding of accounting practices. The currently presented Table 3 is reflective of actual expenditures in the time listed. The removed table can be provided upon request. All tables number have been updated in accordance with this change.

Provider County	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Fiscal Year Total
Caroline County	126,880	68,319	69,443				**264,642**
Carroll County	950,172	502,508	492,745				**1,945,425**
Cecil County	874,115	529,568	453,095				**1,856,778**
Charles County	2,840,704	1,742,661	1,501,122				**6,084,486**
Dorchester County	274,093	163,511	148,735				**586,338**
Frederick County	2,301,269	1,363,214	1,234,034				**4,898,517**
Garrett County	97,222	53,944	51,526				**202,692**
Harford County	2,532,329	1,505,937	1,367,725				**5,405,991**
Howard County	4,773,339	2,809,983	2,489,047				**10,072,369**
Kent County	69,650	44,325	34,111				**148,086**
Montgomery County	18,177,895	10,361,782	8,536,455				**37,076,133**
Prince George's County	12,601,025	7,451,678	6,765,461				**26,818,163**
Queen Anne's County	217,708	112,131	83,530				**413,369**
Saint Mary's County	515,405	278,708	264,925				**1,059,037**
Somerset County	142,990	80,678	64,167				**287,836**
Talbot County	381,760	212,485	183,482				**777,727**
Washington County	1,238,453	639,122	539,381				**2,416,956**
Wicomico County	1,417,107	792,908	714,521				**2,924,536**
Worcester County	348,848	212,312	192,706				**753,865**
Baltimore City	10,495,974	6,446,938	6,132,834				**23,075,746**
Refund of Expenditures	2,700	(1,260)	(25,771)				**(24,332)**
Total	**81,487,090**	**47,983,285**	**42,515,608**				**171,985,983**

Source: Data retrieved from FMIS on October 8, 2026.

Table 4: Child Care Registration Fees Paid in SFY27 ($)

Provider County	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.**	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Total
Allegany County	1,100	200	900										**2,200**
Anne Arundel County	15,100	15,400	11,600										**42,100**
Baltimore County	85,500	54,600	54,200										**194,300**
Calvert County	3,100	1,300	1,000										**5,400**
Caroline County	900	100	700										**1,700**
Carroll County	2,700	3,300	2,300										**8,300**
Cecil County	2,800	2,800	1,800										**7,400**
Charles County	10,800	8,800	9,200										**28,800**
Dorchester County	1,300	1,100	1,100										**3,500**
Frederick County	14,900	11,400	5,500										**31,800**
Garrett County	300	100	200										**600**
Harford County	11,500	13,000	10,200										**34,700**
Howard County	20,600	16,000	11,900										**48,500**
Kent County	-	800	100										**900**
Montgomery County	47,300	46,800	29,900										**124,000**
Prince George's County	51,700	47,100	39,700										**138,500**
Queen Anne's County	500	800	1,000										**2,300**
Saint Mary's County	1,200	2,100	800										**4,100**

Provider County	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.**	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Total
Somerset County	300	100	400										**800**
Talbot County	2,500	700	900										**4,100**
Washington County	7,000	7,900	2,700										**17,600**
Wicomico County	7,800	3,400	6,900										**18,100**
Worcester County	400	300	200										**900**
Baltimore City	54,700	49,100	40,800										**144,600**
Total	**344,000**	**287,200**	**234,000**										**865,200**

Source: Data retrieved from FMIS on October 8, 2026.

**All the registration fees paid in September 2026 may not be available as of the writing of this report and will be updated in the next report. Zero registration fees indicate that there were no new children enrolled in the CCS Program.

3.0 Child Care Scholarship Program Waitlist

This section contains multiple tables and figures summarizing the children and families who were placed on CCS Program waitlist as well as data on children who have received new scholarships during the partial enrollment freeze because they were not subject to the CCS waitlist. Unlike data presented earlier in this report, some data presented here also covers months in SFY 2025 and SFY 2026. The data begins in May 2025, when the CCS partial enrollment freeze went into effect.

