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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 2016, when calculating program eligibility for those enrolled in MSA but not receiving SSI due to excess income the program does not count the first \$65 of earned income, along with half of any additional earned income.

Key findings

Between 2016 and 2017, the number of cases increased by 0.4 percent. Over 75 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 103 months (about 8 years). In 2017 very few enrollees received assistance from other cash assistance programs.

Households

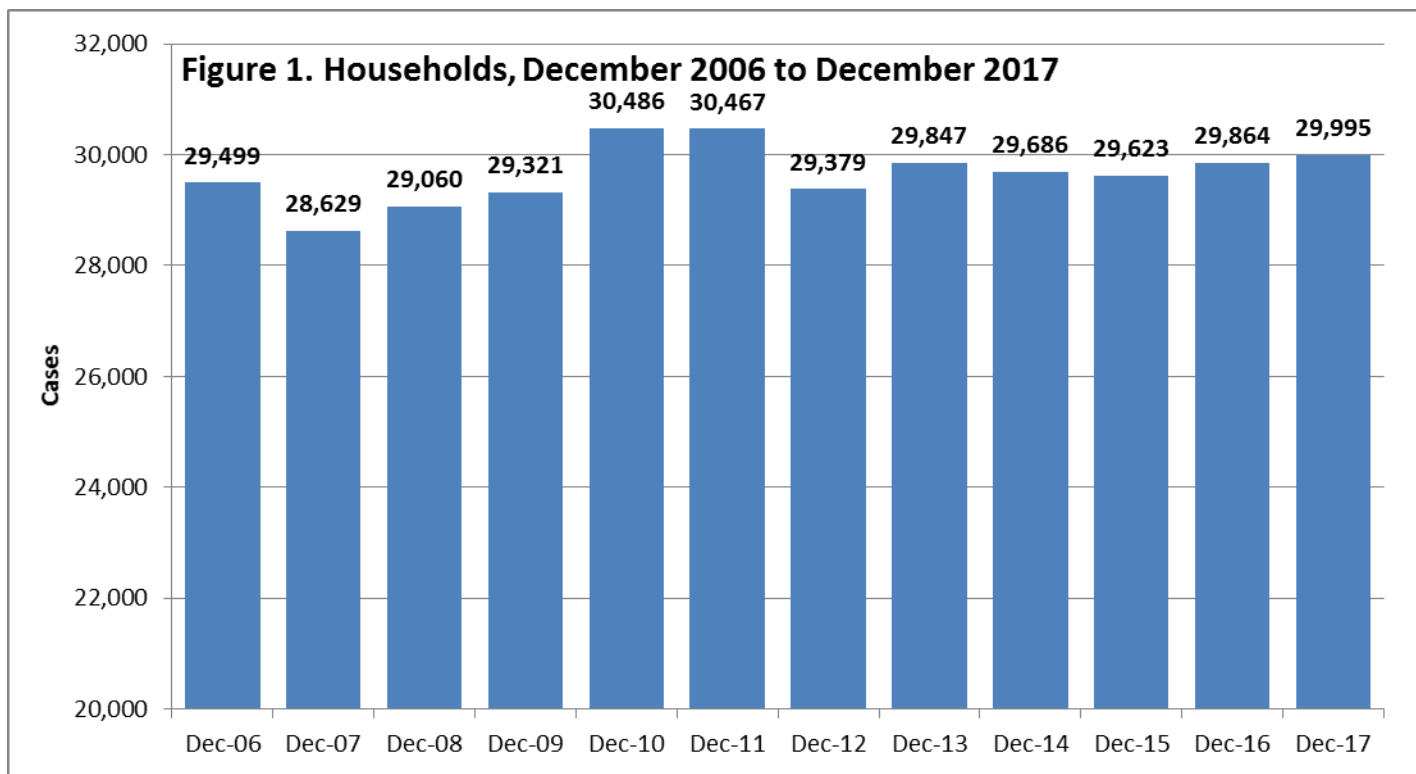
December households

In December 2017, there were 31,103 MSA enrollees in 29,995 households. In the 2017 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 81,263 Minnesotans aged 18 and older were receiving SSI in December 2017. [[SSI Recipients by State and County, 2017](#), Social Security Administration]

