



December 2019 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 2018 and 2019, the number of cases increased by 2 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 107 months (about 9 years). In 2019, very few enrollees received assistance from other cash assistance programs.

Households

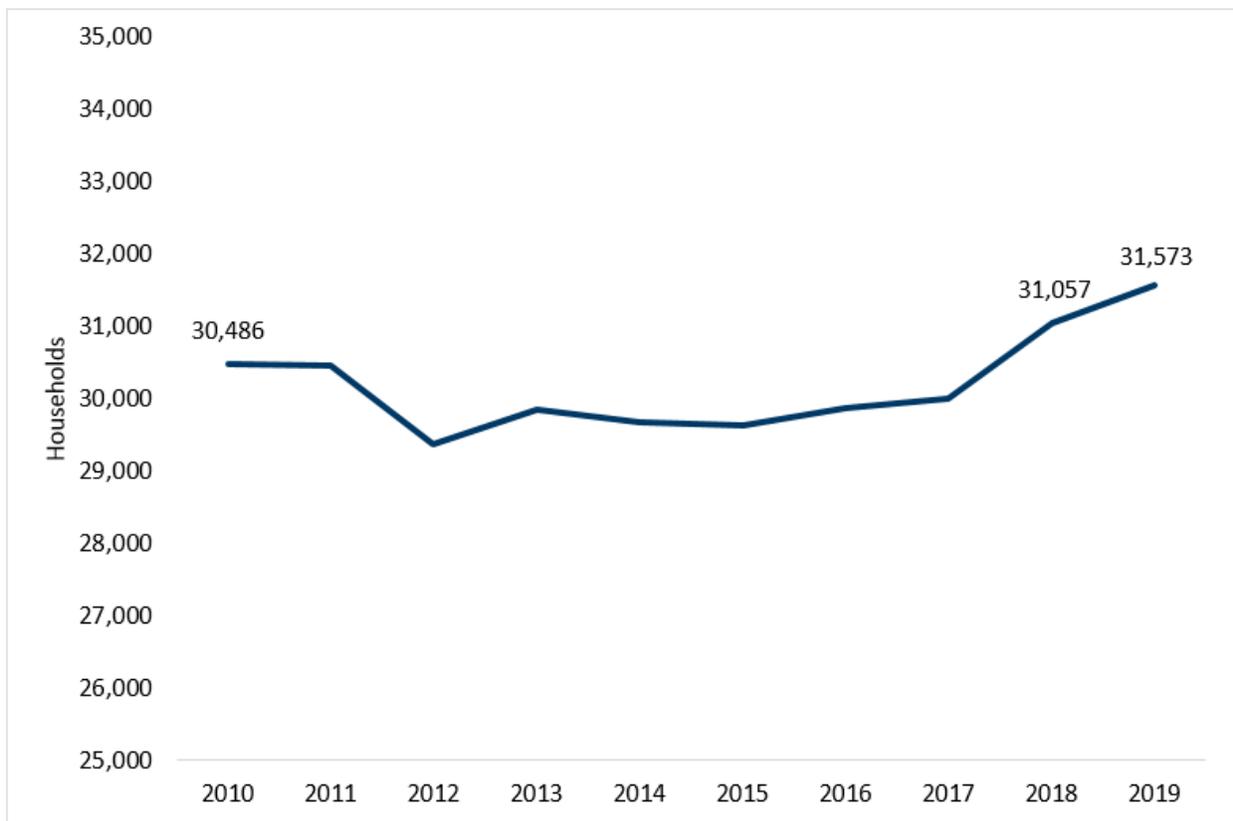
December households

In December 2019, there were 32,677 MSA enrollees in 31,573 households. In this 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 2018 there were 80,560 Minnesotans aged 18 and older receiving SSI, but Department enrollment shows that only 40 percent received MSA. [[SSI Recipients by State and County, 2018](#), Social Security Administration]

Household trends

The number of households receiving MSA has remained fairly stable over the past decade. Between 2018 and 2019, the number of households increased by 1.6 percent to 31,573. [Figure 1, Data Table 2 on page 15]

