



December 2018 Minnesota Supplemental Aid Households and enrollees

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Abbreviations and eligibility types

Programs

MSA	Minnesota Supplemental Aid
RSDI	Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance
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 SSI, unless income from another source makes them ineligible for SSI and they are:
 - Age 65 or older,
 - Blind, or
 - 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 2017 and 2018, the number of cases increased by 3.4 percent. Over 75 percent of enrollees were aged 50 or older. More than half were white. The average length of time that households had been enrolled was 106 months (about 9 years). In 2018, very few enrollees received assistance from other cash assistance programs.

Households

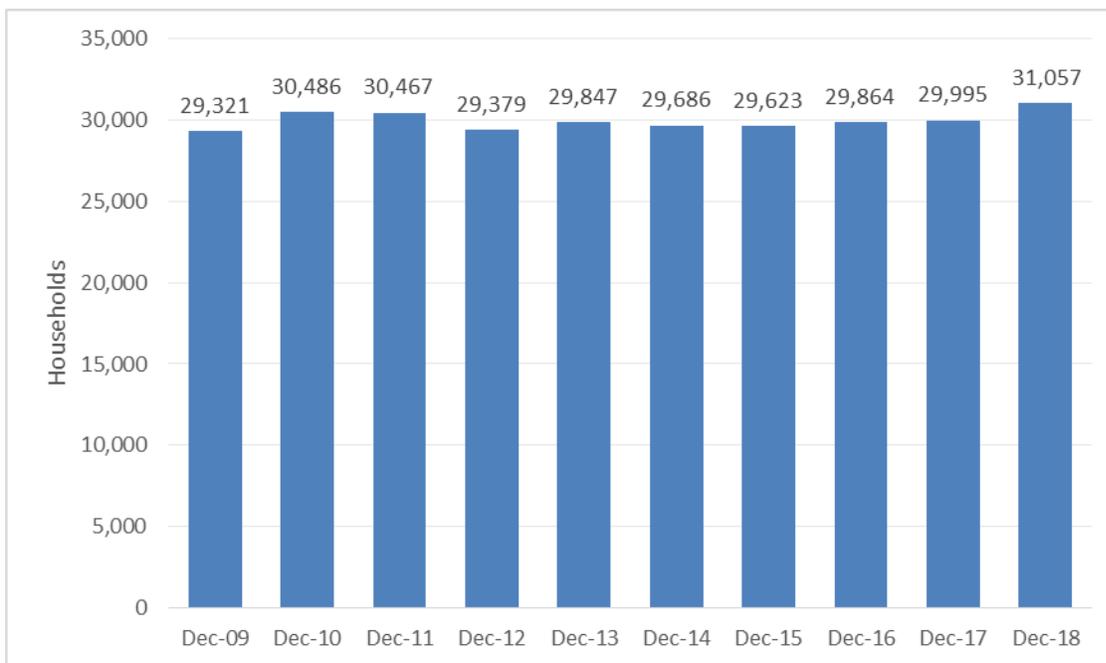
December households

In December 2018, there were 32,216 MSA enrollees in 31,057 households. In the 2018 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 in December 2017 there were 81,263 Minnesotans aged 18 and older receiving SSI, but only 38 percent received MSA. [[SSI Recipients by State and County, 2017](#), Social Security Administration]

Household trends

The number of households receiving MSA has remained fairly stable. Between 2017 and 2018, the number of households increased by 3.4 percent to 31,057. [Figure 1, Data Table 2 on page 13]

