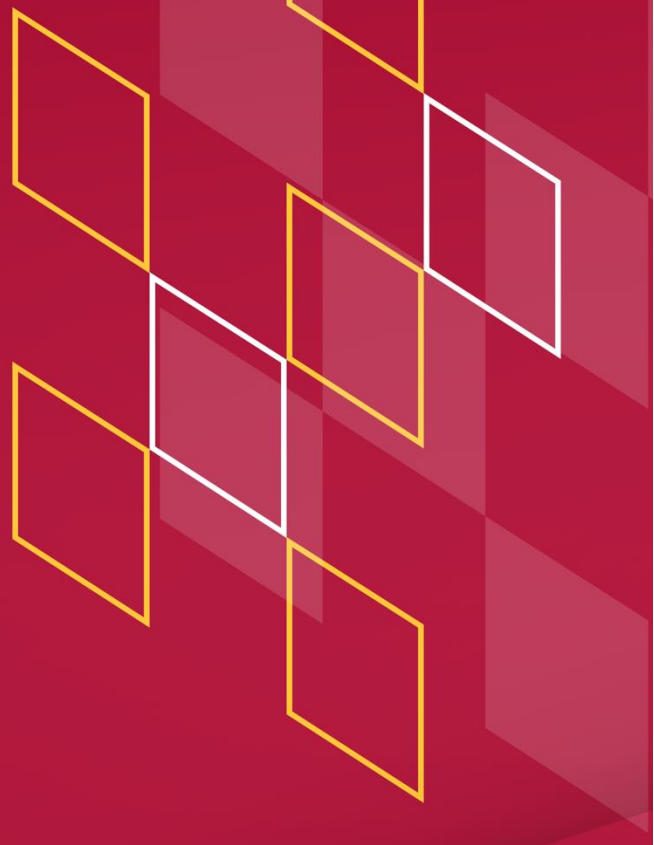




Child Care Subsidy (Scholarship) Monthly Report

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RE: MSAR #11930_MSDE_Child Care Subsidy (Scholarship), Education Article 9.5-112 (August 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 August 1, 2026. This report includes preliminary data for the entirety of Fiscal Year 2026.

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 use the most current data available and reflect invoices paid to child care providers during each month.

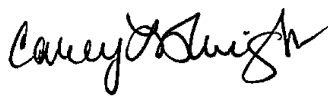
Eligible families have up to 60 days to redeem the Child Care Scholarship from the date of issuance, and child care providers have an additional 60 days to submit appropriate documentation supporting the payment for the scholarship. Therefore, please note that the enrollment and expenditure data included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

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). Families not subject to the waitlist are those families currently receiving CCS benefits who add a new child to their existing case and families that receive Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). As of July 1, children experiencing homelessness are no longer subject to the waitlist, per *Child Care Scholarship Program – Freeze in Enrollment – Exceptions and Waitlist, H.B. 849, 2026 Reg. Sess. (Md. ch. 594, 2026)*. As a result of the decline in CCS Program enrollment, depending on available resources after new scholarships are

awarded to children experiencing homelessness, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) will soon begin offering new scholarships to families in alignment with the prioritization criteria established in H.B. 849.

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. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carey M. Wright".

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State Superintendent of Schools

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Introduction

Pursuant to Educational 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 fiscal year 2026; see page 4.
2. CCS Program expenditures to date for fiscal year 2026 including 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 12.

The data included in this report were obtained on July 8, 2026 and July 9, 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 State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026. Tables 1 and 2 present the unduplicated number of children and families who participated in the CCS Program from July 2025 to June 2026. These numbers are drawn from receipted vouchers for children who were enrolled in the CCS Program during each month. The total number of children enrolled decreased from 45,061 in July 2025 to 40,072 in June 2026. Similarly, the number of families enrolled in the CCS Program across Maryland decreased from 30,194 in July 2025, to 25,630 in June 2026. The number of children and families participating in CCS increased between May and June 2026 due to the increase in children needing care during the summer months. This increase was anticipated based on enrollment patterns in previous years.