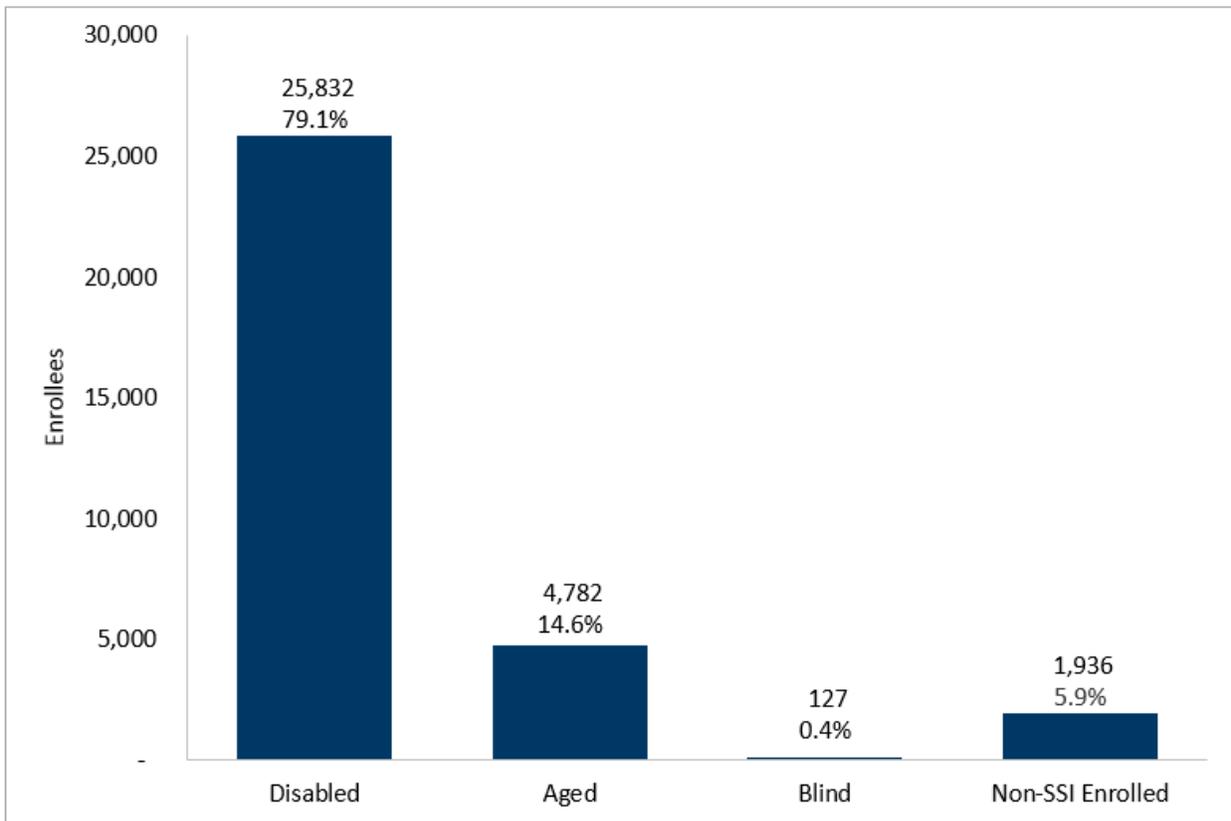
Figure 1. Households, December 2010 to December 2019



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 13] The categories do not overlap.

Figure 2. Basis of eligibility

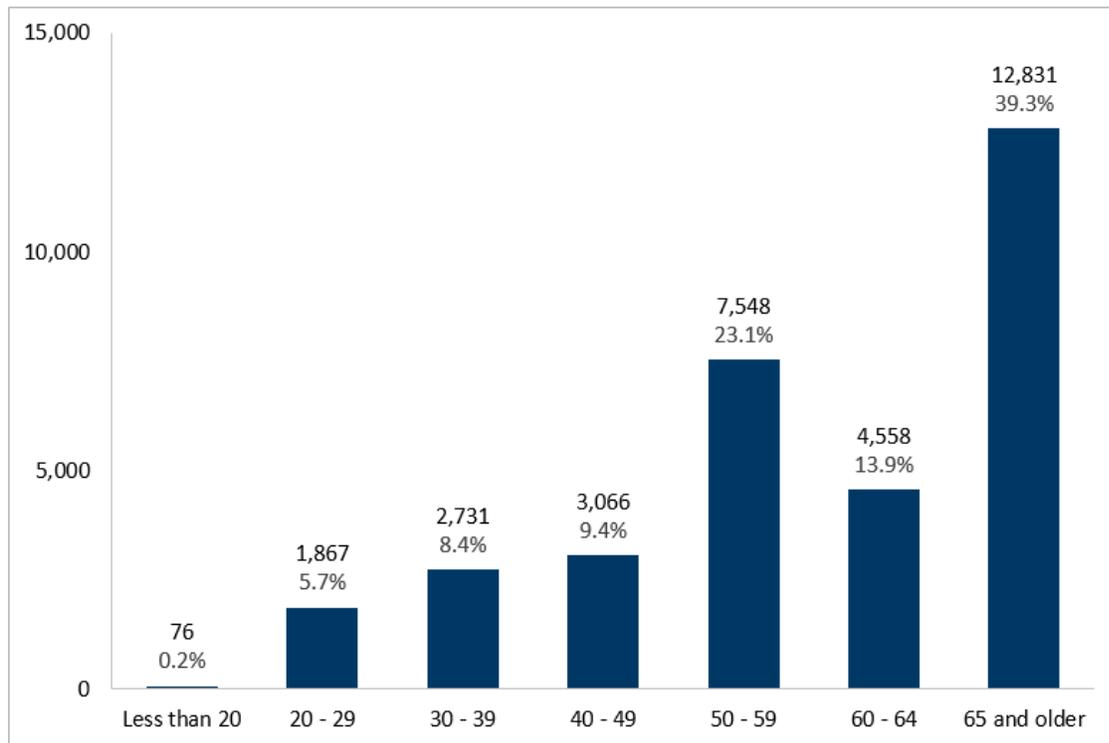


Enrollee characteristics

Age

While 39 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 28 percent of the Disabled group, 20 percent of the Blind group, and 38 percent of the Other group. The average age was 60 years overall. The average age ranged from 54-years-old in the Blind group to 79-years-old for the Aged group. [Data Table 1 on page 13]