Table 5 presents the number of children on the CCS Program waitlist by county and their State Median Income (SMI) category. Table 5 demonstrates that 74.4% (6,984) of the 9,384 children on the CCS Program waitlist reside in Prince George's County (1,876 or 20%), Baltimore County (1,634 or 17.4%), Montgomery County (1,587 or 16.9%), Baltimore City (1,240 or 13.2%), and Anne Arundel County (647 or 6.9%). This is to be expected since these are the five largest jurisdictions in Maryland, in terms of both total population and the number of children aged 0 to 12 and, as a result, have more families applying for child care scholarships. Additionally, these jurisdictions had the highest number of children in poverty in 2024: Baltimore City had 27,868 children; Prince George's County had 26,856 children; Montgomery County had 21,947 children; Baltimore County had 18,443 children; and Anne Arundel County had 10,323 children[2].

Overall, 77.0% and 88.4% of the children on the waitlist are from families with incomes below 50% and 60% of the SMI, respectively. The largest number of children, 2,000 (21.3% of the total), are from families with incomes in the 30% to 40% SMI category, closely followed by 1,759 children (18.7%) from families with incomes in the 20% to 30% SMI category, and 1,624 children (17.3%) from the 40% to 50% SMI category.

Table 5: Children on the CCS Program Waitlist as of September 2026 by County and Income Category (% SMI)

County of Residence	Income 0 to 10% SMI	Income 10 to 20% SMI	Income 20 to 30% SMI	Income 30 to 40% SMI	Income 40 to 50% SMI	Income 50 to 60% SMI	Income 60 to 70% SMI	Income 70 to 80% SMI	Total Children
Allegany County	-	15	9	5	4	7	8	3	**51**
Anne Arundel County	73	73	113	137	104	76	52	19	**647**
Baltimore City	126	158	255	249	223	122	75	32	**1,240**
Baltimore County	168	163	317	339	286	191	122	48	**1,634**
Calvert County	11	5	10	24	13	7	2	4	**76**

[2] Data source: Children in poverty | KIDS COUNT Data Center

County of Residence	Income 0 to 10% SMI	Income 10 to 20% SMI	Income 20 to 30% SMI	Income 30 to 40% SMI	Income 40 to 50% SMI	Income 50 to 60% SMI	Income 60 to 70% SMI	Income 70 to 80% SMI	Total Children
Caroline County	-	3	9	14	5	1	4	1	**37**
Carroll County	11	16	32	37	10	10	8	2	**126**
Cecil County	8	19	27	29	27	11	9	4	**134**
Charles County	28	36	53	64	68	44	32	13	**338**
Dorchester County	3	14	16	11	7	3	2	-	**56**
Frederick County	22	35	62	47	42	24	18	7	**257**
Garrett County	2	-	1	2	3	6	1	-	**15**
Harford County	17	30	51	58	54	31	24	8	**273**
Howard County	22	40	48	87	41	47	27	15	**327**
Kent County	2	2	7	4	1	-	2	-	**18**
Montgomery County	146	141	242	311	305	199	163	80	**1,587**
Prince George's County	144	186	350	411	330	212	180	63	**1,876**
Queen Anne's County	-	-	5	11	1	3	4	-	**24**
Saint Mary's County	4	9	42	27	9	12	1	1	**105**
Somerset County	5	6	16	10	2	2	1	-	**42**
Talbot County	2	5	8	10	7	3	4	1	**40**
Washington County	28	19	43	54	38	29	19	4	**234**
Wicomico County	19	22	31	45	42	24	16	1	**200**
Worcester County	4	5	12	14	2	5	-	5	**47**
Total	**845**	**1,002**	**1,759**	**2,000**	**1,624**	**1,069**	**774**	**311**	**9,384**

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on October 8, 2026.

Table 6 presents the number of families with children on the waitlist, and it shows a pattern like the number of children shown in Table 5.

