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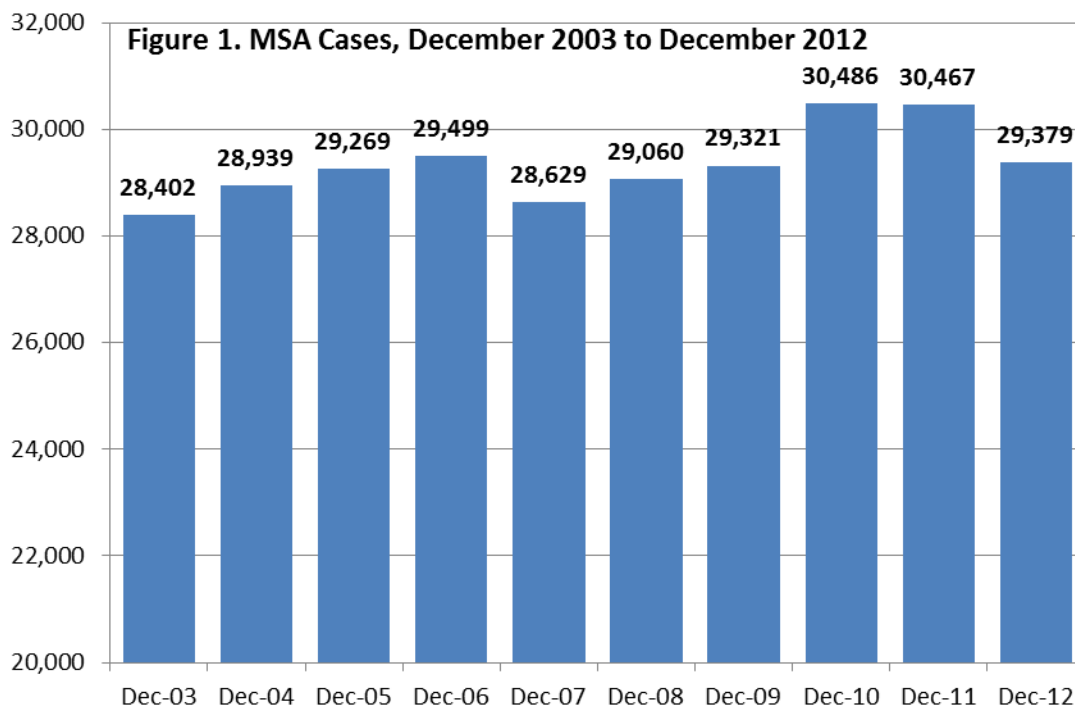
December 2012 Minnesota Supplemental Aid: Cases and Eligible People

This monograph provides a snapshot of the demographic and case characteristics of cases and eligible people receiving the Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA) program. MSA is a state funded program that provides a monthly cash supplement to people who have a disability, blindness, or are age 65 or older and are either receiving federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or would be eligible for SSI, but whose income exceeds SSI income standards but are still within MSA standards.

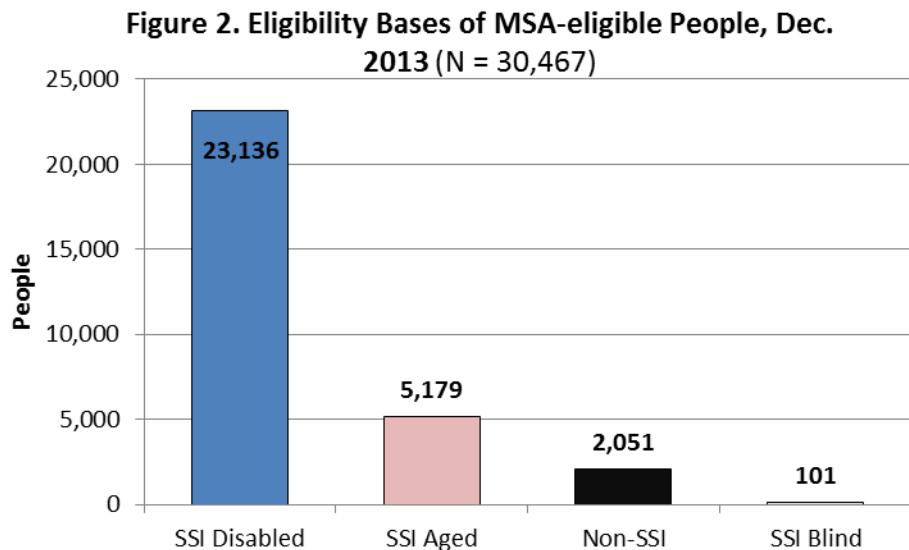
Caseload.

