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Abbreviations and eligibility types

Programs

MSA	Minnesota Supplemental Aid
SSI	Supplemental Security Income

Eligibility types for Minnesota Supplemental Aid

Aged	Receives SSI and age 65 or older
Blind	Receives SSI and blind
Disabled	Receives SSI and has a disability listed in the program eligibility criteria
Other	Not receiving SSI but still meets the program eligibility criteria

Introduction

Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA) is a state funded program that provides cash assistance to help adults who get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) pay for their basic personal, home, and transportation needs. To be eligible, people must meet the following requirements:

- Age 18 or older
- Receiving Supplemental Security Income, or eligible to receive it, except their income is too high. If income is too high, people may qualify if they meet one of the following criteria:
 - Age 65 or older
 - Blind
 - Have a disability under SSI criteria.
- People receiving SSI must meet the federal asset limit of \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple. Those not receiving SSI must have countable assets of less than \$10,000. Prior to June 1, 2016 the asset limit for those not receiving SSI was \$1,000.
- As of October 2015, the program allows two earned income disregards for those on MSA but not receiving SSI due to excess income, including:
 - The first \$65 of earned income, and then half of any remaining earned income.

Key findings

Between 2015 and 2016, the number of cases increased by 0.6 percent. Over 70 percent of people were aged 50 or older. More than half of the people were white. The average length of time that households had been enrolled was 102 months (about 8 years). In 2016 very few enrollees received assistance from other cash assistance programs.

Households

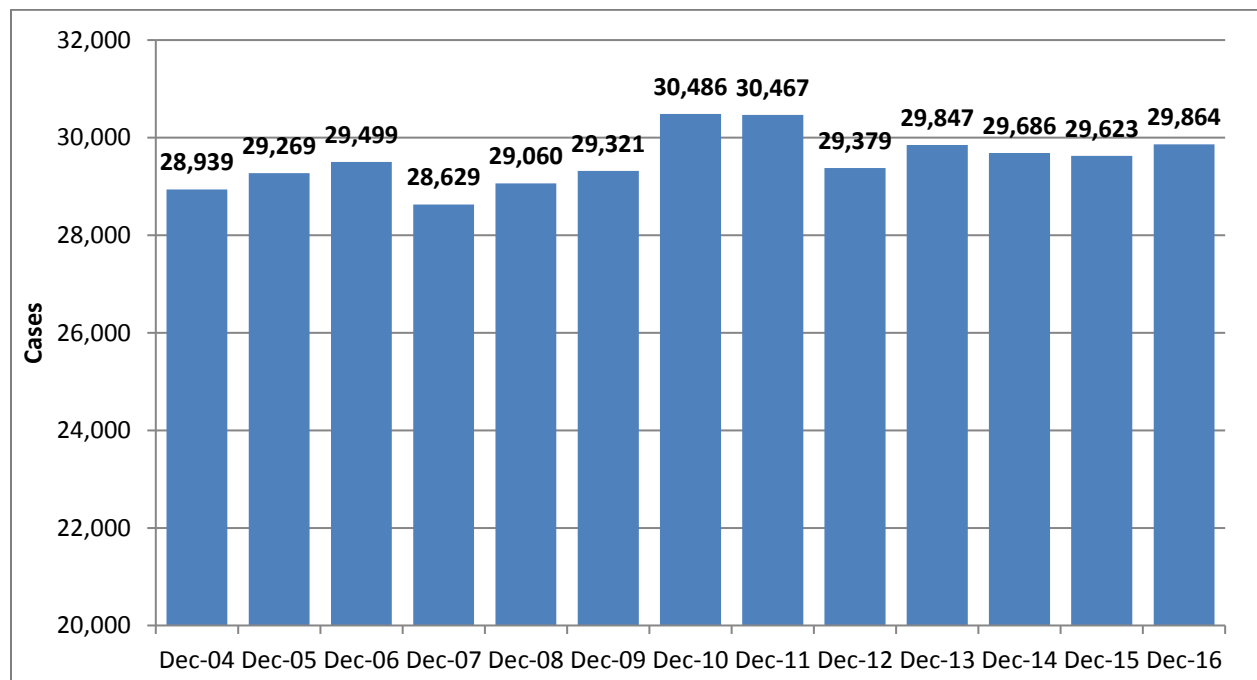
December households

In December 2016, there were 31,001 MSA enrollees in 29,864 households. In the 2016 report, the term “enrollees” refers to people who applied, were approved, and are currently enrolled in the program. A “household” refers to either a person living alone or a group of people living together. For context, the Social Security Administration reported that 80,560 Minnesotans aged 18 and older were receiving SSI in December 2015. [[SSI Recipients by State and County, 2015](#), Social Security Administration]