Figure 3. Age



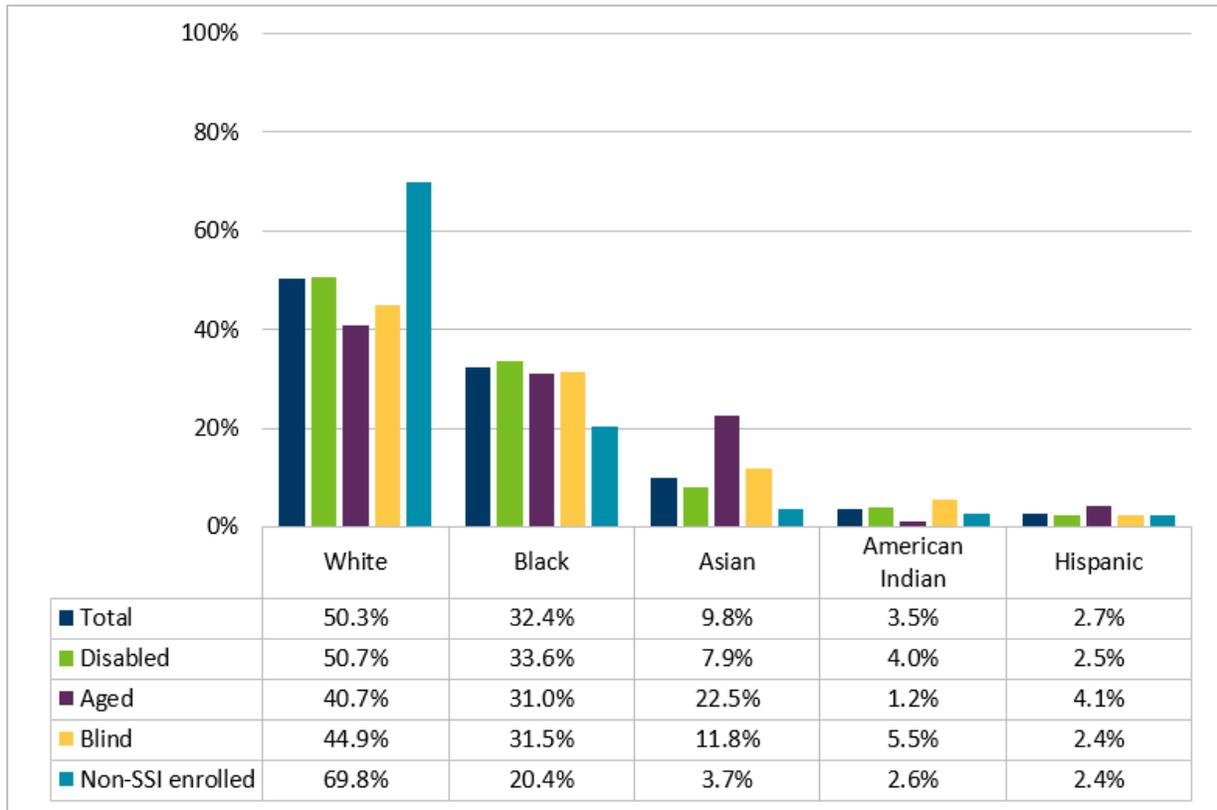
Gender

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 13]

Race and ethnicity

About half of enrollees were white (50 percent); 32 percent were black, 10 percent were Asian, 4 percent were American Indian, and 3 percent were Hispanic. [Figure 4, Date Table 1 on page 13] Those eligible as Aged were more likely to be Asian (23 percent) than other eligibility groups. [Data Table 1 on page 13]

Figure 4. Race



Marital status

Overall, 7 percent of enrollees were married and living with their spouse. Those eligible under the Aged group were most likely to be married (20 percent), while 6 percent of Disabled, 7 percent of Blind, and 5 percent of Other enrollees were married. [Data Table 1 on page 13]

Education

The majority of enrollees had at least a high school diploma, including 62 percent of the Disabled group, 47 percent of the Aged group, 58 percent of the Blind group, and 78 percent of the Other group. [Data Table 1 on page 13]

Reside in facility

In December 2019, 4 percent of enrollees lived in a facility, as shown in Data Table 1. Of those living in facilities, 57 percent were living in nursing facilities and 11 percent in intermediate care facilities. [Data Table 1 on page 13] Other facility types are listed in the Notes and Definitions section on page 24.

Household characteristics

Grant amount and special needs grants

The average grant amount was \$114. About 30 percent of households also received a special needs increase to their grant, which added an average of \$32 to the grant. Special diets were the most common reason for a grant increase; 21 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. An additional grant possibility is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Ninety-one percent of households were enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, with an average grant amount of \$82. [Data Table 2 on page 15]

Other public assistance programs

In 2019, 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 beyond the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Ninety-one percent of households were enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with an average grant amount of \$82. Though few received regular cash assistance, almost 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 and Other categories were most likely to have used emergency cash assistance (28 percent each). Disabled households were also most likely to have used General Assistance (25 percent) and/or Housing Support (19 percent). [Data Table 2 on page 15]

