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.

“In the area where we serve, there are many families working multiple minimum wage jobs and still having to make decisions about what they can pay each month. Many are income, shelter and food insecure.”

~ Rev. Heather E Klason, Dover

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 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)

Houston County

Population: 18,600
Households in Poverty: 7.8% (up from 6.5% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 26.8%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 64
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 39%
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

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