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.

"The needs of those in poverty are many. As a faith community nurse, I see people struggling to pay for needed prescriptions and avoiding necessary medical care. Poverty affects so many things - getting to work or school, adequate food and medicine and the ability to care for your children."

~ Nancy Ludescher, Parish Nurse, Northfield

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

Scott
County

Population: 149,013
Households in Poverty: 4.2% (up from 3.3% in 2000)
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 21.4%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 249
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 44%
Severally Cost burdened* Renter Households: 20%

"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)