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.

“Our churches, temples and mosques work together to meet the needs of the many people who come to our doors seeking assistance. There is never enough funding to meet all the legitimate needs. Many individuals and families are paying well over 50% of their income for housing, which means that any financial disruption, however small, puts their housing at risk.”

Rev. Doug Mitchell, Minneapolis

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: 1,265,843
Households in Poverty: 9.7% (up from 7.0% in 2000)
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 41.8%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 10,933
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 46%
Severely Cost Burdened* Renter Households: 23%

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

“T herefore 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)