Household trends

The number of households remained fairly stable. Between 2016 and 2017, the number of households increased by 0.4 percent. [Figure 1, Data Table 2 on page 12]

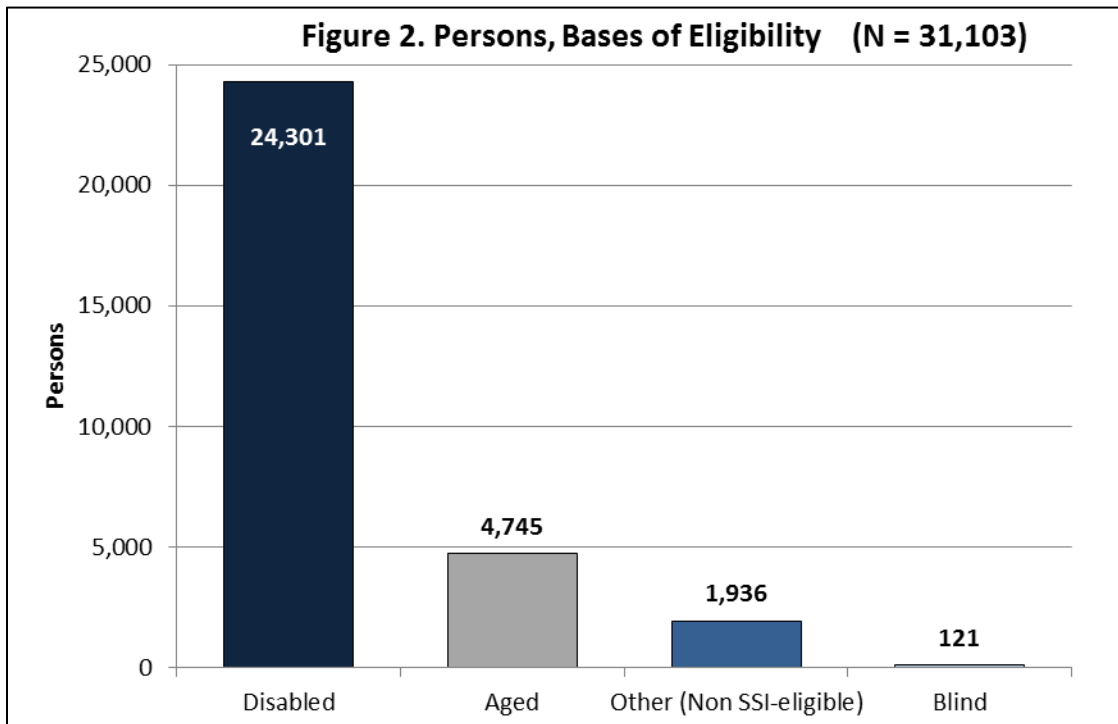
Figure 1. Households, December 2006 to December 2017



Bases of eligibility

The majority of participants were eligible in the Disabled category (78 percent), 15 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

