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.

"The income gap is increasing in our area and children are the ones who suffer the most and bear the long-term effect of living in low-income households."

~ Cynthia Huse, Madison

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 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)

Chippewa County

Population: 11,800
Households in Poverty: 10.4% (up from 7.8% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 41.3%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 29
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 29%
Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 14%
*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

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