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.

"Where I notice the most impact is in our schools. Children are being fed breakfast and even a second breakfast because they haven’t been fed. It is an ever-growing and often overwhelming concern for parents; to be able to feed their children."

~ Pastor Lauren Hauger, Morris and Herman

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

"I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'"

~ Deuteronomy 15:11

Population: 9,805
Households in Poverty: 11.9% (up from 8.3% in 2000)
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 26.8%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 17
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 52%
Severely Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 34%

"Cost-burdened households pay more than 30% of income for housing. Severely cost-burdened households pay more than 50%.

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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