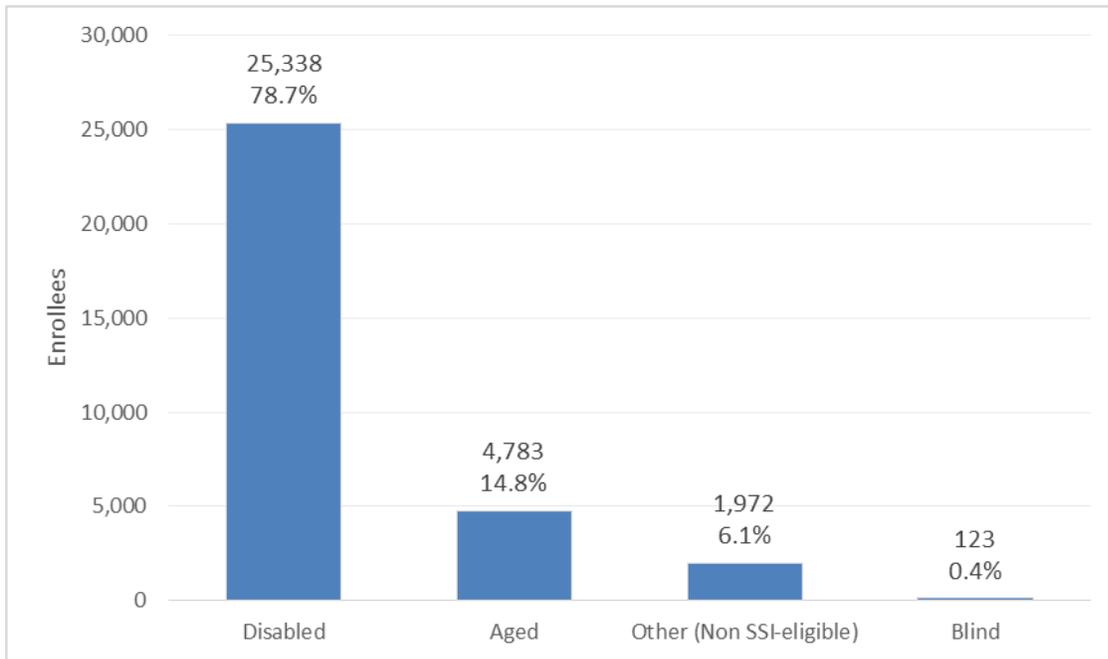
Figure 1. Households, December 2009 to December 2018



Basis of eligibility

The majority of enrollees were eligible in the Disabled category (79 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 12] The categories do not overlap.

Figure 2. Basis of eligibility

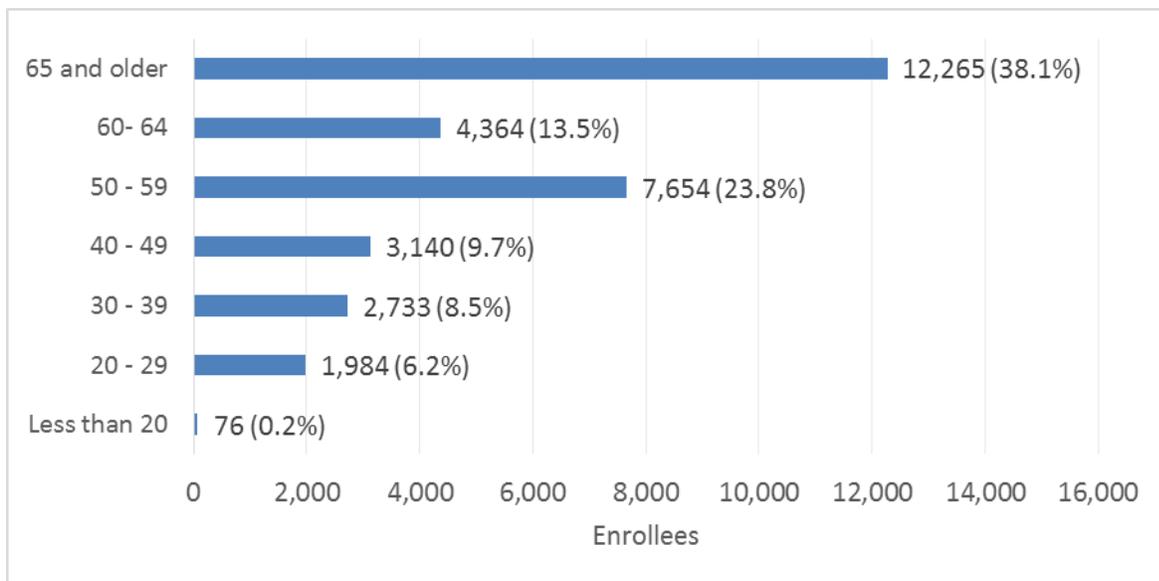


Enrollee characteristics

Age

While 38 percent of enrollees were aged 65 or older, only 15 percent of enrollees were eligible in the Aged group. 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 12]

Figure 3. Age



Gender

More than half of each eligibility group was female. Overall, 57 percent were female. The Aged group had the largest proportion of women (67 percent). [Data Table 1 on page 12]

