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 don't know how many families can make it today, especially the single parent households. We try to help as many families as we can as a church community. So many are falling through the cracks."

~Fr. Steve Binsfield, Alexandria

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: 5,972

Households in Poverty: 8.8% (no change from 8.8% in 2000)

Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 36.9%

Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 28

Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 38%

Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 18%

"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