


Economic Instability in Minnesota

577,000 Minnesotans

 (including 175,000 children under age 18) live in households that are **below** the federal **poverty threshold.***

***\$20,780 for a family of three in 2016.**

“There is much poverty and homelessness in rural Minnesota. In the churches, we experience it firsthand, as we are often the first place people turn for help. In our area, we can provide some help, but our limited food shelves and emergency resources aren’t enough.”

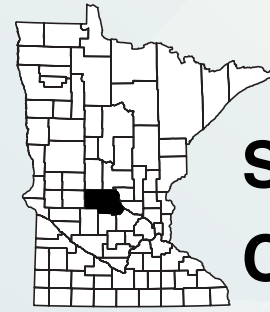
~ Rev. Tony Romaine, Staples

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) helps families meet their basic needs while working toward financial stability.



7 of 10 MFIP recipients are children

→ 50% of those are under age 5 



Stearns County

Population: 154,708

Households in Poverty: 13.4%
(up from 6.2% in 2000)

Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 40.8%

Children 0-5 Eligible for WIC: 36%

Active MFIP Cases: 571

of Children in CCAP (monthly average): 874

Households Receiving the Working Family Credit: 13.9%

Average Amount of Credit: \$792

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) allows parents to work and children to succeed. CCAP provides flexibility to accommodate work and school hours.



Poverty Data from the US Census Bureau (2016)

Free and Reduced Lunch Data from the Minnesota Department of Education (2016)

Data for children ages 0-5 from the US Census, American Community Survey (2017). Eligibility for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program at 185% of federal poverty guidelines.

MFIP and CCAP data from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (2018, MFIP numbers include those adults in the Diversionary Work Program)

Working Family Credit information based on data from the Minnesota Department of Revenue (2015)



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