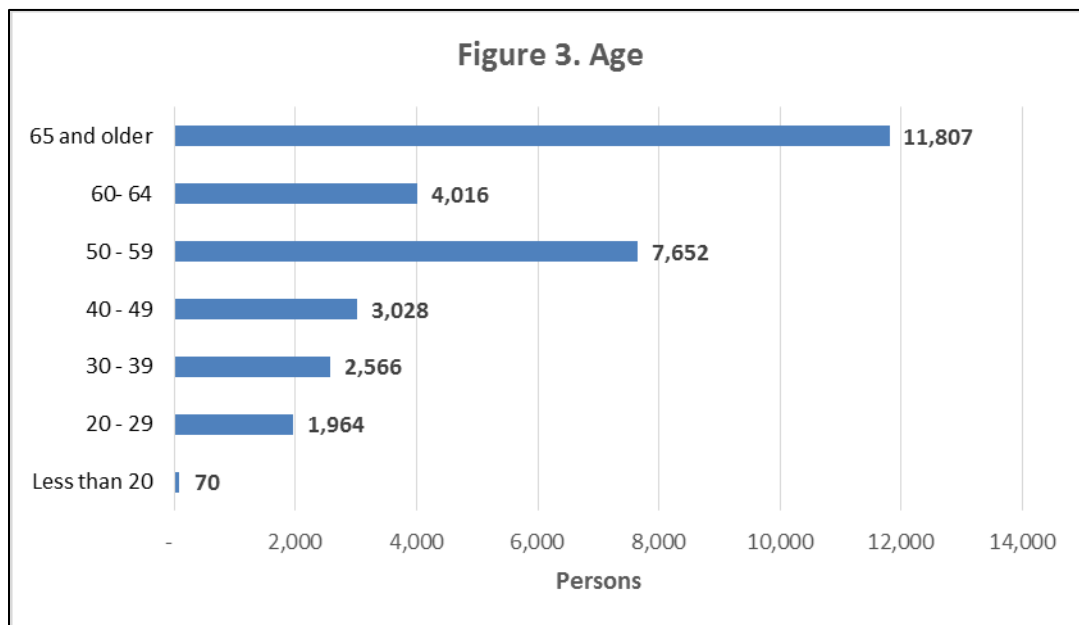


Enrollee Characteristics

Age

While 38 percent of enrollees were aged 65 or older, only 15 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, 22 percent of the Blind group, and 36 percent of the Other group. The average age was 60 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, 59 percent of the Blind group, 78 percent of the Other group, and 46 percent of the Aged group. [Data Table 1 on page 11]

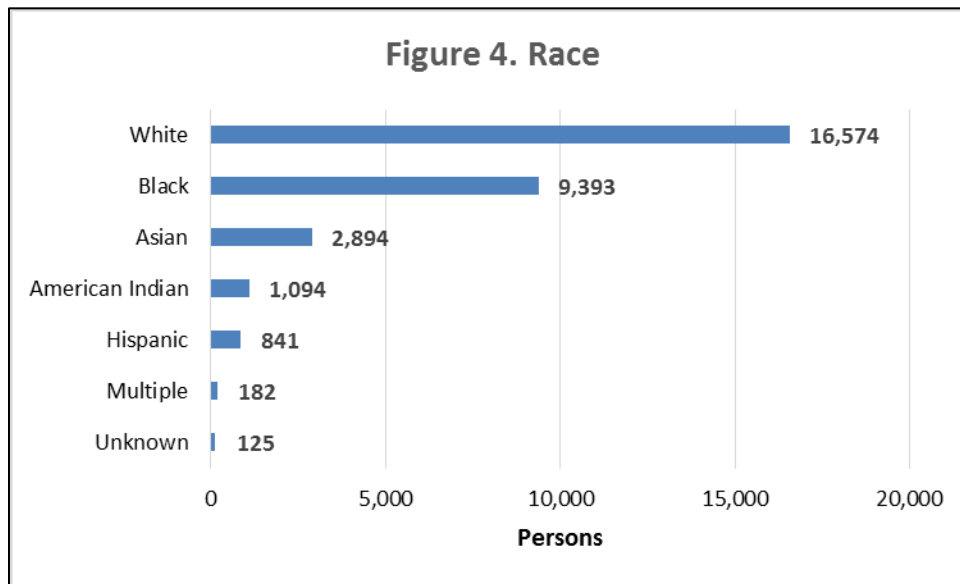
Marital status

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 (53 percent); 30 percent were black, 9 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 (22 percent) than other eligibility groups. [Data Table 1 on page 11]