December Cases. In December 2012, there were 30,467 MSA-eligible people in 29,379 cases. The Social Security Administration reports that 75,672 Minnesotans aged 18 and older were receiving SSI in December 2011 which means that 40 percent of people receiving SSI were also receiving MSA. The only households with more than one eligible person are married couples who are both eligible for MSA. Other household members are not eligible for MSA.

Caseload Trends. Figure 1 shows the number of cases each December since 2003. The number of MSA cases has remained fairly stable with increases and decreases of only a few percentage points each year. After slowly increasing in recent years, most notably from 2009 to 2010, the number of cases has fallen to pre-recession levels.



Eligibility Bases. Three-quarters of MSA-eligible people were eligible in the SSI Disabled category (Figure 2), 17 percent in the SSI Aged category, and 7 percent in the Non-SSI category. Less than 1 percent was eligible under the SSI Blind category.



Participant Characteristics.

Age. Overall, 36 percent of MSA-eligible people were aged 65 or older. All of those eligible as SSI Aged were age 65 and older. People eligible for other reasons were also aged 65 or older: 22 percent of those eligible as SSI Disabled, 19 percent of those eligible as SSI Blind, and 34 percent of Non-SSI eligible people were also 65 or older. The average age was 58 years overall, but increased to 78 years in the SSI Aged group and as low as 48 years in the SSI Blind group.

Gender. More than half of each group were female. Overall, 57 percent were female with the SSI Aged having the largest proportion of women (65 percent).

Age. Except for the SSI Aged group, the majority of MSA participants have at least a high school diploma. Sixty-one percent of the SSI Disabled group, 59 percent of the SSI Blind group, and 75 percent of the Non-SSI group have at least a high school diploma. Forty-five percent of the SSI Aged group has a high school diploma.

Marital Status. Overall, 9 percent of MSA participants were married and living with their spouse. Those eligible under the SSI Aged group were most likely to be married (22 percent) while 7 percent of SSI Disabled, 8 percent of SSI Blind, and 5 percent of Non-SSI were married.

Race/Ethnicity. The majority of all participants were white (57 percent). Twenty-six percent were black, 10 percent were Asian, 4 percent were American Indian, and 3 percent were Hispanic. Those eligible as SSI Aged were more likely to be Asian (22 percent) than other groups.

Reside in Facility. Four percent of MSA participants lived in a facility for all or part of December 2012. Of those living in facilities, 60 percent were living in nursing facilities and 20 percent in intermediate care facilities.

Case Characteristics.

Grant Amount and Special Needs Grants. The average MSA grant was \$100. About one quarter of cases also receive a special needs increase to their grant which adds an average of \$85 to the grant. Special Diets are the most common reason for a grant increase – 19 percent of cases have a special diet to address medically necessary dietary needs. Five percent of cases received an additional amount to help with costs associated with a representative payee, 2 percent received Housing Assistance¹, meaning their housing costs exceeded 40 percent of income and they had applied for subsidized housing, and less than 1 percent had guardianship fees and other special expenses.

SNAP Eligibility. Nearly all cases also were eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) with an average grant amount of \$88.

Time Receiving MSA. The average length of time that cases had been eligible for MSA was 92 months (about 7.5 years). Twenty percent had received MSA for less than 3 years and 31 percent had received MSA for more than 10 years. Those eligible in the SSI Aged and SSI Blind categories had been on the longest.

Other Public Assistance Programs. Very few MSA-eligible people received assistance from other cash assistance programs in the last year, but more than a quarter had received Emergency Services or General Assistance (GA) in the last nine years. Cases in the SSI Disabled category were most likely to have been eligible for Emergency Services (34 percent) or GA (30 percent) followed by non-SSI Eligible cases of which 33 percent had used Emergency Services and 25 percent had used GA.

