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.

"I am deeply aware of families who live in poverty in our area. I know how hard it is for parents to care for their families when money runs out before the end of the month."
~ Rev. Dr. Duane Gebhard, Park Rapids

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.

Clearwater County

Population: 8,818
Households in Poverty: 11.5% (down from 14% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 51.2%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 33
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 41%
Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 20%

*I 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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