Figure 4. Race



Reside in facility

In December 2017, 4 percent of enrollees lived in a facility. Of those living in facilities, 58 percent were living in nursing facilities and 14 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 \$99 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 969 enrollees receiving housing assistance in December 2017 represents an increase of 125 people, or 15 percent, 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 \$94. [Data Table 2 on page 12]

Time receiving Minnesota Supplemental Aid

The average length of time that households had been enrolled was 103 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 category had, on average, received benefits the longest. [Data Table 2 on page 12]

Other public assistance programs

In 2017, 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, a quarter had received Emergency Assistance or General Assistance in the last 10 years. Households in the Disabled category were most likely to have used Emergency Services (28 percent) or General Assistance (27 percent), followed by Other households of which 27 percent used Emergency Services and 20 percent used General Assistance. [Data Table 2 on page 12]

Data Tables

Table 1. Demographic characteristics, December 2017

Minnesota Supplemental Aid recipient characteristics		Total enrollees		All Minnesota Supplemental Aid							
				Supplemental Security Income (SSI) enrolled						Non-SSI enrolled	
Enrollees	Count	Total	Percent of total	Disabled	Percent	Aged	Percent	Blind	Percent	Other	Percent
		31,103	100.0%	24,301	78.1%	4,745	15.3%	121	0.4%	1,936	6.2%
Age	Mean	59.6		55.7		79.3		50.7		60.5	
	Median	60		58		79		52		61	
	Minimum	18		18		61		21		20	
	Maximum	111		108		103		87		111	
	Less than 20	70	0.2%	70	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	20 - 29	1,964	6.3%	1,918	7.9%	0	0.0%	13	10.7%	33	1.7%
	30 - 39	2,566	8.3%	2,393	9.8%	0	0.0%	26	21.5%	147	7.6%
	40 - 49	3,028	9.7%	2,807	11.6%	0	0.0%	16	13.2%	205	10.6%
	50 - 59	7,652	24.6%	7,084	29.2%	0	0.0%	27	22.3%	541	27.9%
	60 - 64	4,016	12.9%	3,687	15.2%	1	0.0%	13	10.7%	315	16.3%
	65 and older	11,807	38.0%	6,342	26.1%	4,744	100.0%	26	21.5%	695	35.9%
Gender	Female	17,811	57.3%	13,470	55.4%	3,147	66.3%	64	52.9%	1,130	58.4%
	Male	13,292	42.7%	10,831	44.6%	1,598	33.7%	57	47.1%	806	41.6%
Education	None/unknown	3,781	12.2%	2,416	9.9%	1,289	27.2%	19	15.7%	57	2.9%
	Grade school	1,552	5.0%	1,046	4.3%	461	9.7%	10	8.3%	35	1.8%
	Some high school	6,941	22.3%	5,754	23.7%	825	17.4%	21	17.4%	341	17.6%
	High school graduate	15,080	48.5%	12,221	50.3%	1,705	35.9%	51	42.1%	1,103	57.0%
	Some post-secondary	2,551	8.2%	2,066	8.5%	199	4.2%	16	13.2%	270	13.9%
	College graduate	576	1.9%	403	1.7%	112	2.4%	3	2.5%	58	3.0%
	Graduate degree	622	2.0%	395	1.6%	154	3.2%	1	0.8%	72	3.7%
	High school graduate or higher	18,829	60.5%	15,085	62.1%	2,170	45.7%	71	58.7%	1,503	77.6%
Marital status	Married, living with spouse	2,469	7.9%	1,401	5.8%	968	20.4%	8	6.6%	92	4.8%
	Never married	13,918	44.7%	12,369	50.9%	673	14.2%	66	54.5%	810	41.8%
	Previously married	14,717	47.3%	10,532	43.3%	3,104	65.4%	47	38.8%	1,034	53.4%
Race/ethnicity	Asian	2,894	9.3%	1,776	7.3%	1,050	22.1%	15	12.4%	53	2.7%
	Black	9,393	30.2%	7,610	31.3%	1,372	28.9%	34	28.1%	377	19.5%
	Hispanic	841	2.7%	607	2.5%	183	3.9%	2	1.7%	49	2.5%
	American Indian	1,094	3.5%	986	4.1%	48	1.0%	7	5.8%	53	2.7%
	White	16,574	53.3%	13,059	53.7%	2,071	43.6%	59	48.8%	1,385	71.5%
	Multiple	182	0.6%	164	0.7%	5	0.1%	2	1.7%	11	0.6%
	Unknown	125	0.4%	99	0.4%	16	0.3%	2	1.7%	8	0.4%
Citizenship	Non-U.S.	1,137	3.7%	784	3.2%	318	6.7%	8	6.6%	27	1.4%
	U.S.	29,966	96.3%	23,517	96.8%	4,427	93.3%	113	93.4%	1,909	98.6%
Facility resident	Count	1,089	3.5%	878	3.6%	165	3.5%	5	4.1%	41	2.1%
Facility type	Nursing	628	57.7%	456	51.9%	149	90.3%	2	40.0%	21	51.2%
Percent of facility residents	Intermediate care	147	13.5%	143	16.3%	0	0.0%	3	60.0%	1	2.4%
	Housing Support	131	12.0%	111	12.6%	10	6.1%	0	0.0%	10	24.4%
	Chemical dependency	28	2.6%	28	3.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	Mental health	16	1.5%	15	1.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.4%
	Other	148	13.6%	133	15.1%	6	3.6%	0	0.0%	8	19.5%
Homeless		1,486	4.8%	1,408	5.8%	18	0.4%	3	2.5%	57	2.9%