¹ Housing Assistance was previously called Shelter Needy.

Table 1. Demographic Characteristics of MSA-eligible People, December 2012

MSA Recipient Characteristics		TOTAL PEOPLE		SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME ELIGIBLE						NON-SSI ELIGIBLE	
		TOTAL	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT OF DISABLED	PERCENT OF AGED	PERCENT OF AGED	PERCENT OF BLIND	PERCENT OF BLIND	NON-SSI ELIGIBLE	PERCENT OF NON-SSI	
ELIGIBLE PEOPLE	Count	30,467	100.0%	23,136	75.9%	5,179	17.0%	101	0.3%	2,051	6.7%
AGE	Mean	57.7		53.3		77.8		47.9		57.9	
	Median	58		55		77		50		57	
	Minimum	16		18		65		16		20	
	Maximum	104		104		104		82		94	
FREQUENCY	Less than 20	109	0.4%	108	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%	0	0.0%
	20 - 29	2,257	7.4%	2,170	9.4%	0	0.0%	17	16.8%	70	3.4%
	30 - 39	2,276	7.5%	2,094	9.1%	0	0.0%	21	20.8%	161	7.8%
	40 - 49	3,960	13.0%	3,646	15.8%	0	0.0%	9	8.9%	305	14.9%
	50 - 59	7,660	25.1%	7,036	30.4%	0	0.0%	28	27.7%	596	29.1%
	60 - 64	3,203	10.5%	2,969	12.8%	0	0.0%	6	5.9%	228	11.1%
	65 and older	11,002	36.1%	5,113	22.1%	5,179	100.0%	19	18.8%	691	33.7%
GENDER	Female	17,377	57.0%	12,781	55.2%	3,377	65.2%	51	50.5%	1,168	56.9%
	Male	13,090	43.0%	10,355	44.8%	1,802	34.8%	50	49.5%	883	43.1%
EDUCATION LEVEL	Non/unknown	3,632	11.9%	2,239	9.7%	1,302	25.1%	11	10.9%	80	3.9%
	Grade school	1,620	5.3%	1,056	4.6%	504	9.7%	12	11.9%	48	2.3%
	Some high school	7,313	24.0%	5,836	25.2%	1,065	20.6%	18	17.8%	394	19.2%
	High school graduate	14,353	47.1%	11,350	49.1%	1,799	34.7%	45	44.6%	1,159	56.5%
	Some post-secondary	2,299	7.5%	1,854	8.0%	196	3.8%	10	9.9%	239	11.7%
	College Graduate	1,250	4.1%	801	3.5%	313	6.0%	5	5.0%	131	6.4%
	High school grad. or more	17,902	58.8%	14,005	60.5%	2,308	44.6%	60	59.4%	1,529	74.5%
MARITAL STATUS	Married, living with spouse	2,817	9.2%	1,585	6.9%	1,118	21.6%	8	7.9%	106	5.2%
	Never married	12,756	41.9%	11,185	48.3%	640	12.4%	57	56.4%	874	42.6%
	Previously married	14,894	48.9%	10,366	44.8%	3,421	66.1%	36	35.6%	1,071	52.2%
RACE/ETHNICITY	Asian	3,048	10.0%	1,870	8.1%	1,118	21.6%	11	10.9%	49	2.4%
	Black	7,877	25.9%	6,366	27.5%	1,133	21.9%	25	24.8%	353	17.2%
	Hispanic	766	2.5%	549	2.4%	171	3.3%	1	1.0%	45	2.2%
	American Indian	1,088	3.6%	957	4.1%	77	1.5%	2	2.0%	52	2.5%
	White	17,475	57.4%	13,219	57.1%	2,657	51.3%	60	59.4%	1,539	75.0%
	Multiple	121	0.4%	105	0.5%	8	0.2%	0	0.0%	8	0.4%
	Unknown	92	0.3%	70	0.3%	15	0.3%	2	2.0%	5	0.2%
CITIZENSHIP	Non-U.S.	1,740	5.7%	1,085	4.7%	613	11.8%	7	6.9%	35	1.7%
	U.S.	28,727	94.3%	22,051	95.3%	4,566	88.2%	94	93.1%	2,016	98.3%
FACILITY RESIDENT	Count	1,092	3.6%	885	3.8%	170	3.3%	11	10.9%	26	1.3%
FACILITY TYPE	Nursing	656	60.1%	479	54.1%	162	95.3%	3	27.3%	12	46.2%
PERCENT OF FACILITY RESIDENTS	Intermediate care	219	20.1%	209	23.6%	1	0.6%	8	72.7%	1	3.8%
	Group residential housing	100	9.2%	91	10.3%	6	3.5%	0	0.0%	3	11.5%
	Chemical dependency	24	2.2%	22	2.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	7.7%
	Mental health	19	1.7%	18	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.8%
	Other	74	6.8%	66	7.5%	1	0.6%	0	0.0%	7	26.9%