Household trends

The number of households remained fairly stable. Between 2015 and 2016, the number of households increased by 0.8 percent. [Figure 1, Data Table 2 on page 12]

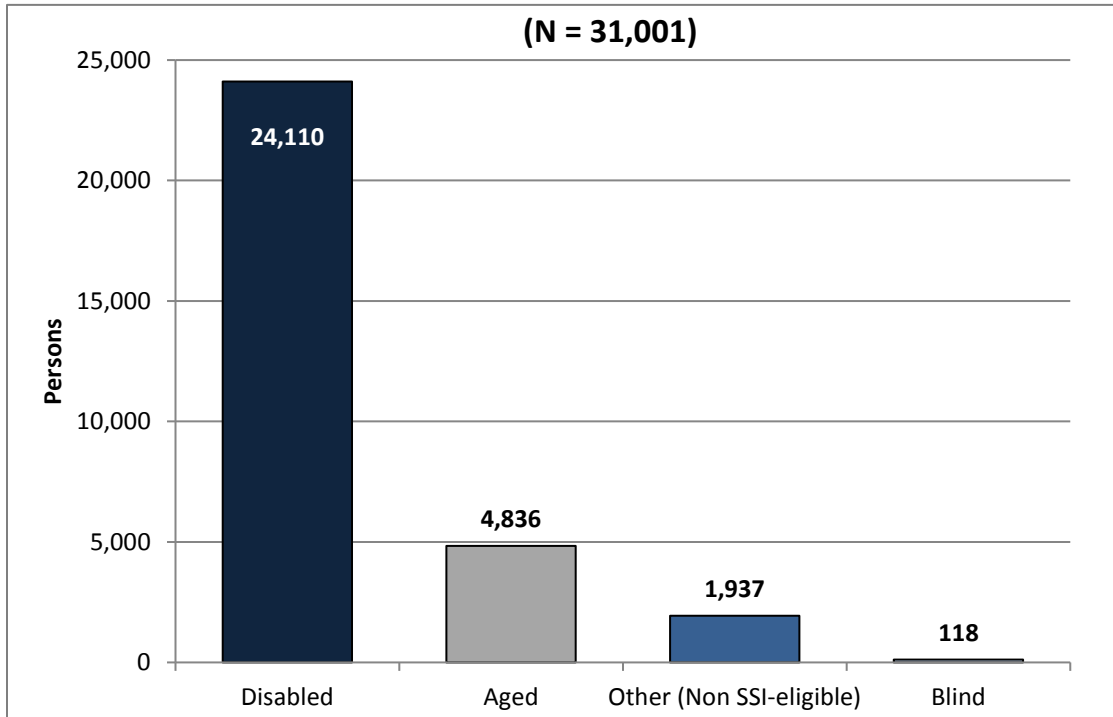
Figure 1. Households, December 2004 to December 2016



Bases of eligibility

The majority of participants were eligible in the Disabled category (78 percent), 16 percent in the Aged category, and 6 percent in the Other category. Less than 1 percent were eligible under the Blind category. [Figure 2, Data Table 1 on page 11] The categories do not overlap.