Table 2. Economic characteristics of households, December 2017

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	29,995	100.0%	23,716	79.1%	4,258	14.2%	119	0.4%	1,902	6.3%
Grant amount	Mean	\$107		\$108		\$112		\$107		\$84	
	Median	\$81		\$81		\$81		\$81		\$56	
	Mean of special need amount (all households)	\$27		\$26		\$26		\$23		\$45	
	Mean of special need amount (receiving)	\$99		\$97		\$95		\$110		\$118	
	Total Households Receiving Special Needs Grants	8,222	27.4%	6,296	26.5%	1,176	27.6%	25	21.0%	725	38.1%
	Special Diets	6,309	21.0%	4,601	19.4%	1,156	27.1%	16	13.4%	536	28.2%
	Representative Payee	1,367	4.6%	1,232	5.2%	9	0.2%	7	5.9%	119	6.3%
	Housing Assistance	969	3.2%	817	3.4%	11	0.3%	6	5.0%	135	7.1%
	Guardianship Fees	37	0.1%	31	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.1%
	Restaurant Meals	6	0.0%	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	Other Special Expense	11	0.0%	9	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
SNAP	Mean of households receiving	\$94		\$94		\$94		\$111		\$98	
	Count of households receiving	27,498	91.7%	21,635	91.2%	3,938	92.5%	102	85.7%	1,823	95.8%
Medical Assistance		29,509	98.4%	23,294	98.2%	4,225	99.2%	115	96.6%	1,875	98.6%
Any state medical insurance		29,579	98.6%	23,352	98.5%	4,232	99.4%	115	96.6%	1,880	98.8%
Program usage	Mean months	103.3		101.0		115.5		105.0		105.1	
Cumulative months	Median months	83		80		104		82		81	
1992 - 2017	One - two years	7,524	25.1%	6,101	25.7%	885	20.8%	33	27.7%	505	26.6%
	Three - four years	3,955	13.2%	3,222	13.6%	477	11.2%	20	16.8%	236	12.4%
	Five - six years	3,594	12.0%	2,943	12.4%	416	9.8%	8	6.7%	227	11.9%
	Seven - eight years	2,973	9.9%	2,381	10.0%	400	9.4%	12	10.1%	180	9.5%
	Nine - ten years	2,546	8.5%	1,933	8.2%	463	10.9%	11	9.2%	139	7.3%
	11 - 12 years	2,048	6.8%	1,568	6.6%	355	8.3%	3	2.5%	122	6.4%
	13 - 14 years	1,633	5.4%	1,240	5.2%	297	7.0%	4	3.4%	92	4.8%
	15 - 16 years	1,378	4.6%	1,045	4.4%	244	5.7%	6	5.0%	83	4.4%
	17 years or more	4,344	14.5%	3,283	13.8%	721	16.9%	22	18.5%	318	16.7%
Other public assistance	Emergency Services	1,512	5.0%	1,351	5.7%	42	1.0%	6	5.0%	113	5.9%
in Minnesota 2017	General Assistance	946	3.2%	871	3.7%	37	0.9%	5	4.2%	33	1.7%
	Housing Support	1,062	3.5%	979	4.1%	16	0.4%	1	0.8%	66	3.5%
	MN Family Investment Program	352	1.2%	321	1.4%	20	0.5%	2	1.7%	9	0.5%
	Refugee Cash Assistance	21	0.1%	18	0.1%	2	0.0%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Other public assistance	Emergency Services	7,475	24.9%	6,684	28.2%	253	5.9%	20	16.8%	518	27.2%
in Minnesota 2009 - 2017	General Assistance	7,362	24.5%	6,387	26.9%	585	13.7%	10	8.4%	380	20.0%
	Housing Support	4,937	16.5%	4,549	19.2%	63	1.5%	10	8.4%	315	16.6%
	MN Family Investment Program	2,309	7.7%	2,100	8.9%	116	2.7%	11	9.2%	82	4.3%
	Refugee Cash Assistance	309	1.0%	222	0.9%	85	2.0%	2	1.7%	0	0.0%
Unearned income	SSI	27,675	92.3%	23,306	98.3%	4,231	99.4%	118	99.2%	20	1.1%
	RSDI	11,770	39.2%	8,446	35.6%	1,405	33.0%	38	31.9%	1,881	98.9%
	Both SSI and RSDI	9,566	31.9%	8,136	34.3%	1,385	32.5%	37	31.1%	8	0.4%
	Veterans benefits	133	0.4%	97	0.4%	22	0.5%	0	0.0%	14	0.7%
	Retirement income	88	0.3%	32	0.1%	36	0.8%	0	0.0%	20	1.1%
	Spousal or child support	53	0.2%	48	0.2%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
	Other	106	0.4%	91	0.4%	8	0.2%	0	0.0%	7	0.4%