Table 2. Economic Characteristics of MSA Cases, December 2012

MSA Households		TOTAL CASES		SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME ELIGIBLE						NON-SSI ELIGIBLE	
		TOTAL	PERCENT OF TOTAL	DISABLED	PERCENT OF DISABLED	AGED	PERCENT OF AGED	BLIND	PERCENT OF BLIND	NON-SSI ELIGIBLE	PERCENT OF NON-SSI
CASES	Count	29,379	100.0%	22,731	77.4%	4,548	15.5%	96	0.3%	2,004	6.8%
MSA GRANT AMOUNT	Mean	\$100		\$102		\$106		\$100		\$72	
	Median	\$81		\$81		\$81		\$81		\$50	
SPECIAL NEEDS GRANTS	Mean of special need amount (all cases)	\$21		\$20		\$22		\$19		\$33	
	Mean of special need amount (receiving)	\$85		\$83		\$82		\$102		\$103	
	Total Special Needs Grants	7,390	25.2%	5,526	24.3%	1,201	26.4%	18	18.8%	645	32.2%
	Special Diets	5,647	19.2%	3,968	17.5%	1,174	25.8%	13	13.5%	492	24.6%
	Representative Payee	1,438	4.9%	1,305	5.7%	22	0.5%	4	4.2%	104	5.2%
	Housing Assistance	527	1.8%	439	1.9%	4	0.1%	2	2.1%	82	4.1%
	Guardianship Fees	32	0.1%	26	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%
	Restaurant Meals	14	0.0%	10	0.0%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
	Other Special Expenses	36	0.1%	26	0.1%	7	0.2%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%
SNAP	Mean of cases receiving	\$88		\$88		\$84		\$88		\$93	
	Count of cases receiving	26,743	91.0%	20,651	90.8%	4,114	90.5%	75	78.1%	1,903	95.0%
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE		29,213	99.4%	22,610	99.5%	4,523	99.5%	96	100.0%	1,984	99.0%
MSA USAGE	Mean months	91.5		88.7		103.3		126.11		95.3	
CUMULATIVE MONTHS	Median months	73		69		89		119		73	
1992 to 2012	1 to 2 years	5,911	20.1%	4,882	21.5%	640	14.1%	6	6.3%	383	19.1%
	3 to 4 years	4,791	16.3%	3,854	17.0%	604	13.3%	10	10.4%	323	16.1%
	5 to 6 years	3,916	13.3%	2,967	13.1%	689	15.1%	14	14.6%	246	12.3%
	7 to 8 years	3,135	10.7%	2,386	10.5%	521	11.5%	8	8.3%	220	11.0%
	9 to 10 years	2,461	8.4%	1,854	8.2%	425	9.3%	12	12.5%	170	8.5%
	11 to 12 years	2,102	7.2%	1,591	7.0%	364	8.0%	5	5.2%	142	7.1%
	13 to 14 years	1,767	6.0%	1,331	5.9%	308	6.8%	11	11.5%	117	5.8%
	15 to 16 years	1,536	5.2%	1,139	5.0%	270	5.9%	9	9.4%	118	5.9%
	17 or more years	3,760	12.8%	2,727	12.0%	727	16.0%	21	21.9%	285	14.2%
OTHER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	Emergency Services	1,623	5.5%	1,458	6.4%	36	0.8%	2	2.1%	127	6.3%
IN MINNESOTA: 2012	General Assistance	1,045	3.6%	947	4.2%	56	1.2%	0	0.0%	42	2.1%
	Group Residential Housing	1,059	3.6%	984	4.3%	10	0.2%	3	3.1%	62	3.1%
	MN Family Investment Program	325	1.1%	311	1.4%	13	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
	Refugee Cash Assistance	15	0.1%	11	0.0%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	Emergency Services	8,707	29.6%	7,704	33.9%	327	7.2%	18	18.8%	658	32.8%
IN MINNESOTA: 2004 TO 2012	General Assistance	8,023	27.3%	6,814	30.0%	697	15.3%	6	6.3%	506	25.2%
	Group Residential Housing	4,934	16.8%	4,497	19.8%	74	1.6%	7	7.3%	356	17.8%
	MN Family Investment Program	2,769	9.4%	2,501	11.0%	166	3.6%	4	4.2%	98	4.9%
	Refugee Cash Assistance	822	2.8%	489	2.2%	330	7.3%	1	1.0%	2	0.1%
UNEARNED INCOME	SSI	21,052	71.7%	17,388	76.5%	3,561	78.3%	79	82.3%	24	1.2%
	RSDI	10,425	35.5%	7,079	31.1%	1,494	32.8%	26	27.1%	1,826	91.1%
	Both SSI and RSDI	7,742	26.4%	6,337	27.9%	1,363	30.0%	23	24.0%	19	0.9%
	Veterans benefits	99	0.3%	52	0.2%	33	0.7%	1	1.0%	13	0.6%
	Retirement income	76	0.3%	30	0.1%	29	0.6%	0	0.0%	17	0.8%
	Spousal or child support	58	0.2%	49	0.2%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	0.4%
	Other	62	0.2%	44	0.2%	12	0.3%	0	0.0%	6	0.3%