Given the decline in CCS Program enrollment, MSDE has initiated the process to contact families who are currently on the CCS waitlist to offer new child care scholarships. 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 SFY26

County of Residence	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Allegany County	363	360	313	287	272	262	259	260	251	250	249	261
Anne Arundel County	2,456	2,545	2,386	2,304	2,258	2,241	2,232	2,203	2,187	2,146	2,125	2,179
Baltimore County	9,160	9,304	9,117	8,857	8,647	8,578	8,519	8,428	8,452	8,378	8,252	8,375
Calvert County	329	338	326	324	312	312	316	304	305	306	302	308
Caroline County	175	173	166	161	156	158	160	154	158	153	153	155
Carroll County	578	583	552	539	523	513	508	499	500	498	484	495
Cecil County	627	612	607	583	554	543	551	538	539	550	531	548
Charles County	1,713	1,753	1,642	1,595	1,555	1,530	1,514	1,514	1,500	1,491	1,466	1,496
Dorchester County	272	266	262	260	259	253	250	234	236	232	227	235
Frederick County	1,206	1,250	1,139	1,106	1,078	1,080	1,063	1,056	1,051	1,051	1,043	1,082
Garrett County	101	101	100	93	86	86	82	78	82	84	85	80
Harford County	1,510	1,479	1,469	1,421	1,405	1,392	1,388	1,384	1,372	1,377	1,344	1,391

County of Residence	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Howard County	1,816	1,765	1,700	1,649	1,615	1,598	1,584	1,580	1,568	1,552	1,515	1,527
Kent County	82	88	79	64	64	66	62	61	61	61	61	69
Montgomery County	7,126	7,147	6,776	6,627	6,479	6,439	6,375	6,307	6,286	6,229	6,115	6,240
Prince George's County	7,420	7,571	7,192	7,049	6,886	6,834	6,762	6,713	6,702	6,631	6,508	6,545
Queen Anne's County	159	169	156	155	147	147	141	143	137	133	127	128
Saint Mary's County	466	459	436	429	411	406	404	405	410	407	396	391
Somerset County	225	218	215	202	195	195	195	200	191	181	185	191
Talbot County	209	215	192	190	188	191	187	183	178	178	176	176
Washington County	930	960	838	816	792	794	790	793	789	790	787	835
Wicomico County	1,168	1,146	1,071	1,021	995	969	974	984	982	993	974	996
Worcester County	264	260	224	213	210	205	202	198	197	193	188	189
Baltimore City	6,706	6,756	6,662	6,542	6,412	6,366	6,349	6,280	6,274	6,286	6,129	6,180
Total	45,061	45,518	43,620	42,487	41,499	41,158	40,867	40,499	40,408	40,150	39,422	40,072

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

Table 2: Unduplicated Count of Families Participating in the CCS Program in SFY26

County of Residence	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Allegany County	220	221	196	182	170	163	162	160	155	155	152	157
Anne Arundel County	1,731	1,766	1,666	1,612	1,578	1,557	1,544	1,524	1,508	1,478	1,458	1,472
Baltimore County	6,140	6,194	5,993	5,810	5,669	5,630	5,568	5,501	5,485	5,401	5,293	5,309
Calvert County	221	225	215	214	206	205	205	198	196	194	188	190
Caroline County	123	120	117	113	107	108	110	106	106	104	103	102
Carroll County	373	372	359	348	333	327	324	318	318	315	304	301
Cecil County	411	394	395	377	361	353	354	345	342	344	334	335
Charles County	1,101	1,111	1,067	1,026	998	982	973	970	953	942	921	930
Dorchester County	188	184	178	177	176	173	171	163	161	159	156	156