Figure 2. Persons, Bases of Eligibility

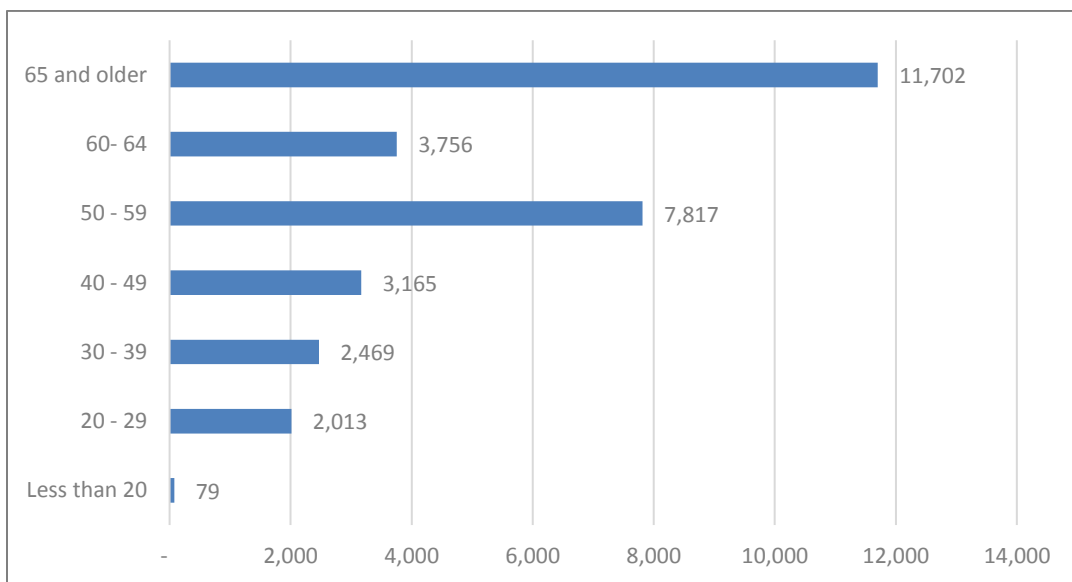


Enrollee Characteristics

Age

While 38 percent of enrollees were aged 65 or older, only 16 percent of enrollees were in the Aged eligibility type. Within the other eligibility types, people aged 65 or older made up 26 percent of the Disabled group, 19 percent of the Blind group, and 35 percent of the Other group. The average age was 59 years overall. The average age ranged from 51-years-old in the Blind group to 79-years-old for the Aged group. [Data Table 1 on page 11]

Figure 3. Age



Gender

More than half of each eligibility group were female. Overall, 57 percent were female. The Aged group had the largest proportion of women (66 percent). [Data Table 1 on page 11]

Education

The majority of enrollees had at least a high school diploma, including 62 percent of the Disabled group, 64 percent of the Blind group, 77 percent of the Other group, and 46 percent of the Aged group. [Data Table 1 on page 11]

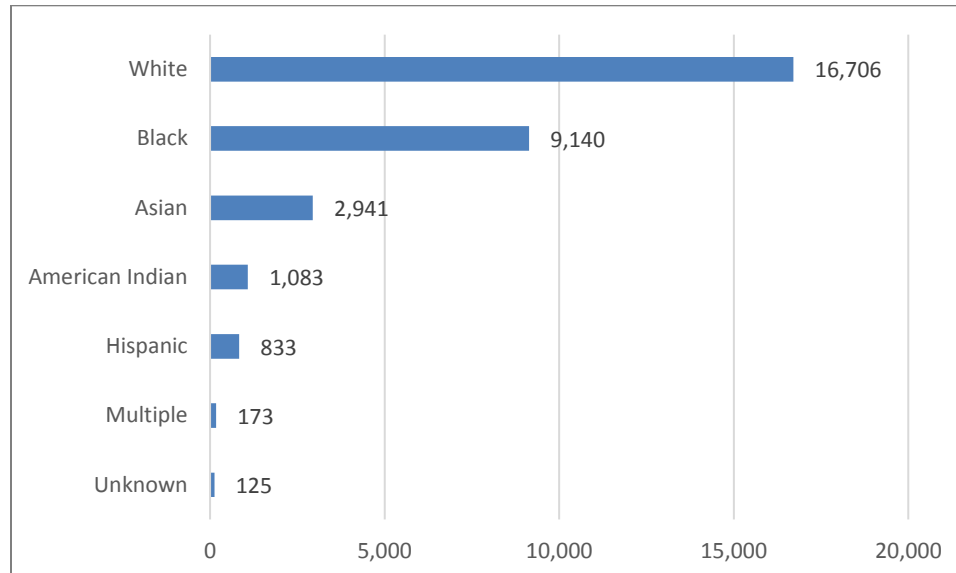
Marital status

Overall, 8 percent of participants were married and living with their spouse. Those eligible under the Aged group were most likely to be married (21 percent), while 6 percent of Disabled, 7 percent of Blind, and 5 percent of Other enrollees were married. [Data Table 1 on page 11]

Race and ethnicity

More than half of enrollees were white (54 percent); 30 percent were black, 10 percent were Asian, 4 percent were American Indian, and 3 percent were Hispanic. [Figure 4, Date Table 1 on page 11] Those eligible as Aged were more likely to be Asian (23 percent) than other eligibility groups. [Data Table 1 on page 11]

Figure 4. Race



Reside in facility

In December 2016, 4 percent of enrollees lived in a facility. Of those living in facilities, 57 percent were living in nursing facilities and 15 percent in intermediate care facilities. [Data Table 1 on page 11]

Household Characteristics

Grant amount and Special Needs grants

The average grant amount was \$107. About one quarter of households also receive a special needs increase to their grant, which adds an average of \$94 to the grant. Special diets are the most common reason for a grant increase; 21 percent of households have a special diet to address medically necessary dietary needs. Five percent of households received an additional amount to help with costs associated with a representative payee. Less than 1 percent had guardianship fees and other special expenses. [Data Table 2 on page 12]

Housing assistance

In addition to above special needs grants, three percent of enrollees received housing assistance. Enrollees who meet specific eligibility criteria are eligible for housing assistance if their housing costs exceeded 40 percent of income and they had applied for subsidized housing. The 844 enrollees receiving housing assistance in December 2016 represents an increase of 53 people from the prior year.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility

Nearly all households were also enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, with an average grant amount of \$96. [Data Table 2 on page 12]

