

Economic Instability in Minnesota

611,000 Minnesotans

 (including 189,000 children under age 18) live in households that are **below** the federal **poverty threshold.***

→ ***\$20,160 for a family of three in 2016.**

“Where I notice the most impact is in our schools. Children are being fed breakfast and even a second breakfast because they haven’t been fed. It is an ever-growing and often overwhelming concern for parents; to be able to feed their children.”

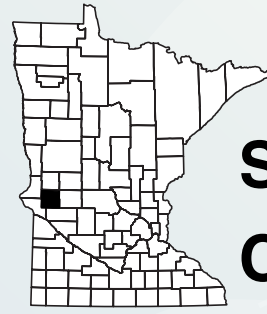
~ Pastor Lauren Hauger, Morris and Herman

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) helps families meet their basic needs while working toward financial stability.



7 of 10 MFIP recipients are children

→ **50% of those are under age 5** 



Stevens County

Population: 9,796

Households in Poverty: 14.2%
(up from 8.3% in 2000)

Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 26%

Households Receiving the Working Family Credit: 10%

Average Amount of Credit: \$541

Active MFIP Cases: 20

Pounds of Food Distributed from Reporting Food Shelves: 121,399
(63% increase from 2004)

Since there will never cease to be someone in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'

Deuteronomy 15:11

Poverty Data from the US Census Bureau (2014)

Free and Reduced Lunch Data from the Minnesota Department of Education (2015-16)

Working Family Credit Data from the Minnesota Department of Revenue (2013)

MFIP Data from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (July 2016, includes those adults in the Diversionary Work Program)

Food Shelf Data from Hunger Solutions Minnesota (2014)

For more information on Minnesota's children and families, visit the Minnesota KIDS COUNT 2016 County Fact Sheets by Children's Defense Fund - Minnesota at cdf-mn.org.



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