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.

“At the locally supported and operated
food shelf in our community, we are
providing nutritional support to an
astounding 10% of our local residents.
We have a growing population of
individuals and families who daily are
forced to make difficult decisions
impacting essentials like food, housing,
heat and transportation.”

~ Rev. Jerry Kosanovich, Hoyt Lakes

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

Cass County

Population: 29,779
Households in Poverty: 11.4%
(down from 12.3% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/
Reduced Lunch: 59.1%
Number of Children in Child Care
Assistance Program: 76
Cost-burdened* Renter
Households: 35%
Severely Cost-burdened*
Renter Households: 16%

“Cost-burdened households pay
more than 30% of income for
housing. Severely cost-burdened
households pay more than 50%.

“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)

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