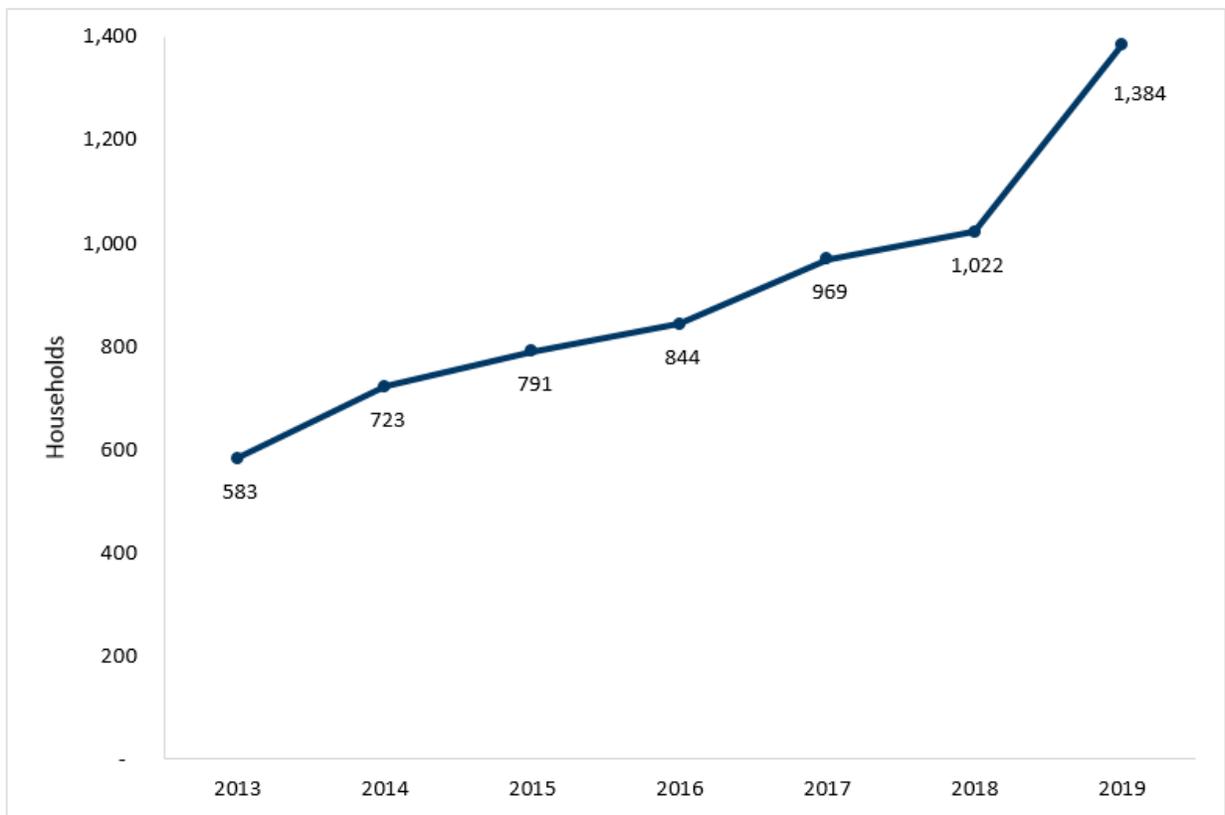
Time receiving Minnesota Supplemental Aid

The average length of time that households had been enrolled was 107 months (about 9 years); 26 percent received assistance for less than three years, and 33 percent for more than 10 years. Those eligible in the Aged category had, on average, received benefits the longest. [Data Table 2 on page 15]

Housing Assistance

In addition to above special needs grants, 4 percent of enrollees received MSA Housing Assistance. Enrollees under age 65 who meet specific eligibility criteria are eligible for MSA Housing Assistance if their housing costs exceed 40 percent of their income. Enrollees receiving MSA Housing Assistance added, on average, \$192 to their grant. Use of MSA Housing Assistance has continuously increased in recent years. The 1,384 households receiving MSA Housing Assistance in December 2019 represents an increase of 7 percent from the prior year. [Figure 5, Data Table 2 on page 15]

Figure 5: MSA Housing Assistance



Two changes to the MSA Housing Assistance program will be effective July 1, 2020. First, eligibility for MSA Housing Assistance will expand to include people relocating to the community from a Housing Support setting. Second, the MSA Housing Assistance standard will increase to \$392 (one-half of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate, rounded up to the nearest dollar). A person who receives federal or state rental assistance or lives in subsidized housing is not eligible for MSA Housing Assistance.

