


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.**

“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

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 



Hennepin County

Population: 1,223,149

Households in Poverty: 13.0%
(up from 7.0% in 2000)

Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 43.0%

Children 0-5 Eligible for WIC: 32.1%

Active MFIP Cases: 6,302

of Children in CCAP (monthly average): 10,641

Households Receiving the Working Family Credit: 11.5%

Average Amount of Credit: \$767

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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