Table 3. Households by county or consortium, December 2017

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
	29,995	100.0%	23,716	79.1%	4,258	14.2%	119	0.4%	1,902	6.3%
Aitkin	64	0.2%	50	78.1%	7	10.9%	1	1.6%	6	9.4%
Anoka	1,084	3.6%	841	77.6%	143	13.2%	0	0.0%	100	9.2%
Becker	136	0.5%	99	72.8%	20	20.2%	0	0.0%	17	12.5%
Beltrami	282	0.9%	254	90.1%	11	4.3%	0	0.0%	17	6.0%
Benton	192	0.6%	171	89.1%	5	2.9%	2	1.0%	14	7.3%
Big Stone	27	0.1%	19	70.4%	7	25.9%	0	0.0%	1	3.7%
Blue Earth	272	0.9%	229	84.2%	15	5.5%	3	1.1%	25	9.2%
Brown	79	0.3%	57	72.2%	9	11.4%	0	0.0%	13	16.5%
Carlton	162	0.5%	128	79.0%	10	6.2%	0	0.0%	24	14.8%
Carver	174	0.6%	137	78.7%	20	11.5%	0	0.0%	17	9.8%
Cass	184	0.6%	159	86.4%	14	7.6%	0	0.0%	11	6.0%
Chippewa	38	0.1%	30	78.9%	5	13.2%	3	7.9%	0	0.0%
Chisago	112	0.4%	98	87.5%	7	6.3%	1	0.9%	6	5.4%
Clay	368	1.2%	295	80.2%	53	14.4%	1	0.3%	19	5.2%
Clearwater	35	0.1%	25	71.4%	7	20.0%	0	0.0%	3	8.6%
Cook	14	0.0%	12	85.7%	2	14.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Crow Wing	313	1.0%	258	82.4%	28	8.9%	1	0.3%	26	8.3%
Dakota	1,331	4.4%	999	75.1%	204	15.3%	6	0.5%	122	9.2%
Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services	104	0.3%	91	87.5%	9	8.7%	1	1.0%	3	2.9%
Douglas	145	0.5%	122	84.1%	13	9.0%	0	0.0%	10	6.9%
Faribault / Martin	202	0.7%	163	80.7%	19	9.4%	0	0.0%	20	9.9%
Fillmore	66	0.2%	49	74.2%	9	13.6%	0	0.0%	8	12.1%
Freeborn	153	0.5%	135	88.2%	11	7.2%	1	0.7%	6	3.9%
Goodhue	111	0.4%	98	88.3%	11	9.9%	0	0.0%	2	1.8%
Grant	14	0.0%	12	85.7%	2	14.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hennepin	10,189	34.0%	7,513	73.7%	2,139	21.0%	37	0.4%	500	4.9%