Education

The majority of enrollees had at least a high school diploma, including 62 percent of the Disabled group, 58 percent of the Blind group, 79 percent of the Other group, and 46 percent of the Aged group. [Data Table 1 on page 12]

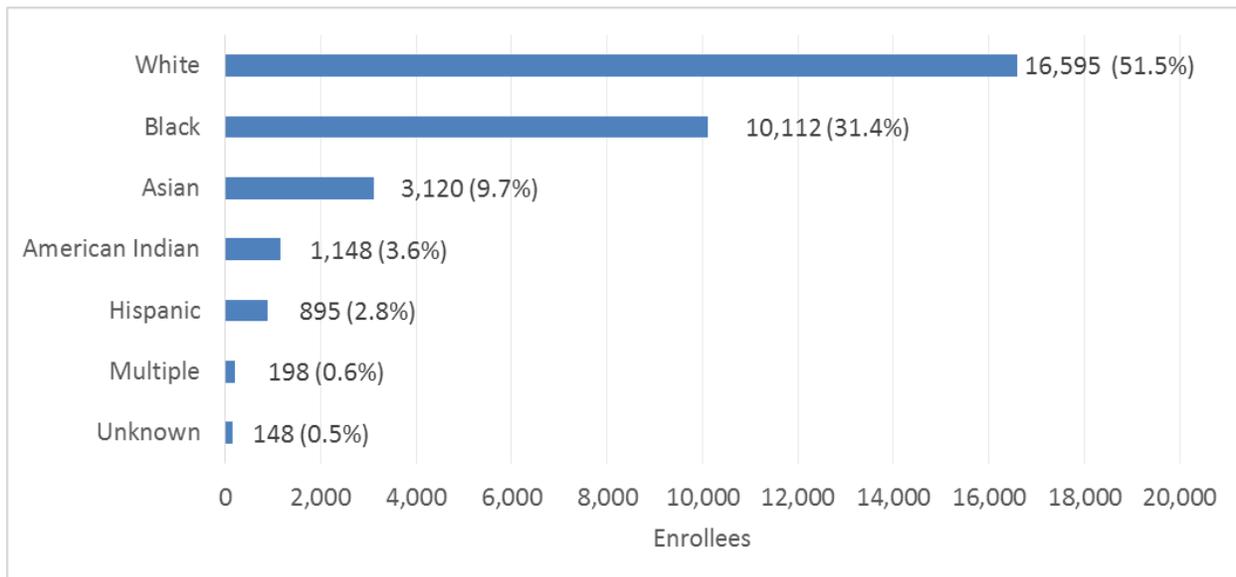
Marital status

Overall, 8 percent of enrollees 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 12]

Race and ethnicity

More than half of enrollees were white (52 percent); 31 percent were black, 10 percent were Asian, 4 percent were American Indian, and 3 percent were Hispanic. [Figure 4, Date Table 1 on page 12] Those eligible as Aged were more likely to be Asian (23 percent) than other eligibility groups. [Data Table 1 on page 12]

Figure 4. Race



Reside in facility

In December 2018, 4 percent of enrollees lived in a facility. Of those living in facilities, 58 percent were living in nursing facilities and 13 percent in intermediate care facilities. [Data Table 1 on page 12]