County of Residence	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Frederick County	799	823	764	748	732	727	714	705	703	700	685	694
Garrett County	68	68	67	63	59	59	57	54	54	54	54	51
Harford County	988	966	966	928	914	907	905	897	895	896	864	873
Howard County	1,236	1,182	1,147	1,109	1,081	1,076	1,064	1,055	1,050	1,039	1,010	1,003
Kent County	55	57	52	44	44	45	41	41	41	40	41	42
Montgomery County	4,624	4,602	4,422	4,330	4,218	4,181	4,140	4,084	4,050	3,994	3,915	3,916
Prince George's County	5,088	5,153	4,904	4,769	4,661	4,612	4,547	4,495	4,460	4,405	4,288	4,278
Queen Anne's County	107	110	102	104	98	97	95	96	92	86	83	81
Saint Mary's County	289	285	275	269	261	257	257	256	255	248	242	235
Somerset County	144	138	135	128	122	121	122	124	119	111	111	113
Talbot County	164	168	149	146	141	142	138	135	131	131	129	129
Washington County	636	647	585	567	550	549	542	542	534	531	523	533
Wicomico County	771	754	711	676	656	646	639	640	640	638	623	624
Worcester County	169	166	146	138	135	131	126	124	124	120	115	115
Baltimore City	4,548	4,557	4,452	4,352	4,246	4,193	4,164	4,111	4,094	4,082	3,992	3,991
Total	30,194	30,263	29,063	28,230	27,516	27,241	26,962	26,644	26,466	26,167	25,584	25,630

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on July 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. Tables 3a and 3b present the total payments made during SFY26, 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 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 SFY26.¹ 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 3a: CCS Total Expenditure in SFY26 (\$), July 2025 – December 2025

Provider County	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Fiscal Year Total
Allegany County	375,885	215,977	185,571	162,456	174,374	171,988	2,276,447
Anne Arundel County	3,544,833	2,221,252	1,931,855	1,919,852	1,904,309	1,928,983	24,561,155
Baltimore County	16,931,813	10,438,447	9,167,611	9,265,431	8,811,528	9,334,268	117,016,656
Calvert County	493,180	288,933	281,362	260,238	253,704	300,346	3,399,991

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	143,004	100,173	68,699	59,266	62,612	74,983	905,601
Carroll County	1,084,346	644,260	547,878	523,651	518,376	553,264	6,849,916
Cecil County	851,754	541,088	461,883	455,168	414,853	467,971	5,776,481
Charles County	2,853,118	1,724,933	1,534,027	1,533,786	1,476,856	1,559,848	19,337,023
Dorchester County	253,150	146,736	151,818	139,137	140,560	137,759	1,808,750
Frederick County	2,469,853	1,543,490	1,256,409	1,238,561	1,207,664	1,290,179	16,193,486
Garrett County	125,196	75,686	69,975	64,283	54,748	68,323	777,047
Harford County	2,580,698	1,575,854	1,311,221	1,357,693	1,314,591	1,426,463	17,831,639
Howard County	5,025,597	3,078,578	2,734,264	2,684,572	2,609,942	2,735,279	34,186,213
Kent County	78,460	53,215	40,218	34,804	35,728	34,310	514,995
Montgomery County	18,998,945	12,040,576	9,398,292	9,331,012	9,415,452	9,954,008	123,804,025
Prince George's County	12,600,014	7,619,018	6,946,158	6,727,109	6,696,584	6,911,618	86,455,507
Queen Anne's County	217,648	139,379	115,229	106,373	103,519	97,467	1,394,770
Saint Mary's County	518,491	304,767	273,206	288,982	262,270	261,373	3,485,099
Somerset County	148,786	99,856	71,894	65,716	72,656	70,021	949,335
Talbot County	376,103	206,355	173,885	191,550	175,955	204,217	2,418,028
Washington County	1,267,731	745,692	598,526	621,747	579,083	623,881	7,910,295
Wicomico County	1,420,731	888,972	754,785	698,165	675,691	732,102	9,333,586
Worcester County	394,487	238,301	228,497	211,186	198,811	213,169	2,668,142
Baltimore City	10,009,494	6,177,402	5,466,560	5,458,722	5,168,927	5,683,609	71,310,918
Refund of Expenditures	(88,935)	(214,776)	(67,529)	(175)	(700)	(200)	(397,694)
Total	82,674,381	50,894,164	43,702,294	43,399,286	42,328,092	44,835,230	560,767,411

