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.

"To address the need for emergency and regular food help, the Chatfield Community Food Shelf was created two years ago. The need is great. Most of those coming to the food shelf are working adults trying to make ends meet for themselves and their families."

~Pastor Debra Jene Collum, Chatfield

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

"I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land'."

- Deuteronomy 15:11

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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)

Fillmore County

Population: 21,067
Households in Poverty: 9.4% (up from 8.2% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 32.1%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 75
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 36%
Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 19%

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

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