Data tables

Table 1. Demographic characteristics, December 2019

Minnesota Supplemental Aid enrollee characteristics	Total enrollees	SSI Disabled	SSI Aged	SSI Blind	Non-SSI enrolled
Count of enrollees	32,677	25,832	4,782	127	1,936
Percent of all enrollees	100.0%	79.1%	14.6%	0.4%	5.9%
Mean age	60	56.5	79.3	51.2	60.2
Median age	61	59	79	54	61
Minimum age	18	18	65	19	21
Maximum age	113	105	103	89	113
Count of enrollees under age 20	76	73	0	3	0
Percent of enrollees under age 20	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%
Count of enrollees aged 20 - 29	1,867	1,821	0	11	35
Percent of enrollees aged 20 - 29	5.7%	7.0%	0.0%	8.7%	1.8%
Count of enrollees aged 30 - 39	2,731	2,555	0	26	150
Percent of enrollees aged 30 - 39	8.4%	9.9%	0.0%	20.5%	7.7%
Count of enrollees aged 40 - 49	3,066	2,827	0	20	219
Percent of enrollees aged 40 - 49	9.4%	10.9%	0.0%	15.7%	11.3%
Count of enrollees aged 50 - 59	7,548	7,023	0	27	498
Percent of enrollees aged 50 - 59	23.1%	27.2%	0.0%	21.3%	25.7%
Count of enrollees aged 60 - 64	4,558	4,240	0	15	302
Percent of enrollees aged 60 - 64	13.9%	16.4%	0.0%	11.8%	15.6%
Count of enrollees aged 65 and older	12,831	7,293	4,782	25	732
Percent of enrollees aged 65 and older	39.3%	28.2%	100.0%	19.7%	37.8%
Gender: Female (count of enrollees)	18,561	14,205	3,184	68	1,104
Percent of enrollees who are female	56.8%	55.0%	66.6%	53.5%	57.0%
Gender: Male (count of enrollees)	14,116	11,627	1,598	59	832
Percent of enrollees who are male	43.2%	45.0%	33.4%	46.5%	43.0%
Race/ethnicity: White (count of enrollees)	16,438	13,084	1,945	57	1,352
Percent of enrollees who are white	50.3%	50.7%	40.7%	44.9%	69.8%
Race/ethnicity: Black (count of enrollees)	10,595	8,679	1,481	40	395
Percent of enrollees who are black	32.4%	33.6%	31.0%	31.5%	20.4%
Race/ethnicity: Asian (count of enrollees)	3,214	2,052	1,075	15	72
Percent of enrollees who are Asian	9.8%	7.9%	22.5%	11.8%	3.7%
Race/ethnicity: American Indian (count of enrollees)	1,147	1,033	56	7	51
Percent of enrollees who are American Indian	3.5%	4.0%	1.2%	5.5%	2.6%
Race/ethnicity: Hispanic (count of enrollees)	883	639	194	3	47
Percent of enrollees who are Hispanic	2.7%	2.5%	4.1%	2.4%	2.4%
Race/ethnicity: Multiple (count of enrollees)	235	216	5	2	12
Percent of enrollees who are multi-racial	0.7%	0.8%	0.1%	1.6%	0.6%
Race/ethnicity: Unknown (count of enrollees)	165	129	26	3	7
Percent of enrollees with unknown race/ethnicity	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	2.4%	0.4%

Table 1. Page 2

Minnesota Supplemental Aid enrollee characteristics	Total enrollees	SSI Disabled	SSI Aged	SSI Blind	SSI Aged
Education: None, pre-first grade, or unknown (count of enrollees)	4,106	2,689	1,318	21	78
Percent of enrollees with no, pre-first grade, or unknown education	12.6%	10.4%	27.6%	16.5%	4.0%
Education: Grade school (count of enrollees)	1,660	1,155	465	9	31
Percent of enrollees with grade school education	5.1%	4.5%	9.7%	7.1%	1.6%
Education: Some high school (count of enrollees)	7,134	6,035	765	23	311
Percent of enrollees with some high school education	21.8%	23.4%	16.0%	18.1%	16.1%
Education: High school graduate (count of enrollees)	15,887	12,940	1,774	57	1,116
Percent of enrollees graduated from high school	48.6%	50.1%	37.1%	44.9%	57.6%
Education: Some post-secondary (count of enrollees)	2,706	2,204	196	12	294
Percent of enrollees with some post-secondary education	8.3%	8.5%	4.1%	9.4%	15.2%
Education: College graduate (count of enrollees)	585	412	120	4	49
Percent of enrollees who have graduated college	1.8%	1.6%	2.5%	3.1%	2.5%
Education: Graduate degree (count of enrollees)	599	397	144	1	57
Percent of enrollees with a graduate degree	1.8%	1.5%	3.0%	0.8%	2.9%
Education: High school graduate or more (count of enrollees)	19,777	15,953	2,234	74	1,516
Percent of enrollees who are high school graduates or more	60.5%	61.8%	46.7%	58.3%	78.3%
Marital status: Married, living with spouse (count of enrollees)	2,492	1,422	971	9	90
Percent of enrollees married, living with spouse	7.6%	5.5%	20.3%	7.1%	4.7%
Marital status: Never married (count of enrollees)	15,069	13,425	709	69	866
Percent of enrollees never married	46.1%	52.0%	14.8%	54.3%	44.7%
Marital status: Previously married (count of enrollees)	15,117	10,986	3,102	49	980
Percent of enrollees previously married	46.3%	42.5%	64.9%	38.6%	50.6%
Citizenship: Non-U.S. (count of enrollees)	1,115	787	287	10	31
Percent of enrollees who are not U.S. citizens	3.4%	3.0%	6.0%	7.9%	1.6%
Citizenship: U.S. (count of enrollees)	31,562	25,045	4,495	117	1,905
Percent of enrollees who are U.S. citizens	96.6%	97.0%	94.0%	92.1%	98.4%
Facility resident: count of enrollees	1,221	1,011	162	4	44
Percent of all enrollees who are facility residents	3.7%	3.9%	3.4%	3.1%	2.3%
Facility type: Nursing (count of enrollees)	698	530	150	0	18
Percent of all enrollees in nursing facilities	57.2%	52.4%	92.6%	0.0%	40.9%
Facility type: Intermediate care (count of enrollees)	128	124	0	3	1
Percent of all enrollees in intermediate care facilities	10.5%	12.3%	0.0%	75.0%	2.3%
Facility type: Housing Support ¹ (count of enrollees)	213	186	11	1	15
Percent of all enrollees in Housing Support facilities	17.4%	18.4%	6.8%	25.0%	34.1%
Facility type: Chemical dependency (count of enrollees)	28	28	0	0	0
Percent of all enrollees in chemical dependency facilities	2.3%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Facility type: Mental health (count of enrollees)	17	15	0	0	2
Percent of all enrollees in mental health facilities	1.4%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%
Facility type: Other (count of enrollees)	167	155	2	0	10
Percent of all enrollees in other facilities	13.7%	15.3%	1.2%	0.0%	22.7%

¹ People may transfer between GA and Housing Support in the month. People may also use certain short-term crisis settings while enrolled in GA.