Household characteristics

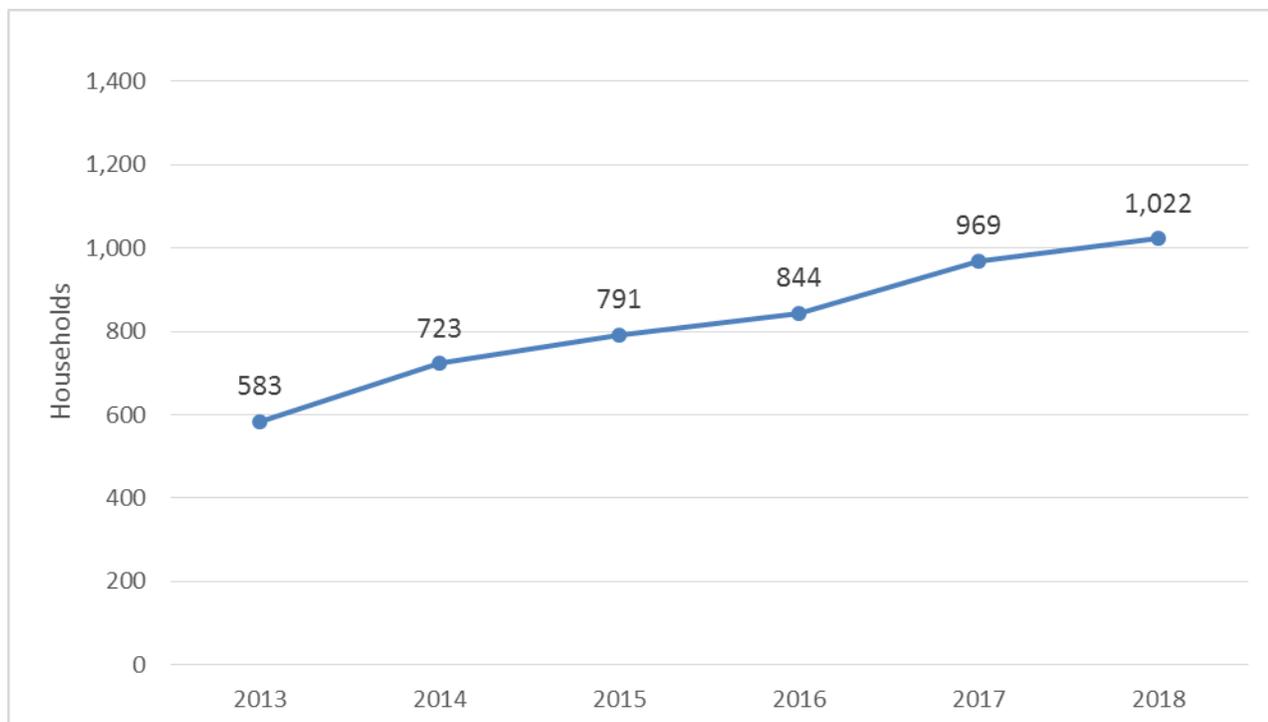
Grant amount and special needs grants

The average grant amount was \$109. About one quarter of households also received a special needs increase to their grant, which added an average of \$104 to the grant. Special diets were the most common reason for a grant increase; 20 percent of households had a special diet to address medically necessary dietary needs. Four 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 13]

Housing assistance

In addition to above special needs grants, three percent of enrollees received housing assistance. Enrollees under age 65 who meet specific eligibility criteria are eligible for housing assistance if their housing costs exceed 40 percent of their income. Enrollees receiving housing assistance added, on average, \$192 to their grant. The number of enrollees receiving housing assistance has increased steadily in recent years. The 1,022 households receiving housing assistance in December 2018 represents an increase of 5 percent from the prior year. [Figure 5, Data Table 2 on page 13]

Figure 5. Housing assistance



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility

Ninety-one percent of households were also enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, with an average grant amount of \$87. [Data Table 2 on page 13]

Time receiving Minnesota Supplemental Aid

The average length of time that households had been enrolled was 106 months (about 9 years); 26 percent received assistance for less than three years, and 32 percent for more than 10 years. Those eligible in the Aged category had, on average, received benefits the longest. [Data Table 2 on page 13]

Other public assistance programs

In 2018, 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, nearly a quarter had received emergency cash assistance (including Emergency Assistance for families or Emergency General Assistance for singles) in the last 9 years. Households in the Disabled category were most likely to have used emergency cash assistance (28 percent) or General Assistance (26 percent), followed by Other households of which 27 percent used emergency cash assistance and 19 percent used General Assistance. [Data Table 2 on page 13]