Table 3. December 2012 MSA Cases by County

County	TOTAL CASES		SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME ELIGIBLE					NON-SSI ELIGIBLE		
	TOTAL	PERCENT OF TOTAL	DISABLED	PERCENT OF	PERCENT OF	BLIND	PERCENT OF	NON-SSI ELIGIBLE	PERCENT OF	
				COUNTY	COUNTY		COUNTY		COUNTY	
	29,379	100.0%	22,731	77.4%	4,548	15.5%	96	0.3%	2,004	6.8%
AITKIN	90	0.3%	67	74.4%	13	14.4%	0	0.0%	10	11.1%
ANOKA	975	3.3%	758	77.7%	119	12.2%	4	0.4%	94	9.6%
BECKER	196	0.7%	149	76.0%	27	13.8%	0	0.0%	20	10.2%
BELTRAMI	298	1.0%	259	86.9%	23	7.7%	2	0.7%	14	4.7%
BENTON	176	0.6%	143	81.3%	9	5.1%	1	0.6%	23	13.1%
BIG STONE	24	0.1%	17	70.8%	6	25.0%	0	0.0%	1	4.2%
BLUE EARTH	293	1.0%	239	81.6%	24	8.2%	2	0.7%	28	9.6%
BROWN	88	0.3%	55	62.5%	19	21.6%	0	0.0%	14	15.9%
CARLTON	168	0.6%	139	82.7%	17	10.1%	0	0.0%	12	7.1%
CARVER	143	0.5%	113	79.0%	14	9.8%	0	0.0%	16	11.2%
CASS	161	0.5%	126	78.3%	25	15.5%	1	0.6%	9	5.6%
CHIPPEWA	38	0.1%	30	78.9%	7	18.4%	1	2.6%	0	0.0%
CHISAGO	117	0.4%	95	81.2%	11	9.4%	1	0.9%	10	8.5%
CLAY	347	1.2%	272	78.4%	40	11.5%	0	0.0%	35	10.1%
CLEARWATER	70	0.2%	47	67.1%	19	27.1%	0	0.0%	4	5.7%
COOK	27	0.1%	26	96.3%	1	3.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COTTONWOOD	57	0.2%	50	87.7%	3	5.3%	1	1.8%	3	5.3%
CROW WING	376	1.3%	308	81.9%	31	8.2%	1	0.3%	36	9.6%
DAKOTA	1,169	4.0%	856	73.2%	200	17.1%	6	0.5%	107	9.2%
DODGE	48	0.2%	31	64.6%	11	22.9%	0	0.0%	6	12.5%
DOUGLAS	159	0.5%	119	74.8%	24	15.1%	1	0.6%	15	9.4%
FARIBAULT	64	0.2%	45	70.3%	9	14.1%	0	0.0%	10	15.6%
FILLMORE	74	0.3%	52	70.3%	18	24.3%	1	1.4%	3	4.1%
FREEBORN	125	0.4%	101	80.8%	16	12.8%	0	0.0%	8	6.4%
GOODHUE	107	0.4%	89	83.2%	13	12.1%	0	0.0%	5	4.7%
GRANT	14	0.0%	13	92.9%	1	7.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
HENNEPIN	9,955	33.9%	7,232	72.6%	2,177	21.9%	27	0.3%	519	5.2%
HOUSTON	68	0.2%	38	55.9%	18	26.5%	1	1.5%	11	16.2%
HUBBARD	104	0.4%	80	76.9%	15	14.4%	0	0.0%	9	8.7%
ISANTI	82	0.3%	72	87.8%	5	6.1%	0	0.0%	5	6.1%