Table 2. Economic characteristics of households, December 2019

Minnesota Supplemental Aid households characteristics	Total paid households	SSI Disabled	SSI Aged	SSI Blind	Non-SSI enrolled
Households count	31,573	25,234	4,309	125	1,905
Percent of households	100.0%	79.9%	13.6%	0.4%	6.0%
Mean grant amount of all households	\$114	\$115	\$120	\$113	\$94
Median grant amount of all households	\$81	\$81	\$81	\$81	\$60
Mean of special needs amount (all households)	\$32	\$30	\$32	\$22	\$52
Mean of special needs amount (receiving)	\$114	\$112	\$118	\$115	\$132
Total households receiving special needs grants	8,741	6,792	1,172	24	753
Percent of households with special needs grants	27.7%	26.9%	27.2%	19.2%	39.5%
Special diets (households count)	6,618	4,917	1,144	19	538
Percent of households with special diets	21.0%	19.5%	26.5%	15.2%	28.2%
Representative payee (household count)	1,309	1,177	9	2	121
Percent of households with special diets	4.1%	4.7%	0.2%	1.6%	6.4%
Housing Assistance (household count)	1,384	1,176	25	6	177
Percent of households with Housing Assistance	4.4%	4.7%	0.6%	4.8%	9.3%
Guardianship fees (household count)	28	22	1	0	5
Percent of households with Guardianship fees	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Restaurant meals (household count)	4	4	0	0	0
Percent of households with restaurant meals	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other special expense (household count)	8	8	0	0	0
Percent of households with other special expense	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Medical Assistance: households with enrolled person	30,576	24,378	4,231	123	1,844
Percent of households with Medical Assistance	96.8%	96.6%	98.2%	98.4%	96.8%
Any state health insurance: households with enrolled person	30,704	24,471	4,256	123	1,854
Percent of households with any state health insurance:	97.2%	97.0%	98.8%	98.4%	97.3%

Table 2. Page 2

Minnesota Supplemental Aid households characteristics	Total paid households	SSI Disabled	SSI Aged	SSI Blind	Non-SSI enrolled
Program usage for cumulative years 1992 – 2019:					
Mean number of months	107.1	104.2	124.0	112.0	105.9
Median number of months	85	82	108	76	82
One - two years (households count)	8,222	6,763	917	33	509
Percent of households with one - two years	26.0%	26.8%	21.3%	26.4%	26.7%
Three - four years (households count)	4,023	3,251	489	16	267
Percent of households with three - four years	12.7%	12.9%	11.3%	12.8%	14.0%
Five - six years (households count)	3,355	2,769	380	17	189
Percent of households with five - six years	10.6%	11.0%	8.8%	13.6%	9.9%
Seven - eight years (households count)	3,066	2,496	363	7	200
Percent of households with six - eight years	9.7%	9.9%	8.4%	5.6%	10.5%
Nine - ten years (households count)	2,543	2,053	343	10	137
Percent of households with nine - ten years	8.1%	8.1%	8.0%	8.0%	7.2%
11 - 12 years (households count)	2,165	1,657	391	9	108
Percent of households with 11 - 12 years	6.9%	6.6%	9.1%	7.2%	5.7%
13 - 14 years (households count)	1,755	1,362	282	4	107
Percent of households with 13 - 14 years	5.6%	5.4%	6.5%	3.2%	5.6%
15 - 16 years (households count)	1,414	1,079	259	2	74
Percent of households with 15 - 16 years	4.5%	4.3%	6.0%	1.6%	3.9%
17 years or more (households count)	5,030	3,804	885	27	314
Percent of households with 17 years or more	15.9%	15.1%	20.5%	21.6%	16.5%
Public assistance in Minnesota Use in 2019:					
Emergency cash assistance (households count)	1,555	1,409	32	9	105
Percent of households with Emergency cash assistance	4.9%	5.6%	0.7%	7.2%	5.5%
General Assistance (households count)	879	786	66	1	26
Percent of households with General Assistance	2.8%	3.1%	1.5%	0.8%	1.4%
Housing Support (households count)	1,110	1,024	13	3	70
Percent of households with Housing Support	3.5%	4.1%	0.3%	2.4%	3.7%
Minnesota Family Investment Program / Diversionary Work Program (households count)	398	364	19	2	13
Percent of households with Minnesota Family Investment Program / Diversionary Work Program	1.3%	1.4%	0.4%	1.6%	0.7%
Refugee Cash Assistance (households count)	5	1	4	0	0
Percent of households with Refugee Cash Assistance	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (households count)	28,770	22,904	3,955	104	1,807
Percent of households with Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program	91.1%	90.8%	91.8%	83.2%	94.9%