Data tables

Table 1. Demographic characteristics, December 2018

Minnesota Supplemental Aid enrollee 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	32,216	100.0%	25,338	78.7%	4,783	14.8%	123	0.4%	1,972	6.1%
Age	Mean	59.6		55.9		79.3		50.9		60.0	
	Median	61		58		79		53		61	
	Minimum	18		18		62		19		21	
	Maximum	112		109		104		88		112	
	Less than 20	76	0.2%	74	0.3%	0	0.0%	2	1.6%	0	0.0%
	20 - 29	1,984	6.2%	1,928	7.6%	0	0.0%	11	8.9%	45	2.3%
	30 - 39	2,733	8.5%	2,553	10.1%	0	0.0%	27	22.0%	153	7.8%
	40 - 49	3,140	9.7%	2,902	11.5%	0	0.0%	19	15.4%	219	11.1%
	50 - 59	7,654	23.8%	7,101	28.0%	0	0.0%	26	21.1%	527	26.7%
	60 - 64	4,364	13.5%	4,031	15.9%	1	0.0%	13	10.6%	319	16.2%
	65 and older	12,265	38.1%	6,749	26.6%	4,782	100.0%	25	20.3%	709	36.0%
Gender	Female	18,336	56.9%	13,935	55.0%	3,194	66.8%	66	53.7%	1,141	57.9%
	Male	13,880	43.1%	11,403	45.0%	1,589	33.2%	57	46.3%	831	42.1%
Education	None/unknown	3,981	12.4%	2,580	10.2%	1,313	27.5%	20	16.3%	68	3.4%
	Grade school	1,635	5.1%	1,119	4.4%	474	9.9%	10	8.1%	32	1.6%
	Some high school	7,097	22.0%	5,975	23.6%	776	16.2%	22	17.9%	324	16.4%
	High school graduate	15,663	48.6%	12,704	50.1%	1,761	36.8%	51	41.5%	1,147	58.2%
	Some post-secondary	2,662	8.3%	2,165	8.5%	191	4.0%	16	13.0%	290	14.7%
	College graduate	573	1.8%	401	1.6%	119	2.5%	3	2.4%	50	2.5%
	Graduate degree	605	1.9%	394	1.6%	149	3.1%	1	0.8%	61	3.1%
	High school graduate or higher	19,503	60.5%	15,664	61.8%	2,220	46.4%	71	57.7%	1,548	78.5%
Marital status	Married, living with spouse	2,567	8.0%	1,480	5.8%	986	20.6%	9	7.3%	92	4.7%
	Never married	14,706	45.6%	13,072	51.6%	704	14.7%	67	54.5%	863	43.8%
	Previously married	14,944	46.4%	10,787	42.6%	3,093	64.7%	47	38.2%	1,017	51.6%
Race/ethnicity	Asian	3,120	9.7%	1,957	7.7%	1,078	22.5%	16	13.0%	69	3.5%
	Black	10,112	31.4%	8,261	32.6%	1,442	30.1%	35	28.5%	374	19.0%
	Hispanic	895	2.8%	649	2.6%	199	4.2%	1	0.8%	46	2.3%
	American Indian	1,148	3.6%	1,037	4.1%	56	1.2%	7	5.7%	48	2.4%
	White	16,595	51.5%	13,136	51.8%	1,987	41.5%	59	48.0%	1,413	71.7%
	Multiple	198	0.6%	178	0.7%	5	0.1%	2	1.6%	13	0.7%
	Unknown	148	0.5%	120	0.5%	16	0.3%	3	2.4%	9	0.5%
Citizenship	Non-U.S.	1,175	3.6%	824	3.3%	311	6.5%	9	7.3%	31	1.6%
	U.S.	31,041	96.4%	24,514	96.7%	4,472	93.5%	114	92.7%	1,941	98.4%
Facility resident	Count	1,136	3.5%	933	3.7%	152	3.2%	7	5.7%	44	2.2%
Facility type	Nursing	653	57.5%	487	52.2%	145	95.4%	3	42.9%	18	40.9%
Percent of facility residents	Intermediate care	146	12.9%	143	15.3%	0	0.0%	3	42.9%	0	0.0%
	Housing Support	161	14.2%	142	15.2%	5	3.3%	1	14.3%	13	29.5%
	Chemical dependency	31	2.7%	29	3.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	4.5%
	Mental health	15	1.3%	14	1.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.3%
	Other	147	12.9%	133	14.3%	3	2.0%	0	0.0%	11	25.0%

