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.

“In the relatively affluent areas on the edge of the metro, there are hidden pockets of poverty. A number of households in my parish are working multiple jobs to make ends meet. Others face health challenges which limit their ability to work and care for their families. A strong social safety net is vital for these beloved children of God.”

~ Pastor Michael Mandsager, Farmington

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: 262,440
Households in Poverty: 4.6% (up from 3.3% in 2000)
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch: 17.7%
Number of Children in Child Care Assistance Program: 787
Cost-burdened* Renter Households: 45%
Severely 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)