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: 199,070
Households in Poverty: 12.8% (up from 9.4% in 2000)
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 38.8%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 637
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 48%
Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 23%

*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)