Table 2. Page 3

Minnesota Supplemental Aid households characteristics	Total paid households	SSI Disabled	SSI Aged	SSI Blind	Non-SSI enrolled
Public assistance in Minnesota Use in 2011 – 2019:					
Emergency cash assistance (count of households)	7,856	7,038	257	26	535
Percent of households with Emergency cash assistance:	24.9%	27.9%	6.0%	20.8%	28.1%
General Assistance (households count)	7,243	6,318	578	8	339
Percent of households with General Assistance	22.9%	25.0%	13.4%	6.4%	17.8%
Housing Support (households count)	5,073	4,681	61	9	322
Percent of households with Housing Support	16.1%	18.6%	1.4%	7.2%	16.9%
Minnesota Family Investment Program / Diversionary Work Program (households count)	2,392	2,176	113	15	88
Percent of households with Minnesota Family Investment Program / Diversionary Work Program	7.6%	8.6%	2.6%	12.0%	4.6%
Refugee Cash Assistance (households count)	294	220	72	2	0
Percent of households with Refugee Cash Assistance	0.9%	0.9%	1.7%	1.6%	0.0%
Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (households count)	31,125	24,935	4,201	116	1,873
Percent of households with Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program	98.6%	98.8%	97.5%	92.8%	98.3%
Unearned income:					
SSI (households count)	29,279	24,856	4,286	122	15
Percent of households with SSI	92.7%	98.5%	99.5%	97.6%	0.8%
RSDI (households count)	12,092	8,754	1,409	40	1,889
Percent of households with RSDI	38.3%	34.7%	32.7%	32.0%	99.2%
Both SSI and RSDI (households count)	9,906	8,469	1,392	37	8
Percent of households with SSI and RSDI	31.4%	33.6%	32.3%	29.6%	0.4%
Veterans benefits (households count)	139	116	14	0	9
Percent of households with veterans benefits	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%
Retirement income (households count)	99	43	38	0	18
Percent of households with retirement income	0.3%	0.2%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%
Spousal or child support (households count)	80	70	3	0	7
Percent of households with spousal or child support	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%
Other unearned income (household count)	152	123	17	1	11
Percent of households with other unearned income	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.8%	0.6%

Table 3. Households by county or consortium, December 2019

County/Region/State	Total households and percent of state	SSI Disabled	SSI Aged	SSI Blind	Non-SSI enrolled
Aitkin (household count)	65	53	6	0	6
Percent of households	0.2%	81.5%	9.2%	0.0%	9.2%
Anoka (household count)	1,218	930	186	1	101
Percent of households	3.9%	76.4%	15.3%	0.1%	8.3%
Becker (household count)	124	90	17	0	17
Percent of households	0.4%	72.6%	13.7%	0.0%	13.7%
Beltrami (household count)	272	243	13	0	16
Percent of households	0.9%	89.3%	4.8%	0.0%	5.9%
Benton (household count)	185	162	6	2	15
Percent of households	0.6%	87.6%	3.2%	1.1%	8.1%
Big Stone (household count)	28	21	7	0	0
Percent of households	0.1%	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Blue Earth (household count)	303	262	12	5	24
Percent of households	1.0%	86.5%	4.0%	1.7%	7.9%
Brown (household count)	86	71	5	1	9
Percent of households	0.3%	82.6%	5.8%	1.2%	10.5%
Carlton (household count)	171	134	18	0	19
Percent of households	0.5%	78.4%	10.5%	0.0%	11.1%
Carver (household count)	175	130	28	0	17
Percent of households	0.6%	74.3%	16.0%	0.0%	9.7%
Cass (household count)	175	149	15	1	10
Percent of households	0.6%	85.1%	8.6%	0.6%	5.7%
Chippewa (household count)	31	23	4	3	1
Percent of households	0.1%	74.2%	12.9%	9.7%	3.2%
Chisago (household count)	104	91	6	2	5
Percent of households	0.3%	87.5%	5.8%	1.9%	4.8%
Clay (household count)	365	297	46	2	20
Percent of households	1.2%	81.4%	12.6%	0.5%	5.5%
Clearwater (household count)	35	26	6	0	3
Percent of households	0.1%	74.3%	17.1%	0.0%	8.6%
Cook (household count)	15	12	1	0	2
Percent of households	0.0%	80.0%	6.7%	0.0%	13.3%
Crow Wing (household count)	324	263	29	2	30
Percent of households	1.0%	81.2%	9.0%	0.6%	9.3%
Dakota (household count)	1,381	1,013	237	4	127
Percent of households	4.4%	73.4%	17.2%	0.3%	9.2%