Table 2. Economic characteristics of households, December 2018

Minnesota Supplemental Aid household 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	31,057	100.0%	24,696	79.5%	4,306	13.9%	121	0.4%	1,934	6.2%
Grant amount	Mean	\$109		\$110		\$115		\$114		\$88	
	Median	\$81		\$81		\$81		\$81		\$58	
	Mean of special needs amount (all households)	\$27		\$26		\$27		\$24		\$47	
	Mean of special needs amount (receiving)	\$104		\$102		\$107		\$112		\$121	
	Total households receiving special needs grants	8,153	26.3%	6,276	25.4%	1,102	25.6%	26	21.5%	749	38.7%
	Special diets	6,289	20.2%	4,642	18.8%	1,082	25.1%	18	14.9%	547	28.3%
	Representative payee	1,303	4.2%	1,172	4.7%	10	0.2%	3	2.5%	118	6.1%
	Housing assistance	1,022	3.3%	849	3.4%	14	0.3%	8	6.6%	151	7.8%
	Guardianship fees	31	0.1%	25	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.1%
	Restaurant meals	4	0.0%	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	Other special expense	10	0.0%	10	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SNAP	Mean of households receiving	\$87		\$86		\$86		\$94		\$89	
	Count of households receiving	28,224	90.9%	22,352	90.5%	3,938	91.5%	100	82.6%	1,834	94.8%
Medical Assistance		30,391	97.9%	24,126	97.7%	4,252	98.7%	118	97.5%	1,895	98.0%
Any state health insurance		30,490	98.2%	24,202	98.0%	4,267	99.1%	118	97.5%	1,903	98.4%
Program usage	Mean months	106		103		124		110		105	
Cumulative months	Median months	84		80		110		76		80	
1992 - 2018	One - two years	8,026	25.8%	6,572	26.6%	890	20.7%	35	28.9%	529	27.4%
	Three - four years	4,029	13.0%	3,294	13.3%	471	10.9%	15	12.4%	249	12.9%
	Five - six years	3,452	11.1%	2,847	11.5%	373	8.7%	13	10.7%	219	11.3%
	Seven - eight years	2,966	9.6%	2,373	9.6%	388	9.0%	10	8.3%	195	10.1%
	Nine - ten years	2,537	8.2%	1,991	8.1%	403	9.4%	9	7.4%	134	6.9%
	11 - 12 years	2,091	6.7%	1,609	6.5%	363	8.4%	6	5.0%	113	5.8%
	13 - 14 years	1,726	5.6%	1,338	5.4%	293	6.8%	2	1.7%	93	4.8%
	15 - 16 years	1,388	4.5%	1,052	4.3%	246	5.7%	6	5.0%	84	4.3%
	17 years or more	4,842	15.6%	3,620	14.7%	879	20.4%	25	20.7%	318	16.4%
Other public assistance	Emergency cash assistance	1,598	5.1%	1,432	5.8%	49	1.1%	6	5.0%	111	5.7%
in Minnesota 2018	General Assistance	890	2.9%	810	3.3%	44	1.0%	0	0.0%	36	1.9%
	Housing Support	1,045	3.4%	976	4.0%	12	0.3%	1	0.8%	56	2.9%
	MN Family Investment Program	374	1.2%	346	1.4%	23	0.5%	2	1.7%	3	0.2%
	Refugee Cash Assistance	8	0.0%	6	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other public assistance	Emergency cash assistance	7,703	24.8%	6,900	27.9%	258	6.0%	22	18.2%	523	27.0%
in Minnesota 2010 - 2018	General Assistance	7,266	23.4%	6,320	25.6%	565	13.1%	7	5.8%	374	19.3%
	Housing Support	5,018	16.2%	4,615	18.7%	58	1.3%	13	10.7%	332	17.2%
	MN Family Investment Program	2,433	7.8%	2,238	9.1%	115	2.7%	11	9.1%	69	3.6%
	Refugee Cash Assistance	313	1.0%	228	0.9%	83	1.9%	2	1.7%	0	0.0%
Unearned income	SSI	28,726	92.5%	24,308	98.4%	4,281	99.4%	117	96.7%	20	1.0%
	RSDI	12,032	38.7%	8,658	35.1%	1,414	32.8%	41	33.9%	1,919	99.2%
	Both SSI and RSDI	9,808	31.6%	8,361	33.9%	1,400	32.5%	37	30.6%	10	0.5%
	Veterans benefits	144	0.5%	119	0.5%	15	0.3%	0	0.0%	10	0.5%
	Retirement income	102	0.3%	42	0.2%	39	0.9%	0	0.0%	21	1.1%
	Spousal or child support	67	0.2%	59	0.2%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	4	0.2%
	Other	137	0.4%	106	0.4%	16	0.4%	1	0.8%	14	0.7%

