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.

We must be careful not to judge others without walking a mile in their shoes. Many of our neighbors are privately struggling to bring home groceries and send their children to school with necessary supplies.

Rev. Kimbrel Johnson, Grand Rapids

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: 45,130
Households in Poverty: 11.2% (up from 9.5% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 46.3%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 98
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 42%
Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 19%

"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)