


Economic Instability in Minnesota

577,000 Minnesotans

 (including 175,000 children under age 18) live in households that are **below** the federal **poverty threshold.***

***\$20,780 for a family of three in 2016.**

“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.”

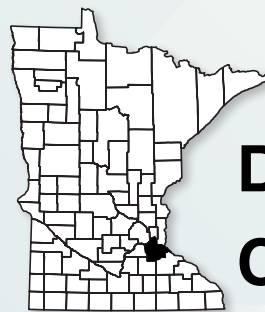
~ Pastor Michael Mandsager, Farmington

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) helps families meet their basic needs while working toward financial stability.



7 of 10 MFIP recipients are children

50% of those are under age 5 



Dakota County

Population: 414,686

Households in Poverty: 7.3% (up from 3.5% in 2000)

Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 28.1%

Children 0-5 Eligible for WIC: 25.6%

Active MFIP Cases: 850

of Children in CCAP (monthly average): 2041

Households Receiving the Working Family Credit: 9.7%

Average Amount of Credit: \$772

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) allows parents to work and children to succeed. CCAP provides flexibility to accommodate work and school hours.



Poverty Data from the US Census Bureau (2016)

Free and Reduced Lunch Data from the Minnesota Department of Education (2016)

Data for children ages 0-5 from the US Census, American Community Survey (2017). Eligibility for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program at 185% of federal poverty guidelines.

MFIP and CCAP data from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (2018, MFIP numbers include those adults in the Diversionary Work Program)

Working Family Credit information based on data from the Minnesota Department of Revenue (2015)



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