Table 3. Households by county or consortium, December 2018

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
	31,057	100.0%	24,696	79.5%	4,306	13.9%	121	0.4%	1,934	6.2%
Aitkin	63	0.2%	51	81.0%	7	11.1%	0	0.0%	5	7.9%
Anoka	1,160	3.7%	875	75.4%	174	15.0%	2	0.2%	109	9.4%
Becker	133	0.4%	96	72.2%	20	20.8%	0	0.0%	17	12.8%
Beltrami	296	1.0%	262	88.5%	15	5.7%	0	0.0%	19	6.4%
Benton	186	0.6%	168	90.3%	4	2.4%	2	1.1%	12	6.5%
Big Stone	30	0.1%	23	76.7%	7	23.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Blue Earth	291	0.9%	253	86.9%	12	4.1%	2	0.7%	24	8.2%
Brown	82	0.3%	62	75.6%	7	8.5%	1	1.2%	12	14.6%
Carlton	176	0.6%	143	81.3%	12	6.8%	0	0.0%	21	11.9%
Carver	163	0.5%	125	76.7%	27	16.6%	0	0.0%	11	6.7%
Cass	185	0.6%	158	85.4%	14	7.6%	1	0.5%	12	6.5%
Chippewa	27	0.1%	21	77.8%	3	11.1%	3	11.1%	0	0.0%
Chisago	115	0.4%	102	88.7%	5	4.3%	1	0.9%	7	6.1%
Clay	371	1.2%	300	80.9%	49	13.2%	2	0.5%	20	5.4%
Clearwater	39	0.1%	28	71.8%	8	20.5%	0	0.0%	3	7.7%
Cook	14	0.0%	12	85.7%	2	14.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Crow Wing	309	1.0%	247	79.9%	31	10.0%	2	0.6%	29	9.4%
Dakota	1,382	4.4%	1027	74.3%	226	16.4%	5	0.4%	124	9.0%
Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services	103	0.3%	91	88.3%	7	6.8%	1	1.0%	4	3.9%
Douglas	155	0.5%	129	83.2%	11	7.1%	0	0.0%	15	9.7%
Faribault / Martin	205	0.7%	166	81.0%	22	10.7%	0	0.0%	17	8.3%
Fillmore	58	0.2%	43	74.1%	7	12.1%	0	0.0%	8	13.8%
Freeborn	143	0.5%	121	84.6%	13	9.1%	0	0.0%	9	6.3%
Goodhue	124	0.4%	117	94.4%	7	5.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grant	15	0.0%	13	86.7%	2	13.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hennepin	10,877	35.0%	8,182	75.2%	2,169	19.9%	40	0.4%	486	4.5%
Houston	59	0.2%	41	69.5%	12	20.3%	0	0.0%	6	10.2%
Hubbard	135	0.4%	110	81.5%	15	11.1%	0	0.0%	10	7.4%
Isanti	94	0.3%	85	90.4%	2	2.1%	0	0.0%	7	7.4%

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Itasca	324	1.0%	268	82.7%	29	9.0%	1	0.3%	26	8.0%
Kanabec	78	0.3%	69	88.5%	5	6.4%	0	0.0%	4	5.1%
Kandiyohi	160	0.5%	141	88.1%	11	7.8%	0	0.0%	8	5.0%
Kittson	15	0.0%	13	86.7%	2	15.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Koochiching	101	0.3%	84	83.2%	9	10.7%	0	0.0%	8	7.9%
Lac qui Parle	26	0.1%	21	80.8%	5	19.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Lake	35	0.1%	27	77.1%	4	11.4%	0	0.0%	4	11.4%
Lake of the Woods	12	0.0%	11	91.7%	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Le Seuer	53	0.2%	35	66.0%	10	18.9%	0	0.0%	8	15.1%
Mahnomen	24	0.1%	15	62.5%	6	25.0%	0	0.0%	3	12.5%
Marshall	40	0.1%	28	70.0%	10	25.0%	0	0.0%	2	5.0%
McLeod	111	0.4%	93	83.8%	7	6.3%	0	0.0%	11	9.9%
Meeker	71	0.2%	53	74.6%	7	9.9%	1	1.4%	10	14.1%
Mille Lacs	79	0.3%	64	81.0%	8	10.1%	0	0.0%	7	8.9%
Minnesota Prairie County Alliance	255	0.8%	217	85.1%	24	9.4%	1	0.4%	13	5.1%
Morrison	169	0.5%	137	81.1%	20	11.8%	0	0.0%	12	7.1%
Mower	181	0.6%	149	82.3%	10	5.5%	2	1.1%	20	11.0%
Nicollet	73	0.2%	55	75.3%	5	6.8%	1	1.4%	12	16.4%
Nobles	61	0.2%	51	83.6%	5	8.2%	1	1.6%	4	6.6%
Norman	39	0.1%	33	84.6%	3	7.7%	0	0.0%	3	7.7%
Olmsted	651	2.1%	502	77.1%	111	17.1%	6	0.9%	32	4.9%
Otter Tail	282	0.9%	232	82.3%	30	10.6%	0	0.0%	20	7.1%
Pennington	61	0.2%	41	67.2%	16	26.2%	0	0.0%	4	6.6%
Pine	114	0.4%	100	87.7%	8	7.0%	0	0.0%	6	5.3%
Polk	187	0.6%	162	86.6%	10	5.3%	0	0.0%	15	8.0%

