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.

Lake County

Population: 10,641
Households in Poverty: 9% (up from 7.8% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 25.9%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 23
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 43%
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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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)