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.

"Finding meaningful work that can support a family and provide vital benefits is a huge issue. In poverty, each step forward - job, transportation, family budget, education - requires thought, energy, creativity, and sometimes even the simplest thing is a Herculean effort...Do that, day in and day out, and you learn what it really means to be under stress."

~ Rev. Tom Biatak, Maplewood

Population: 550,321
Households in Poverty: 12.4% (up from 8.8% in 2000)
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 55.9%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 4,743
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 48%
Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 25%

"I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land'."
- Deuteronomy 15:11

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

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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)

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