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.

"Many families in our area are really
struggling to make ends meet. The
lack of good paying jobs affects so
many physically and emotionally."
~ Rev. Kevin Anderson, Princeton

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

Chisago County

Population: 56,579
Households in Poverty: 6.2%
(up from 5.1% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/
Reduced Lunch: 25%
Number of Children in Child Care
Assistance Program: 126
Cost-burdened* Renter
Households: 42%
Severely Cost-burdened*
Renter Households: 20%
*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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