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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
	31,057	100.0%	24,696	79.5%	4,306	13.9%	121	0.4%	1,934	6.2%
Pope	44	0.1%	36	81.8%	5	11.4%	0	0.0%	3	6.8%
Ramsey	5,747	18.5%	4,843	84.3%	595	10.4%	25	0.4%	284	4.9%
Red Lake	17	0.1%	15	88.2%	1	6.7%	0	0.0%	1	5.9%
Renville	53	0.2%	43	81.1%	4	9.3%	1	1.9%	5	9.4%
Rice	154	0.5%	132	85.7%	17	12.9%	0	0.0%	5	3.2%
Roseau	29	0.1%	22	75.9%	7	24.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
St. Louis	1,916	6.2%	1,666	87.0%	72	3.8%	9	0.5%	169	8.8%
Scott	312	1.0%	184	59.0%	105	33.7%	0	0.0%	23	7.4%
Sherburne	150	0.5%	125	83.3%	10	6.7%	0	0.0%	15	10.0%
Sibley	27	0.1%	23	85.2%	2	7.4%	0	0.0%	2	7.4%
Southwest Health and Human Services	290	0.9%	234	80.7%	28	9.7%	2	0.7%	26	9.0%
Stearns	576	1.9%	457	79.3%	60	10.4%	1	0.2%	58	10.1%
Stevens	34	0.1%	28	82.4%	5	14.7%	0	0.0%	1	2.9%
Swift	36	0.1%	27	75.0%	6	16.7%	0	0.0%	3	8.3%
Todd	113	0.4%	88	77.9%	19	16.8%	2	1.8%	4	3.5%
Traverse	28	0.1%	24	85.7%	4	14.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wabasha	60	0.2%	52	86.7%	4	6.7%	0	0.0%	4	6.7%
Wadena	123	0.4%	102	82.9%	16	13.0%	0	0.0%	5	4.1%
Washington	489	1.6%	388	79.3%	50	10.2%	2	0.4%	49	10.0%
Watonwan	33	0.1%	26	78.8%	4	12.1%	0	0.0%	3	9.1%
White Earth Nation	168	0.5%	143	85.1%	10	6.0%	1	0.6%	14	8.3%
Wilkin	38	0.1%	31	81.6%	4	10.5%	0	0.0%	3	7.9%
Winona	198	0.6%	167	84.3%	15	7.6%	1	0.5%	15	7.6%
Wright	186	0.6%	150	80.6%	12	6.5%	2	1.1%	22	11.8%
Yellow Medicine	44	0.1%	38	86.4%	5	11.4%	0	0.0%	1	2.3%

Notes and definitions

Household types

The only households with more than one enrolled person are married couples who are both enrolled in the program. Other household members are not eligible for Minnesota Supplemental Aid.

A person was determined to reside in a facility if they met all of the following criteria:

- Had an active facility panel in the Department’s administrative database for December 2018,
- Entered a facility on or before Dec. 31, 2018, and
- Left the facility in December after staying at least one day or remained in the facility as of December 31, 2018.

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.

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 148 people.

Previously married includes people who were divorced or legally separated. Married includes spouses 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 2018, 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,” 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 in MAXIS,
- A disability start date before December 31, 2018,
- Either no disability end date or an end date after December 31, 2018, and
- 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 2018 (the benefit month). The actual amount received in December 2018 (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 February 2019 for December 2018.

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 2018 were December 2018 households active in Minnesota for one or more months in 2018, but receiving no cash from 1992 to 2018 (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 2018 state entry date. Minnesota residents were either lifelong residents or had moved to the state before 2018.

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, and Waseca (as of January 1, 2015)