Houston	57	0.2%	39	68.4%	14	24.6%	0	0.0%	4	7.0%
Hubbard	126	0.4%	102	81.0%	15	11.9%	0	0.0%	9	7.1%
Isanti	90	0.3%	78	86.7%	3	3.3%	0	0.0%	9	10.0%

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	29,995	100.0%	23,716	79.1%	4,258	14.2%	119	0.4%	1,902	6.3%
Itasca	317	1.1%	263	83.0%	28	8.8%	1	0.3%	25	7.9%
Kanabec	82	0.3%	71	86.6%	6	7.3%	0	0.0%	5	6.1%
Kandiyohi	153	0.5%	133	86.9%	13	9.8%	0	0.0%	7	4.6%
Kittson	18	0.1%	15	83.3%	3	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Koochiching	102	0.3%	87	85.3%	7	8.0%	1	14.3%	7	6.9%
Lac qui Parle	23	0.1%	15	65.2%	7	30.4%	0	0.0%	1	4.3%
Lake	38	0.1%	34	89.5%	2	5.3%	0	0.0%	2	5.3%
Lake of the Woods	11	0.0%	11	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Le Seuer	52	0.2%	35	67.3%	8	15.4%	0	0.0%	9	17.3%
McLeod	106	0.4%	91	85.8%	6	5.7%	0	0.0%	9	8.5%
Mahnomen	21	0.1%	15	71.4%	4	19.0%	0	0.0%	2	9.5%
Marshall	43	0.1%	32	74.4%	9	20.9%	0	0.0%	2	4.7%
Meeker	66	0.2%	47	71.2%	8	12.1%	1	1.5%	10	15.2%
Mille Lacs	79	0.3%	63	79.7%	10	12.7%	0	0.0%	6	7.6%
Minnesota Prairie County Alliance	266	0.9%	221	83.1%	28	10.5%	0	0.0%	17	6.4%
Morrison	153	0.5%	126	82.4%	17	11.1%	0	0.0%	10	6.5%
Mower	192	0.6%	153	79.7%	12	6.3%	3	1.6%	24	12.5%
Nicollet	81	0.3%	65	80.2%	5	6.2%	0	0.0%	11	13.6%
Nobles	62	0.2%	53	85.5%	4	6.5%	1	1.6%	4	6.5%
Norman	38	0.1%	31	81.6%	3	7.9%	0	0.0%	4	10.5%
Olmsted	645	2.2%	493	76.4%	114	17.7%	5	0.8%	33	5.1%
Otter Tail	276	0.9%	223	80.8%	31	11.2%	0	0.0%	22	8.0%
Pennington	57	0.2%	37	64.9%	15	26.3%	0	0.0%	5	8.8%
Pine	108	0.4%	95	88.0%	9	8.3%	0	0.0%	4	3.7%
Polk	191	0.6%	165	86.4%	9	4.7%	1	0.5%	16	8.4%