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	29,379	100.0%	22,731	77.4%	4,548	15.5%	96	0.3%	2,004	6.8%
KOOCHICHING	120	0.4%	98	81.7%	12	10.0%	0	0.0%	10	8.3%
LAC QUI PARLE	24	0.1%	18	75.0%	5	20.8%	0	0.0%	1	4.2%
LAKE	38	0.1%	35	92.1%	2	5.3%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%
LAKE OF THE WOODS	17	0.1%	14	82.4%	3	17.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LE SEUER	48	0.2%	31	64.6%	13	27.1%	0	0.0%	4	8.3%
LINCOLN	25	0.1%	21	84.0%	4	16.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LYON	121	0.4%	99	81.8%	16	13.2%	0	0.0%	6	5.0%
MCLEOD	117	0.4%	94	80.3%	11	9.4%	0	0.0%	12	10.3%
MAHNOMEN	69	0.2%	50	72.5%	10	14.5%	0	0.0%	9	13.0%
MARSHALL	45	0.2%	24	53.3%	19	42.2%	0	0.0%	2	4.4%
MARTIN	112	0.4%	89	79.5%	13	11.6%	1	0.9%	9	8.0%
MEEKER	74	0.3%	57	77.0%	8	10.8%	0	0.0%	9	12.2%
MILLE LACS	92	0.3%	80	87.0%	8	8.7%	1	1.1%	3	3.3%
MORRISON	147	0.5%	106	72.1%	27	18.4%	1	0.7%	13	8.8%
MOWER	202	0.7%	164	81.2%	25	12.4%	1	0.5%	12	5.9%
MURRAY	32	0.1%	27	84.4%	3	9.4%	0	0.0%	2	6.3%
NICOLLET	86	0.3%	59	68.6%	12	14.0%	1	1.2%	14	16.3%
NOBLES	60	0.2%	49	81.7%	9	15.0%	0	0.0%	2	3.3%
NORMAN	42	0.1%	28	66.7%	12	28.6%	0	0.0%	2	4.8%
OLMSTED	623	2.1%	482	77.4%	93	14.9%	1	0.2%	47	7.5%
OTTER TAIL	307	1.0%	221	72.0%	49	16.0%	1	0.3%	36	11.7%
PENNINGTON	77	0.3%	54	70.1%	19	24.7%	0	0.0%	4	5.2%
PINE	123	0.4%	95	77.2%	18	14.6%	0	0.0%	10	8.1%
PIPESTONE	48	0.2%	34	70.8%	8	16.7%	0	0.0%	6	12.5%
POLK	226	0.8%	192	85.0%	14	6.2%	0	0.0%	20	8.8%
POPE	45	0.2%	36	80.0%	5	11.1%	0	0.0%	4	8.9%
RAMSEY	5,434	18.5%	4,449	81.9%	677	12.5%	23	0.4%	285	5.2%
RED LAKE	17	0.1%	14	82.4%	2	11.8%	0	0.0%	1	5.9%
REDWOOD	63	0.2%	48	76.2%	9	14.3%	0	0.0%	6	9.5%
RENVILLE	45	0.2%	36	80.0%	3	6.7%	1	2.2%	5	11.1%