Time receiving Minnesota Supplemental Aid

The average length of time that households had been enrolled was 102 months (about 8 years); 25 percent received assistance for less than three years, and 31 percent for more than 10 years. Those eligible in the Aged and Blind categories had, on average, received benefits the longest. [Data Table 2 on page 12]

Other public assistance programs

In 2016, nearly all households were enrolled in Medical Assistance (Medicaid) or were covered by another state health insurance program, while very few received assistance from other cash assistance programs. However, more than a quarter had received Emergency Services or General Assistance in the last 10 years. Households in the Disabled category were most likely to have used Emergency Services (31 percent) or General Assistance (28 percent), followed by Other households of which 29 percent used Emergency Services and 21 percent used General Assistance. [Data Table 2 on page 12]

Data Tables

Table 1. Demographic characteristics, December 2016

Minnesota Supplemental Aid recipient characteristics		Total enrollees		All Minnesota Supplemental Aid							
				Supplemental Security Income (SSI) enrolled				Non-SSI enrolled			
		Count	Percent of total	Disabled	Percent	Aged	Percent	Blind	Percent	Other	Percent
Enrollees	Count	31,001	100.0%	24,110	77.8%	4,836	15.6%	118	0.4%	1,937	6.2%
Age	Mean	59.3		55.4		79.1		50.9		59.8	
	Median	60		57		78		52		60	
	Minimum	18		18		65		22		20	
	Maximum	110		107		107		86		110	
	Less than 20	79	0.3%	79	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	20 - 29	2,013	6.5%	1,952	8.1%	0	0.0%	15	12.7%	46	2.4%
	30 - 39	2,469	8.0%	2,306	9.6%	0	0.0%	22	18.6%	141	7.3%
	40 - 49	3,165	10.2%	2,912	12.1%	0	0.0%	17	14.4%	236	12.2%
	50 - 59	7,817	25.2%	7,244	30.0%	0	0.0%	26	22.0%	547	28.2%
	60 - 64	3,756	12.1%	3,448	14.3%	0	0.0%	16	13.6%	292	15.1%
	65 and older	11,702	37.7%	6,169	25.6%	4,836	100.0%	22	18.6%	675	34.8%
Gender	Female	17,651	56.9%	13,263	55.0%	3,205	66.3%	62	52.5%	1,121	57.9%
	Male	13,350	43.1%	10,847	45.0%	1,631	33.7%	56	47.5%	816	42.1%
Education	None/unknown	3,698	11.9%	2,331	9.7%	1,286	26.6%	18	15.3%	63	3.3%
	Grade school	1,568	5.1%	1,047	4.3%	471	9.7%	11	9.3%	39	2.0%
	Some high school	7,046	22.7%	5,803	24.1%	876	18.1%	14	11.9%	353	18.2%
	High school graduate	15,004	48.4%	12,116	50.3%	1,729	35.8%	58	49.2%	1,101	56.8%
	Some post-secondary	2,477	8.0%	2,011	8.3%	192	4.0%	12	10.2%	262	13.5%
	College graduate	581	1.9%	395	1.6%	125	2.6%	4	3.4%	57	2.9%
	Graduate degree	627	2.0%	407	1.7%	157	3.2%	1	0.8%	62	3.2%
	High school graduate or higher	18,689	60.3%	14,929	61.9%	2,203	45.6%	75	63.6%	1,482	76.5%
Marital status	Married, living with spouse	2,562	8.3%	1,432	5.9%	1,029	21.3%	8	6.8%	93	4.8%
	Never married	13,769	44.4%	12,195	50.6%	673	13.9%	65	55.1%	836	43.2%
	Previously married	14,671	47.3%	10,484	43.5%	3,134	64.8%	45	38.1%	1,008	52.0%
Race/ethnicity	Asian	2,941	9.5%	1,773	7.4%	1,099	22.7%	15	12.7%	54	2.8%
	Black	9,140	29.5%	7,417	30.8%	1,318	27.3%	33	28.0%	372	19.2%
	Hispanic	833	2.7%	602	2.5%	179	3.7%	2	1.7%	50	2.6%
	American Indian	1,083	3.5%	976	4.0%	55	1.1%	5	4.2%	47	2.4%
	White	16,706	53.9%	13,091	54.3%	2,164	44.7%	58	49.2%	1,393	71.9%
	Multiple	173	0.6%	153	0.6%	5	0.1%	2	1.7%	13	0.7%
	Unknown	125	0.4%	98	0.4%	16	0.3%	3	2.5%	8	0.4%
	Non-U.S.	1,164	3.8%	763	3.2%	364	7.5%	7	5.9%	30	1.5%
	U.S.	29,837	96.2%	23,347	96.8%	4,472	92.5%	111	94.1%	1,907	98.5%
	Count	1,171	3.8%	953	4.0%	171	3.5%	7	5.9%	40	2.1%
	Nursing	664	56.7%	486	51.0%	156	91.2%	1	14.3%	21	52.5%
	Intermediate care	172	14.7%	164	17.2%	0	0.0%	6	85.7%	2	5.0%
	Group Residential Housing	180	15.4%	159	16.7%	12	7.0%	0	0.0%	9	22.5%
	Chemical dependency	31	2.6%	31	3.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	Mental health	11	0.9%	11	1.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	Other	114	9.7%	103	10.8%	3	1.8%	0	0.0%	8	20.0%