Table 6: Families on the CCS Program Waitlist as of September 2026 by County and Income Category (% SMI)

County of Residence	Income 0 to 10% SMI	Income 10 to 20% SMI	Income 20 to 30% SMI	Income 30 to 40% SMI	Income 40 to 50% SMI	Income 50 to 60% SMI	Income 60 to 70% SMI	Income 70 to 80% SMI	Total Families
Allegany County	0	7	6	2	3	4	5	1	**28**
Anne Arundel County	46	48	88	107	81	59	38	15	**482**
Baltimore City	91	103	191	195	189	101	59	27	**956**
Baltimore County	118	103	213	255	244	153	99	35	**1,220**
Calvert County	7	2	4	16	6	5	1	3	**44**
Caroline County	0	1	6	11	5	1	2	1	**27**
Carroll County	8	10	20	24	10	6	5	2	**85**
Cecil County	6	12	17	20	20	10	8	3	**96**
Charles County	18	26	38	46	44	38	26	12	**248**
Dorchester County	3	10	14	9	5	3	1	0	**45**
Frederick County	17	19	38	33	28	19	14	4	**172**
Garrett County	2	0	1	2	2	2	1	0	**10**
Harford County	11	20	38	44	39	26	18	6	**202**
Howard County	20	26	37	60	28	37	19	12	**239**
Kent County	1	1	4	3	1	0	1	0	**11**
Montgomery County	105	99	173	217	232	148	114	58	**1,146**
Prince George's County	97	142	237	315	252	167	144	48	**1,402**
Queen Anne's County	0	0	5	8	1	2	2	0	**18**
Saint Mary's County	2	4	24	19	8	10	1	1	**69**
Somerset County	4	4	11	8	2	1	1	0	**31**
Talbot County	2	3	7	8	6	3	3	1	**33**
Washington County	20	14	29	41	27	20	13	3	**167**
Wicomico County	14	18	23	34	32	20	13	1	**155**
Worcester County	3	5	9	10	2	4	0	4	**37**
Total	**595**	**677**	**1,233**	**1,487**	**1,267**	**839**	**588**	**237**	**6,923**

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on October 8, 2026.

Table 7 presents the number of children on the CCS Program waitlist by county and their age groups, broken down by 0-2, 2-5, and 5 years old and older. These age groups align with CCS provider reimbursement rates. The CCS waitlist includes 1,708 infants and toddlers, 3,807 preschool age children, and 3,869 school age children.

Table 7: Children on the CCS Program Waitlist as of September 2026 by County and Age Group

County of Residence	Age Birth to Under 2 Years Old	Ages 2 to 5 Years Old	School Age (5 Years Old and Older)	Total Children
Allegany County	8	18	25	**51**
Anne Arundel County	115	290	242	**647**
Baltimore City	272	478	490	**1,240**
Baltimore County	318	619	697	**1,634**
Calvert County	11	23	42	**76**
Caroline County	7	17	13	**37**
Carroll County	22	46	58	**126**
Cecil County	31	49	54	**134**
Charles County	58	129	151	**338**
Dorchester County	11	25	20	**56**
Frederick County	46	98	113	**257**
Garrett County	5	4	6	**15**
Harford County	51	100	122	**273**
Howard County	61	128	138	**327**
Kent County	2	12	4	**18**
Montgomery County	220	634	733	**1,587**
Prince George's County	330	831	715	**1,876**
Queen Anne's County	6	12	6	**24**
Saint Mary's County	17	38	50	**105**
Somerset County	11	22	9	**42**
Talbot County	3	23	14	**40**
Washington County	45	107	82	**234**

County of Residence	Age Birth to Under 2 Years Old	Ages 2 to 5 Years Old	School Age (5 Years Old and Older)	Total Children
Wicomico County	47	80	73	**200**
Worcester County	11	24	12	**47**
Total	**1,708**	**3,807**	**3,869**	**9,384**

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on October 8, 2026.

Table 8a presents the number of children and associated families currently on the CCS waitlist by each month of SFY 2027 they were added, the cumulative numbers for SFY 2027 and since the enrollment freeze began, while Table 8b presents the number of children and associated families added in SFYs 2025 and 2026. Since the waitlist was implemented, the number of children added increased and decreased with no set month-to-month pattern through February 2026. However, the number of children added to the waitlist increased each month from March through May, decreased in June and increased in July, August, and September. The largest number of children (793) were added to the waitlist in September 2026, while the lowest number of children (344) were added in February 2026. As one would expect, the number of associated families changed similarly. In all, 9,384 children from 6,923 families were still on the waitlist as of October 8, 2026, some of whom were added since the freeze began. These numbers include 2,104 children from 1,586 families who were added from July through September 2026 and 7,280 children from 5,337 families who were added from May 2025 to June 2026.

