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: 3,740
Households in Poverty: 9.2% (up from 8.9% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 45.6%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 9
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 41%
Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 13%

“T therefore 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)