Table 2. Economic characteristics of households, December 2016

Minnesota Supplemental Aid recipient characteristics		Total households		All Minnesota Supplemental Aid							
				Supplemental Security Income (SSI) enrolled						Non-SSI enrolled	
		Count	Percent of total	Disabled	Percent	Aged	Percent	Blind	Percent	Other	Percent
Households	Count	29,864	100.0%	23,518	78.8%	4,327	14.5%	117	0.4%	1,902	6.4%
Grant amount	Mean	\$107		\$107		\$111		\$105		\$85	
	Median	\$81		\$81		\$81		\$81		\$56	
	Mean of special need amount (all households)	\$26		\$25		\$25		\$20		\$44	
	Mean of special need amount (receiving)	\$94		\$93		\$88		\$109		\$113	
	Total Special Needs Grants	8,246	27.6%	6,269	26.7%	1,221	28.2%	22	28.2%	734	38.6%
	Special Diets	6,360	21.3%	4,600	19.6%	1,200	27.7%	14	12.0%	546	28.7%
	Representative Payee	1,442	4.8%	1,282	5.5%	16	0.4%	8	6.8%	136	7.2%
	Housing Assistance	844	2.8%	714	3.0%	3	0.1%	5	4.3%	122	6.4%
	Guardianship Fees	29	0.1%	23	0.1%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
	Restaurant Meals	6	0.0%	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	Other Special Expense	13	0.0%	12	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
SNAP	Mean of households receiving	\$96		\$95		\$96		\$104		\$100	
	Count of households receiving	27,328	91.5%	21,425	91.1%	3,994	92.3%	101	86.3%	1,808	95.1%
Medical Assistance		29,520	98.8%	23,229	98.8%	4,296	99.3%	116	99.1%	1,879	98.8%
Any state medical insurance		29,575	99.0%	23,276	99.0%	4,303	99.4%	116	99.1%	1,880	98.8%
Program usage	Mean months	101.5		99.2		113.7		112.9		102.0	
	Median months	82		78		102		91		78	
1992 - 2015	One - two years	7,550	25.3%	6,096	25.9%	908	21.0%	30	25.6%	516	27.1%
	Three - four years	4,108	13.8%	3,405	14.5%	444	10.3%	14	12.0%	245	12.9%
	Five - six years	3,545	11.9%	2,834	12.1%	462	10.7%	11	9.4%	238	12.5%
	Seven - eight years	2,985	10.0%	2,355	10.0%	457	10.6%	14	12.0%	159	8.4%
	Nine - ten years	2,477	8.3%	1,870	8.0%	355	10.5%	8	6.8%	144	7.6%
	11 - 12 years	2,019	6.8%	1,543	6.6%	455	8.2%	2	1.7%	119	6.3%
	13 - 14 years	1,611	5.4%	1,208	5.1%	289	6.7%	6	5.1%	108	5.7%
	15 - 16 years	1,390	4.7%	1,048	4.5%	247	5.7%	7	6.0%	88	4.6%
	17 years or more	4,179	14.0%	3,159	13.4%	710	16.4%	25	21.4%	285	15.0%
Other public assistance	Emergency Services	1,484	5.0%	1,331	5.7%	35	0.8%	6	5.1%	112	5.9%
in Minnesota 2016	General Assistance	838	2.8%	748	3.2%	61	1.4%	4	3.4%	25	1.3%
	Group Residential Housing	1,138	3.8%	1,047	4.5%	17	0.4%	3	2.6%	71	3.7%
	MN Family Investment Program	308	1.0%	288	1.2%	13	0.3%	5	4.3%	2	0.1%
	Refugee Cash Assistance	17	0.1%	9	0.0%	8	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other public assistance	Emergency Services	7,783	26.1%	6,966	29.6%	252	5.8%	19	16.2%	546	28.7%
in Minnesota 2009 - 2016	General Assistance	7,546	25.3%	6,509	27.7%	637	14.7%	8	6.8%	392	20.6%
	Group Residential Housing	5,042	16.9%	4,632	19.7%	64	1.5%	10	8.5%	336	17.7%
	MN Family Investment Program	2,331	7.8%	2,120	9.0%	125	2.9%	10	8.5%	76	4.0%
	Refugee Cash Assistance	321	1.1%	231	1.0%	89	2.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Unearned income	SSI	27,574	92.3%	23,147	98.4%	4,295	99.3%	115	98.3%	17	0.9%
	RSDI	11,826	39.6%	8,434	35.9%	1,471	34.0%	42	35.9%	1,879	98.8%
	Both SSI and RSDI	9,622	32.2%	8,126	34.6%	1,446	33.4%	41	35.0%	9	0.5%
	Veterans benefits	145	0.5%	102	0.4%	28	0.6%	0	0.0%	15	0.8%
	Retirement income	104	0.3%	37	0.2%	42	1.0%	1	0.9%	24	1.3%
	Spousal or child support	62	0.2%	56	0.2%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.3%
	Other	142	0.5%	112	0.5%	11	0.3%	0	0.0%	19	1.0%