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	29,379	100.0%	22,731	77.4%	4,548	15.5%	96	0.3%	2,004	6.8%
RICE	120	0.4%	93	77.5%	17	14.2%	0	0.0%	10	8.3%
ROCK	38	0.1%	23	60.5%	7	18.4%	0	0.0%	8	21.1%
ROSEAU	43	0.1%	40	93.0%	3	7.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ST LOUIS	1,981	6.7%	1,755	88.6%	83	4.2%	9	0.5%	134	6.8%
SCOTT	282	1.0%	174	61.7%	78	27.7%	0	0.0%	30	10.6%
SHERBURNE	136	0.5%	101	74.3%	14	10.3%	0	0.0%	21	15.4%
SIBLEY	22	0.1%	19	86.4%	1	4.5%	0	0.0%	2	9.1%
STEARNS	492	1.7%	390	79.3%	52	10.6%	2	0.4%	48	9.8%
STEELE	134	0.5%	107	79.9%	15	11.2%	1	0.7%	11	8.2%
STEVENS	31	0.1%	24	77.4%	5	16.1%	0	0.0%	2	6.5%
SWIFT	46	0.2%	26	56.5%	16	34.8%	0	0.0%	4	8.7%
TODD	159	0.5%	118	74.2%	30	18.9%	1	0.6%	10	6.3%
TRAVERSE	14	0.0%	11	78.6%	3	21.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WABASHA	56	0.2%	39	69.6%	13	23.2%	0	0.0%	4	7.1%
WADENA	128	0.4%	103	80.5%	13	10.2%	1	0.8%	11	8.6%
WASECA	55	0.2%	47	85.5%	7	12.7%	0	0.0%	1	1.8%
WASHINGTON	451	1.5%	356	78.9%	45	10.0%	0	0.0%	50	11.1%
WATONWAN	33	0.1%	24	72.7%	6	18.2%	0	0.0%	3	9.1%
WILKIN	37	0.1%	25	67.6%	9	24.3%	0	0.0%	3	8.1%
WINONA	209	0.7%	170	81.3%	20	9.6%	0	0.0%	19	9.1%
WRIGHT	179	0.6%	144	80.4%	17	9.5%	0	0.0%	18	10.1%
YELLOW MEDICINE	40	0.1%	31	77.5%	8	20.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.5%

Notes and Definitions

Table 1. Some demographic data are not routinely updated after the initial application. Changes in marital status, citizenship, and education level may be underreported.

A person was determined to reside in a facility when an active STAT FOCI panel in MAXIS, the state's administrative database, showed an entry date on or before December 31, 2012, and an exit date that was blank or greater than a December entry date. People who spent part of, but not all of December in a facility were considered facility residents.

Table 2. In 2011, DHS redesigned the database that stores MSA information. In previous reports special needs grants were determined by a grant amount above the standard amount for cases receiving Housing Assistance and through various MAXIS panels for other special needs grants. The new database stores this information in the same place where grant amounts and eligibility are determined which allows for more accurate reporting of these grants, including the amount of the special needs grant.

Previous to the database changes, MSA-eligible spouses were on two different cases. For this report those spouse cases were combined into a single household and reported as one. The new database combines these households. There should be no effect on the data due to these changes.

Housing Assistance was previously called Shelter Needy.

Eligibility for other food and cash assistance programs was determined by case number. If a member of the case had previously received assistance under a different case number it was not included in the table.

Unearned income was verified, retrospective income reported to the state except in cases where there was only prospective income was reported.

Table 3. The county was the county that processed the eligibility version in effect for December.

Data source: DHS MAXIS Data Warehouse, February and April 2013 downloads

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