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

Olmsted County

Population: 158,293
Households in Poverty: 6.7% (up from 5.4% in 2000)
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 33.4%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 1,219
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 44%
Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 21%

*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

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)

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