Economic Instability in Minnesota

491,782 Minnesotans (including 140,103 children under age 18) live in households that are below the federal poverty threshold.*

*$21,720 for a family of three in 2020.

"In the relatively affluent areas on the edge of the metro, there are hidden pockets of poverty. A number of households in my parish are working multiple jobs to make ends meet. Others face health challenges which limit their ability to work and care for their families. A strong social safety net is vital for these beloved children of God."

~ Pastor Michael Mandsager, Farmington

Poverty rates for Minnesotans of color are 3 - 4 times greater than those of white Minnesotans

Poverty rates for Minnesotans with disabilities are 2+ times greater than those of Minnesotans without a disability

Population: 356,921
Households in Poverty: 6.2% (up from 4.2% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 35.4%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 1,677
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 46%
Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 22%

"I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'"

~ Deuteronomy 15:11

Population and Poverty Data from the US Census Bureau (2019)
Free and Reduced Lunch Data from the Minnesota Department of Health (2017-18 school year)
CCAP data from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (February 2020)
Housing Data from US Census, American Community Survey (2017); Minnesota Housing Partnership State of the State's Housing Report (2019)