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.

"At the locally supported and operated food shelf in our community, we are providing nutritional support to an astounding 10% of our local residents. We have a growing population of individuals and families who daily are forced to make difficult decisions impacting essentials like food, housing, heat and transportation."

~ Rev. Jerry Kosanovich, Hoyt Lakes

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: 12,229
Households in Poverty: 13% (up from 10.5% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 40%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 53
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 51%
Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 26%

*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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