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

Table 3b: CCS Total Expenditure in SFY26 (\$), January 2026 – June 2026

Provider County	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Fiscal Year Total
Allegany County	158,542	81,071	268,091	170,449	192,055	119,988	2,276,447
Anne Arundel County	1,806,943	909,999	3,052,415	1,948,295	2,153,615	1,238,804	24,561,155
Baltimore County	8,468,071	4,494,143	14,898,973	9,513,697	9,818,923	5,873,751	117,016,656
Calvert County	259,462	130,113	411,312	260,609	281,675	179,058	3,399,991
Caroline County	63,511	30,844	104,654	67,953	79,987	49,916	905,601
Carroll County	506,233	252,326	818,008	505,129	540,139	356,306	6,849,916
Cecil County	414,361	223,782	695,381	448,653	493,568	308,018	5,776,481
Charles County	1,424,561	703,525	2,411,200	1,537,839	1,610,838	966,492	19,337,023
Dorchester County	129,904	74,353	236,318	147,586	146,957	104,472	1,808,750
Frederick County	1,127,023	564,203	1,970,382	1,283,989	1,374,385	867,348	16,193,486
Garrett County	49,024	30,424	78,304	62,487	62,563	36,034	777,047
Harford County	1,279,176	670,610	2,264,130	1,465,243	1,581,282	1,004,678	17,831,639
Howard County	2,596,673	1,335,069	4,159,327	2,704,006	2,697,870	1,825,035	34,186,213
Kent County	43,124	16,999	64,756	42,413	42,693	28,275	514,995
Montgomery County	8,872,316	4,552,063	14,666,680	9,663,116	10,431,407	6,480,159	123,804,025
Prince George's County	6,282,523	3,269,795	10,865,466	6,955,847	7,289,446	4,291,928	86,455,507
Queen Anne's County	92,180	55,469	165,082	105,004	116,684	80,737	1,394,770
Saint Mary's County	260,882	137,085	430,828	276,041	286,349	184,824	3,485,099
Somerset County	60,636	40,992	114,677	82,896	71,642	49,564	949,335
Talbot County	183,938	91,186	274,402	199,021	209,941	131,473	2,418,028
Washington County	555,840	286,022	938,487	629,218	685,156	378,914	7,910,295
Wicomico County	647,335	330,667	1,142,574	735,427	794,994	512,144	9,333,586
Worcester County	179,418	101,784	329,902	222,466	213,965	136,156	2,668,142

Provider County	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Fiscal Year Total
Baltimore City	5,198,154	2,691,883	9,426,535	6,016,819	6,238,627	3,774,188	71,310,918
Refund of Expenditures	(838)	(8,015)	(23,694)	(1,037)	(1,530)	9,734	(397,694)
Total	40,658,993	21,066,391	69,764,191	45,043,163	47,413,231	28,987,995	560,767,411

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

Note: *Expenditures appear artificially low in February 2026 and artificially high in March 2026 because half of the February 2026 expenditures were labeled as paid in March 2026.

Table 4: Child Care Registration Fees Paid in SFY26 (\$)

Provider County	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.*	Mar.*	Apr.	May	Jun.**	Total
Allegany County	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,400	-	600	500	-	200	300	900	-	7,800
Anne Arundel County	27,100	16,500	12,300	6,400	8,400	4,300	6,000	-	6,400	3,500	9,400	-	100,300
Baltimore County	117,100	66,200	65,100	27,600	32,300	17,500	21,700	-	39,000	16,100	38,700	-	441,300
Calvert County	2,100	3,000	1,900	700	500	900	100	-	900	500	600	-	11,200
Caroline County	600	900	200	200	100	200	400	-	200	100	-	-	2,900
Carroll County	6,000	3,500	3,900	1,700	1,100	1,100	800	300	1,600	400	1,700	-	22,100
Cecil County	3,100	3,600	2,500	400	1,500	1,300	2,700	-	1,500	1,200	1,300	-	19,100
Charles County	15,700	9,800	11,100	3,500	4,800	3,500	3,700	100	4,200	1,600	3,900	200	62,100
Dorchester County	2,100	1,400	600	700	900	400	700	-	900	200	400	-	8,300
Frederick County	15,300	11,000	5,800	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,000	-	6,500	3,100	8,500	-	58,900
Garrett County	200	100	300	-	300	-	-	-	400	-	100	-	1,400
Harford County	15,600	9,400	11,500	5,400	4,600	2,400	5,000	400	7,700	4,300	5,500	-	71,800

