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 I 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: 40,062
Households in Poverty: 11.5% (up from 8% in 2000)
Children K-12 Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 51.4%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 180
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 45%
Severally Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 18%

"I 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)