Table 3. Households by county or consortium, December 2016

Servicing agency	Total households		All Minnesota Supplemental Aid							
			Supplemental Security Income (SSI) enrolled					Non-SSI enrolled		
	Total	Percent of total	Disabled	Percent of servicing agency households	Aged	Percent of servicing agency households	Blind	Percent of servicing agency households	Other	Percent of servicing agency households
	29,864	100.0%	23,518	78.8%	4,327	14.5%	117	0.4%	1,902	6.4%
Aitkin	73	0.2%	57	78.1%	8	11.0%	0	0.0%	8	11.0%
Anoka	1,055	3.5%	813	77.1%	143	13.6%	3	0.3%	96	9.1%
Becker	137	0.5%	104	75.9%	22	21.2%	0	0.0%	11	8.0%
Beltrami	297	1.0%	265	89.2%	14	5.3%	0	0.0%	18	6.1%
Benton	194	0.6%	173	89.2%	5	2.9%	1	20.0%	15	7.7%
Big Stone	21	0.1%	14	66.7%	7	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Blue Earth	277	0.9%	229	82.7%	18	6.5%	3	1.1%	27	9.7%
Brown	91	0.3%	67	73.6%	10	11.0%	0	0.0%	14	15.4%
Carlton	167	0.6%	132	79.0%	9	5.4%	1	0.6%	25	15.0%
Carver	183	0.6%	143	78.1%	23	12.6%	1	0.5%	16	8.7%
Cass	184	0.6%	157	85.3%	18	9.8%	0	0.0%	9	4.9%
Chippewa	40	0.1%	32	80.0%	5	12.5%	3	7.5%	0	0.0%
Chisago	111	0.4%	97	87.4%	6	5.4%	1	0.9%	7	6.3%
Clay	344	1.2%	271	78.8%	52	15.1%	0	0.0%	21	6.1%
Clearwater	37	0.1%	30	81.1%	7	18.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Cook	14	0.0%	13	92.9%	1	7.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Crow Wing	323	1.1%	266	82.4%	24	7.4%	2	0.6%	31	9.6%
Dakota	1,302	4.4%	990	76.0%	201	15.4%	7	0.5%	104	8.0%
Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services	92	0.3%	74	80.4%	12	13.0%	1	1.1%	5	5.4%
Douglas	144	0.5%	119	82.6%	13	9.0%	1	0.7%	11	7.6%
Faribault / Martin	200	0.7%	163	81.5%	20	10.0%	0	0.0%	17	8.5%
Fillmore	67	0.2%	47	70.1%	10	14.9%	0	0.0%	10	14.9%
Freeborn	132	0.4%	113	85.6%	10	7.6%	0	0.0%	9	6.8%
Goodhue	99	0.3%	87	87.9%	10	10.1%	0	0.0%	2	2.0%
Grant	15	0.1%	14	93.3%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hennepin	10,184	34.1%	7,490	73.5%	2,156	21.2%	32	0.3%	506	5.0%
Houston	59	0.2%	42	71.2%	13	22.0%	0	0.0%	4	6.8%
Hubbard	120	0.4%	93	77.5%	17	14.2%	0	0.0%	10	8.3%
Isanti	101	0.3%	86	85.1%	7	6.9%	0	0.0%	8	7.9%