Provider County	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.*	Mar.*	Apr.	May	Jun.**	Total
Howard County	22,400	13,600	11,700	7,000	7,300	6,300	6,700	-	12,600	6,800	5,900	-	100,300
Kent County	900	700	600	100	100	-	200	-	100	-	200	-	2,900
Montgomery County	61,600	41,300	38,300	21,200	16,400	10,000	11,200	100	28,100	12,300	20,600	-	261,100
Prince George's County	68,300	56,000	51,400	22,900	24,000	13,200	18,600	-	30,600	12,800	18,600	-	316,400
Queen Anne's County	1,500	700	800	300	300	-	400	-	400	800	800	-	6,000
Saint Mary's County	2,600	2,600	1,500	1,100	400	500	700	-	2,000	900	500	-	12,800
Somerset County	1,000	100	1,200	300	100	200	100	-	100	-	100	-	3,200
Talbot County	1,500	1,300	1,300	300	700	600	300	-	900	100	200	-	7,200
Washington County	13,500	9,300	5,300	1,800	2,300	2,400	900	-	3,000	700	3,500	-	42,700
Wicomico County	13,600	5,600	7,100	2,400	3,200	2,100	2,400	-	4,500	2,300	5,000	-	48,200
Worcester County	2,300	1,000	800	700	200	100	1,400	-	400	100	-	-	7,000
Baltimore City	60,700	42,100	49,900	22,800	19,500	15,100	20,400	-	30,700	15,000	19,500	-	295,700
Total	456,100	301,000	286,400	131,200	131,200	84,900	106,900	900	182,900	83,100	145,900	200	1,910,700

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

Note:

*Registration fees appear artificially low in February 2026 and artificially high in March 2026 because half of the February 2026 registration fees were labeled as paid in March 2026.

**All the registration fees paid in June 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, data presented here covers months outside of 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 74.7% (5,901) of the children on the CCS Program waitlist reside in Prince George’s County (1,560 or 19.8%), Montgomery County (1,401 or 17.7%), Baltimore County (1,340 or 17.0%), Baltimore City (1,042 or 13.2%), and Anne Arundel County (558 or 7.1%). 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 children².

Overall, 78.9% and 89.0% of the children on the waitlist are from families with incomes below 50% and 60% of the SMI, respectively. The largest number of children, 1,604 (20.3% of the total), are from families with incomes in the 30% to 40% SMI category, closely followed by 1,495 children (18.9%) from families with incomes in the 20% to 30% SMI category, and 1,294 children (16.4%) from the 40% to 50% SMI category.

Table 5: Children on the CCS Program Waitlist as of June 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	6	6	3	48
Anne Arundel County	77	74	93	113	87	52	46	16	558
Baltimore City	135	155	213	212	156	97	53	21	1,042
Baltimore County	166	146	269	272	222	134	92	39	1,340
Calvert County	12	3	8	16	8	5	2	4	58

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

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Caroline County	-	3	11	12	3	-	4	-	33
Carroll County	12	21	31	24	11	9	7	2	117
Cecil County	12	15	27	18	21	8	6	3	110
Charles County	33	43	39	51	62	36	25	13	302
Dorchester County	3	13	11	7	4	-	-	-	38
Frederick County	17	29	52	44	34	18	13	6	213
Garrett County	2	-	1	1	2	6	1	-	13
Harford County	20	31	52	49	39	14	13	5	223
Howard County	23	35	35	68	30	39	25	11	266
Kent County	2	2	4	4	1	-	2	-	15
Montgomery County	154	130	218	259	259	168	142	71	1,401
Prince George's County	157	181	289	317	271	155	134	56	1,560
Queen Anne's County	-	-	5	5	1	1	4	-	16
Saint Mary's County	4	8	35	21	7	7	1	1	84
Somerset County	5	6	13	9	2	-	-	-	35
Talbot County	2	5	6	7	5	2	4	1	32
Washington County	25	17	36	44	33	22	18	2	197
Wicomico County	19	16	26	35	31	19	11	2	159
Worcester County	5	5	12	11	1	1	-	2	37
Total	885	953	1,495	1,604	1,294	799	609	258	7,897