Table 8a: Number of Children and Associated Families Added to the CCS Program Waitlist Each Month, July 2026 – Present

Children/Families	Jul. 2026	Aug. 2026	Sep. 2026	Oct. 2026	Nov. 2026	Dec. 2026	Jan. 2027	Feb. 2027	Mar. 2027	Apr. 2027	May 2027	Jun. 2027	Total Jul. 2026 - Present	Total May 2025 - Present
Children	625	686	793										**2,104**	**9,384**
Families	455	517	614										**1,586**	**6,923**

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on October 8, 2026.

Table 8b: Number of Children and Associated Families Added to the CCS Program Waitlist Each Month, May 2025 – June 2026

Children/Families	May 2025	Jun. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2025	Sep. 2025	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2025	Dec. 2025	Jan. 2026	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026	Apr. 2026	May 2026	Jun. 2026	Total May 2025 – Jun. 2026
Children	416	649	551	598	693	507	359	427	432	344	480	556	653	615	**7,280**
Families	318	458	393	437	522	373	267	304	313	266	351	413	474	448	**5,337**

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on October 8, 2026.

Table 9 presents the numbers pertaining to the children and associated families who were removed from the waitlist as of October 14, 2026. The table presents the children experiencing homelessness, those whose family incomes are at or below 20% of the state median income (SMI), and those who fall within both groups (i.e. the overlap). Additionally, the table presents the number of children who were authorized to receive child care scholarships and the subset of children who were enrolled with child care providers. Table 10 presents similar metrics for the families associated with the children in Table 9.

Table 9: Number of Children Removed from the CCS Program Waitlist as of October 14, 2026

Children	Children Experiencing Homelessness	0-20% SMI Children	SMI/ Children Experiencing Homelessness Overlap	Total Distinct Children
Authorized Children	344	322	50	**616**
Enrolled Children	179	153	28	**304**

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on October 14, 2026.

Table 10: Number of Families Removed from the CCS Program Waitlist as of October 14, 2026

Families	Families Experiencing Homelessness	0-20% SMI Families	SMI/Families Experiencing Homelessness Overlap	Total Distinct Families
Authorized Families	241	208	34	**415**
Enrolled Families	133	99	19	**213**

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on October 14, 2026.

Table 11 presents the number of children who were enrolled in the CCS Program because they were not subject to the waitlist. Families are exempt from the enrollment freeze if they receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or are experiencing homelessness and meet all other eligibility requirements, shown in the table below as "New Applications." Siblings of children already receiving a scholarship are also eligible to be added to an existing case, shown in the table below as "Interim changes due to eligibility." In September 2026, there were 284 newly enrolled children who were not subject to the waitlist, most of whom were siblings of children with existing scholarships. Overall, from May 2025 through September 2026, there were 5,066 newly enrolled children who were not subject to the waitlist. This number comprised 671, 3,429 and 966 children who were enrolled in SFY 2025, SFY 2026 and to-date in SFY 2027, respectively. As of July 1, 2026, per Child Care Scholarship Program – Freeze in Enrollment – Exceptions and Waitlist, H.B. 849, 2026 Reg. Sess. (Md. ch. 594, 2026), children experiencing homelessness are no longer subject to the waitlist.

Table 11: New Enrollment by Children Not Subject to the Waitlist During the Enrollment Freeze, and Current Month

Reason for New Enrollment	SFY 2025 (#)	SFY 2025 (%)	SFY 2026 (#)	SFY 2026 (%)	September 2026 (#)	September 2026 (%)	SFY 2027 (#)	SFY 2027 (%)	May 2025 – Present (#)	May 2025 – Present (%)
New Applications	144	21.5%	1,351	39.4%	131	46.1%	411	42.5%	1,906	37.6%
Interim Changes Due to Eligibility	527	78.5%	2,078	60.6%	153	53.9%	555	57.5%	3,160	62.4%
Total Number of New Enrollments	**671**	**100.0%**	**3,429**	**100.0%**	**284**	**100.0%**	**966**	**100.0%**	**5,066**	**100.0%**

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on October 8, 2026.