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Itasca	323	1.1%	259	80.2%	33	10.2%	2	0.6%	29	9.0%
Kanabec	75	0.3%	66	88.0%	4	5.3%	0	0.0%	5	6.7%
Kandiyohi	154	0.5%	130	84.4%	14	10.8%	0	0.0%	10	6.5%
Kittson	16	0.1%	14	87.5%	2	14.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Koochiching	112	0.4%	94	83.9%	10	10.6%	1	10.0%	7	6.3%
Lac qui Parle	23	0.1%	16	69.6%	7	30.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Lake	44	0.1%	39	88.6%	3	6.8%	0	0.0%	2	4.5%
Lake of the Woods	12	0.0%	12	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Le Seuer	65	0.2%	44	67.7%	11	16.9%	0	0.0%	10	15.4%
McLeod	98	0.3%	81	82.7%	7	7.1%	0	0.0%	10	10.2%
Mahnomen	24	0.1%	14	58.3%	6	25.0%	0	0.0%	4	16.7%
Marshall	43	0.1%	27	62.8%	11	25.6%	0	0.0%	5	11.6%
Meeker	67	0.2%	49	73.1%	8	11.9%	0	0.0%	10	14.9%
Mille Lacs	91	0.3%	74	81.3%	10	11.0%	2	2.2%	5	5.5%
Minnesota Prairie County Alliance	258	0.9%	215	83.3%	24	9.3%	2	0.8%	17	6.6%
Morrison	151	0.5%	121	80.1%	22	14.6%	0	0.0%	8	5.3%
Mower	207	0.7%	172	83.1%	14	6.8%	3	1.4%	18	8.7%
Nicollet	74	0.2%	59	79.7%	5	6.8%	1	1.4%	9	12.2%
Nobles	68	0.2%	57	83.8%	7	10.3%	0	0.0%	4	5.9%
Norman	41	0.1%	32	78.0%	5	12.2%	0	0.0%	4	9.8%
Olmsted	652	2.2%	496	76.1%	108	16.6%	4	0.6%	44	6.7%
Otter Tail	288	1.0%	227	78.8%	37	12.8%	0	0.0%	24	8.3%
Pennington	68	0.2%	42	61.8%	21	30.9%	0	0.0%	5	7.4%
Pine	106	0.4%	93	87.7%	10	9.4%	0	0.0%	3	2.8%
Polk	199	0.7%	168	84.4%	10	5.0%	1	0.5%	20	10.1%

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Servicing agency	Total households		All Minnesota Supplemental Aid							
			Supplemental Security Income (SSI) enrolled						Non-SSI enrolled	
	Total	Percent of total	Disabled	Percent of servicing agency households	Aged	Percent of servicing agency households	Blind	Percent of servicing agency households	Other	Percent of servicing agency households
	29,864	100.0%	23,518	78.8%	4,327	14.5%	117	0.4%	1,902	6.4%
Pope	52	1.1%	42	80.8%	5	9.6%	0	0.0%	5	9.6%
Ramsey	5,521	0.3%	4,574	82.8%	653	11.8%	28	0.5%	266	4.8%
Red Lake	17	0.5%	14	82.4%	1	7.1%	0	0.0%	2	11.8%
Renville	54	0.1%	45	83.3%	2	4.4%	1	1.9%	6	11.1%
Rice	157	0.4%	132	84.1%	15	11.4%	0	0.0%	10	6.4%
Roseau	36	0.1%	30	83.3%	6	16.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
St. Louis	1,895	0.1%	1,669	88.1%	64	3.4%	8	0.4%	154	8.1%
Scott	285	0.0%	183	64.2%	83	29.1%	1	0.4%	18	6.3%
Sherburne	138	0.2%	117	84.8%	9	6.5%	0	0.0%	12	8.7%
Sibley	28	0.3%	25	89.3%	2	7.1%	0	0.0%	1	3.6%
Southwest Health and Human Services	309	0.1%	242	78.3%	42	13.6%	1	0.3%	24	7.8%
Stearns	533	0.1%	434	81.4%	49	9.2%	3	0.6%	47	8.8%
Stevens	31	0.2%	26	83.9%	5	16.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Swift	42	0.3%	26	61.9%	12	28.6%	0	0.0%	4	9.5%
Todd	124	0.9%	96	77.4%	22	17.7%	1	0.8%	5	4.0%
Traverse	20	0.5%	17	85.0%	3	15.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wabasha	56	0.7%	45	80.4%	7	12.5%	0	0.0%	4	7.1%
Wadena	138	0.2%	115	83.3%	15	10.9%	0	0.0%	8	5.8%
Washington	438	0.2%	353	80.6%	47	10.7%	1	0.2%	37	8.4%
Watonwan	29	0.1%	24	82.8%	4	13.8%	0	0.0%	1	3.4%
White Earth Nation	170	2.2%	146	85.9%	12	7.1%	0	0.0%	12	7.1%
Wilkin	40	1.0%	29	72.5%	6	15.0%	0	0.0%	5	12.5%
Winona	207	0.2%	174	84.1%	13	6.3%	1	0.5%	19	9.2%
Wright	177	0.4%	141	79.7%	12	6.8%	0	0.0%	24	13.6%
Yellow Medicine	43	0.1%	35	81.4%	7	16.3%	0	0.0%	1	2.3%

Notes and Definitions

Household types

Children households were less than age 18 as of the last day of December 2016.