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on July 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 June 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	3	4	1	26
Anne Arundel County	49	47	73	87	67	41	32	12	408
Baltimore City	97	106	159	164	136	78	42	17	799
Baltimore County	114	91	182	206	193	108	78	28	1,000
Calvert County	8	1	3	11	4	4	1	3	35
Caroline County	0	1	7	10	3	0	2	0	23
Carroll County	9	12	19	15	10	6	4	2	77
Cecil County	9	10	16	13	15	8	5	2	78
Charles County	22	29	28	38	38	31	20	12	218
Dorchester County	3	9	11	6	3	0	0	0	32
Frederick County	13	17	30	30	23	14	11	3	141
Garrett County	2	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	8
Harford County	13	22	36	38	29	12	11	5	166
Howard County	20	25	29	46	21	30	17	8	196
Kent County	1	1	3	3	1	0	1	0	10
Montgomery County	106	91	151	173	194	122	98	51	986
Prince George's County	103	133	197	247	204	125	107	41	1,157
Queen Anne's County	0	0	5	4	1	1	2	0	13
Saint Mary's County	2	4	20	13	6	5	1	1	52
Somerset County	4	4	10	7	2	0	0	0	27
Talbot County	2	3	5	6	4	2	3	1	26
Washington County	17	11	25	33	21	15	12	2	136
Wicomico County	14	14	20	26	24	13	10	2	123
Worcester County	4	5	8	7	1	1	0	2	28
Total	612	643	1,044	1,186	1,004	621	462	193	5,765

Source: Data retrieved from CCATS on July 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 1,513 infants and toddlers, 3,169 preschool age children, and 3,215 school age children.

Table 7: Children on the CCS Program Waitlist as of June 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	9	16	23	48
Anne Arundel County	106	242	210	558
Baltimore City	233	412	397	1,042
Baltimore County	263	503	574	1,340
Calvert County	9	15	34	58
Caroline County	5	19	9	33
Carroll County	24	43	50	117
Cecil County	25	44	41	110
Charles County	53	115	134	302
Dorchester County	11	13	14	38
Frederick County	41	73	99	213
Garrett County	3	4	6	13
Harford County	46	79	98	223
Howard County	50	97	119	266
Kent County	3	9	3	15
Montgomery County	221	540	640	1,401
Prince George's County	299	692	569	1,560
Queen Anne's County	4	7	5	16
Saint Mary's County	12	34	38	84
Somerset County	11	17	7	35
Talbot County	2	18	12	32
Washington County	37	92	68	197

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	40	66	53	159
Worcester County	6	19	12	37
Total	1,513	3,169	3,215	7,897

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

Table 8 presents the number of children and associated families added to the CCS waitlist each month. Since the waitlist was implemented, the number of children added has been increasing and decreasing 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 June. The largest number of children (761) were added to the waitlist in September 2025, while the lowest number of children (387) were added in February. As one would expect, the number of associated families changed similarly.

Table 8: Number of Children and Associated Families Added to the CCS Program Waitlist Each Month, May 2025 - Present

Children/Families	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Total
Children	436	701	579	627	761	552	391	456	474	387	525	592	703	713	7,897
Families	331	489	414	456	568	402	283	328	345	297	387	443	508	514	5,765

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

Table 9 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) 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 June 2026, there were 246 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 June 2026, there were 3,893 newly enrolled children who were not subject to the waitlist. As of July 1, 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 9: New Enrollment by Children Not Subject to the Waitlist During the Enrollment Freeze, and Current Month

Reason for New Enrollment	June 2026 (#)	June 2026 (%)	May 2025 – Present (#)	May 2025 – Present (%)
New Applications	112	45.5%	1,413	36.3%
Interim Changes Due to Eligibility	134	54.5%	2,480	63.7%
Total Number of New Enrollments	246	100.0%	3,893	100.0%

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