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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
	29,995	100.0%	23,716	79.1%	4,258	14.2%	119	0.4%	1,902	6.3%
Pope	50	0.2%	39	78.0%	8	16.0%	0	0.0%	3	6.0%
Ramsey	5,606	18.7%	4,685	83.6%	615	11.0%	27	0.5%	279	5.0%
Red Lake	20	0.1%	17	85.0%	2	11.8%	0	0.0%	1	5.0%
Renville	1	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Rice	53	0.2%	41	77.4%	3	7.3%	1	1.9%	8	15.1%
Roseau	163	0.5%	136	83.4%	19	11.7%	1	0.6%	7	4.3%
St. Louis	30	0.1%	24	80.0%	6	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Scott	293	1.0%	179	61.1%	94	32.1%	0	0.0%	20	6.8%
Sherburne	144	0.5%	122	84.7%	11	7.6%	0	0.0%	11	7.6%
Sibley	27	0.1%	24	88.9%	2	7.4%		0.0%	1	3.7%
Southwest Health and Human Services	298	1.0%	238	79.9%	33	11.1%	3	1.0%	24	8.1%
Stearns	567	1.9%	461	81.3%	60	10.6%	1	0.2%	45	7.9%
Stevens	34	0.1%	28	82.4%	5	14.7%	0	0.0%	1	2.9%
Swift	45	0.2%	31	68.9%	11	24.4%	0	0.0%	3	6.7%
Todd	118	0.4%	96	81.4%	17	14.4%	2	1.7%	3	2.5%
Traverse	18	0.1%	15	83.3%	3	16.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wabasha	58	0.2%	49	84.5%	6	10.3%	0	0.0%	3	5.2%
Wadena	138	0.5%	113	81.9%	16	11.6%	0	0.0%	9	6.5%
Washington	443	1.5%	356	80.4%	46	10.4%	2	0.5%	39	8.8%
Watonwan	33	0.1%	26	78.8%	6	18.2%	0	0.0%	1	3.0%
White Earth Nation	167	0.6%	142	85.0%	11	6.6%	1	0.6%	13	7.8%
Wilkin	39	0.1%	28	71.8%	6	15.4%		0.0%	5	12.8%
Winona	203	0.7%	172	84.7%	14	6.9%	1	0.5%	16	7.9%
Wright	175	0.6%	140	80.0%	11	6.3%	3	1.7%	21	12.0%
Yellow Medicine	44	0.1%	38	86.4%	6	13.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Notes and Definitions

Household types

Children households were less than age 18 as of the last day of December 2017.

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

- Had an active facility panel in the Department’s administrative database for December 2017,
- Entered a facility on or before Dec. 31, 2017, and
- Left the facility in December after staying at least one day or remained in the facility as of December 31, 2017.

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 125 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

Accurate information on individuals’ residential addresses may lag when using the administrative data “Yes/No” indicator for homelessness. In addition, people who are doubled up or otherwise precariously housed may not be coded as homeless in the administrative data.

In 2017, the Department updated its homeless measure to provide a more accurate way to identify people in homeless living situations. 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 Housing Support (formerly known as 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, 2017
- Either no disability end date or an end date after Dec. 31, 2017
- A cash/Housing Support 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.

Facility types

The other facility types were nursing and intensive care facilities, hospitals, non-Housing Support 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 2017 (the benefit month). The actual amount received in December 2017 (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 as of May 2018 for December 2017.

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 2017 were December 2017 households active in Minnesota for one or more months in 2017, but receiving no cash from 1992 to 2017 (the period covered by the state administrative database) in Minnesota Family Investment Program, Diversionary Work Program, Housing Support, 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 2017 state entry date. Minnesota residents were either lifelong residents or had moved to the state before 2017.

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)