Residential facility households were those meeting all of the following criteria:

- Active facility panel in the Department’s administrative database for December 2016
- Facility entry date on or before Dec. 31, 2016
- Facility exit date was either blank, a December 2016 date greater than the entry date, or greater than Dec. 31, 2016.

Households that spent only part of December in a facility were considered residential facility households.

Community households were all other households that did not meet the criteria for a residential facility household or a children household.

Demographic data

Data that do not affect program eligibility might not be updated after the initial application. Changes in marital status, citizenship and education level may be under-reported.

Race and ethnicity data were missing for 266 people.

Previously married includes people who were divorced and legally separated. Married includes those living together and spouses not living together.

County data reflect the servicing county.

Homeless measure

The administrative data “Yes/No” indicator for homelessness undercounts actual homelessness. If the indicator not updated, a person who gained housing may still be marked as homeless, or a person who had housing and became homeless may still be marked as being housed. People that are doubled up or otherwise precariously housed are not coded as homeless.

In 2016, the Department updated its homeless measure. As administrative data change and improve, the homeless measure has evolved over time and homeless measure counts cannot be directly compared to prior years’ reports. For such comparisons, please contact Paul Waldhart, Agency Policy Specialist (Paul.waldhart@state.mn.us). People were counted as homeless if they met any of the following conditions in the Department’s data system:

- Currently residing in a Group Residential Housing homeless shelter
- No active facility panel in the Department’s database, but Living Situation is marked as “Hotel/Motel,” “Emergency Shelter,” or “Place Not Meant for Housing”

- Living Situation marked as “Family/Friends Due to Economic Hardship” and Homeless Indicator marked “Yes”
- No active facility panel in the Department’s database and the Living Situation code has been unanswered or was marked as “Declined” or “Unknown,” and the person is not identified as receiving subsidized housing, and one of the following holds true:
 - Homeless Indicator is marked as “Yes”
 - Current address listed as “homeless,” “runaway,” “general delivery,” or as having no permanent or physical address
 - Current address matching a list of homeless shelters throughout Minnesota.

State Medical Review Team

A participant was considered to have an active State Medical Review Team disability determination if they met all of the following criteria in the Department’s database:

- A current disability panel (“STAT DISA”)
- A disability start date before Dec. 31, 2016
- Either no disability end date or an end date after Dec. 31, 2016
- A cash/Group Residential Housing disability status, food support disability status, or health care disability status that indicated a State Medical Review Team review.

Pending reviews are not included in the review match.

Bases of eligibility

The other eligibility bases include the following:

- Emancipated minor
- Family violence
- Mentally ill or developmentally disabled
- Learning disabled
- Under protection/court ordered
- Family member with no other eligibility basis.

Some adults have eligibility bases intended for minors. This is because their eligibility basis has not been updated since their 18th birthday.

Facility types

The other facility types were nursing and intensive care facilities, hospitals, non-group residential housing and adult correctional facilities.

Economic characteristics

Household eligibility for other cash, food, and medical programs was determined by case number, with the exception of Medical Assistance and other state health insurance coverage, for which the person identifier was used. If a member in the household received applicable benefits under a different case number, that person's benefits were not included in this report.

The Minnesota Supplemental Aid grant amount is based on the eligible grant amount for December 2016 (the benefit month). The actual amount received in December 2016 (the accounting month) may be different than the eligible amount because of a previous underpayment, overpayment or a delay in receipt. The report is based on the benefit month.

Earned income was self-employment or paid wages reported in the Department's data system. Income was verified earnings reported in February 2016 for December 2016.

Unemployment Insurance wages only include those reported to Minnesota's system. Religious, federal government and seasonal or temporary employment are excluded, as well as employment for cash and from other states.

New households

New households in 2016 were December 2016 households active in Minnesota for one or more months in 2016, but receiving no cash from 1992 to 2016 (the period covered by the state administrative database) in Minnesota Family Investment Program, Diversionary Work Program, Group Residential Housing, Minnesota Supplemental Aid, General Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or Family General Assistance. Households new to the state had a 2016 state entry date. Minnesota residents were either lifelong residents or had moved to the state before 2016.

County consortia

A county consortium is the legal merger of county human services agencies of multiple counties that consolidates administrative activities for human services programs. Such a county consortium is viewed as one entity by the department. Therefore, measures in this report are reported for the county consortium and not for its individual counties. County consortia's member counties include the following:

- Faribault/Martin: Faribault and Martin
- Southwest Health and Human Services: Lincoln, Lyon Murray, Pipestone, Redwood and Rock
- Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services: Cottonwood and Jackson
- Minnesota Prairie County Alliance (MNPrairie): Dodge, Steele, Waseca (as of Jan. 1, 2015).