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County/Region/State	Total households and percent of state	SSI Disabled	SSI Aged	SSI Blind	Non-SSI enrolled
Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services (household count)	101	90	7	1	3
Percent of households	0.3%	89.1%	6.9%	1.0%	3.0%
Douglas (household count)	149	127	10	0	12
Percent of households	0.5%	85.2%	6.7%	0.0%	8.1%
Faribault/Martin (household count)	210	169	22	0	19
Percent of households	0.7%	80.5%	10.5%	0.0%	9.0%
Fillmore (household count)	60	44	8	0	8
Percent of households	0.2%	73.3%	13.3%	0.0%	13.3%
Freeborn (household count)	143	125	9	0	9
Percent of households	0.5%	87.4%	6.3%	0.0%	6.3%
Goodhue (household count)	151	141	9	0	1
Percent of households	0.5%	93.4%	6.0%	0.0%	0.7%
Grant (household count)	16	13	3	0	0
Percent of households	0.1%	81.3%	18.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Hennepin (household count)	11,194	8,478	2,203	41	472
Percent of households	35.5%	75.7%	19.7%	0.4%	4.2%
Houston (household count)	57	43	11	0	3
Percent of households	0.2%	75.4%	19.3%	0.0%	5.3%
Hubbard (household count)	135	109	17	0	9
Percent of households	0.4%	80.7%	12.6%	0.0%	6.7%
Isanti (household count)	105	97	3	0	5
Percent of households	0.3%	92.4%	2.9%	0.0%	4.8%
Itasca (household count)	318	262	28	1	27
Percent of households	1.0%	82.4%	8.8%	0.3%	8.5%
Kanabec (household count)	78	72	4	0	2
Percent of households	0.2%	92.3%	5.1%	0.0%	2.6%
Kandiyohi (household count)	164	146	11	0	7
Percent of households	0.5%	89.0%	6.7%	0.0%	4.3%
Kittson (household count)	14	11	3	0	0
Percent of households	0.0%	78.6%	21.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Koochiching (household count)	101	85	7	0	9
Percent of households	0.3%	84.2%	6.9%	0.0%	8.9%
Lac Qui Parle (household count)	24	18	5	0	1
Percent of households	0.1%	75.0%	20.8%	0.0%	4.2%
Lake (household count)	38	30	5	0	3
Percent of households	0.1%	78.9%	13.2%	0.0%	7.9%

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County/Region/State	Total households and percent of state	SSI Disabled	SSI Aged	SSI Blind	Non-SSI enrolled
Lake of the Woods (household count)	13	13	0	0	0
Percent of households	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Le Sueur (household count)	51	32	12	0	7
Percent of households	0.2%	62.7%	23.5%	0.0%	13.7%
Mahnomen (household count)	23	13	6	0	4
Percent of households	0.1%	56.5%	26.1%	0.0%	17.4%
Marshall (household count)	38	28	9	0	1
Percent of households	0.1%	73.7%	23.7%	0.0%	2.6%
McLeod (household count)	112	93	9	0	10
Percent of households	0.4%	83.0%	8.0%	0.0%	8.9%
Meeker (household count)	75	61	9	1	4
Percent of households	0.2%	81.3%	12.0%	1.3%	5.3%
Mille Lacs (household count)	77	66	7	0	4
Percent of households	0.2%	85.7%	9.1%	0.0%	5.2%
Minnesota Prairie County Alliance (MN Prairie) (household count)	241	199	26	0	16
Percent of households	0.8%	82.6%	10.8%	0.0%	6.6%
Morrison (household count)	141	110	22	0	9
Percent of households	0.4%	78.0%	15.6%	0.0%	6.4%
Mower (household count)	178	146	9	2	21
Percent of households	0.6%	82.0%	5.1%	1.1%	11.8%
Nicollet (household count)	70	55	4	3	8
Percent of households	0.2%	78.6%	5.7%	4.3%	11.4%
Nobles (household count)	65	55	6	1	3
Percent of households	0.2%	84.6%	9.2%	1.5%	4.6%
Norman (household count)	37	31	3	0	3
Percent of households	0.1%	83.8%	8.1%	0.0%	8.1%
Olmsted (household count)	662	517	105	8	32
Percent of households	2.1%	78.1%	15.9%	1.2%	4.8%
Otter Tail (household count)	256	211	27	0	18
Percent of households	0.8%	82.4%	10.5%	0.0%	7.0%
Pennington (household count)	55	41	11	0	3
Percent of households	0.2%	74.5%	20.0%	0.0%	5.5%
Pine (household count)	130	113	11	0	6
Percent of households	0.4%	86.9%	8.5%	0.0%	4.6%
Polk (household count)	175	153	12	0	10
Percent of households	0.6%	87.4%	6.9%	0.0%	5.7%

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County/Region/State	Total households and percent of state	SSI Disabled	SSI Aged	SSI Blind	Non-SSI enrolled
Pope (household count)	43	39	2	0	2
Percent of households	0.1%	90.7%	4.7%	0.0%	4.7%
Ramsey (household count)	5,868	4984	558	24	302
Percent of households	18.6%	84.9%	9.5%	0.4%	5.1%
Red Lake (household count)	18	16	1	0	1
Percent of households	0.1%	88.9%	5.6%	0.0%	5.6%
Renville (household count)	54	42	4	1	7
Percent of households	0.2%	77.8%	7.4%	1.9%	13.0%
Rice (household count)	167	143	16	0	8
Percent of households	0.5%	85.6%	9.6%	0.0%	4.8%
Roseau (household count)	30	22	7	0	1
Percent of households	0.1%	73.3%	23.3%	0.0%	3.3%
Scott (household count)	321	193	103	0	25
Percent of households	1.0%	60.1%	32.1%	0.0%	7.8%
Sherburne (household count)	166	129	13	0	24
Percent of households	0.5%	77.7%	7.8%	0.0%	14.5%
Sibley (household count)	31	28	2	0	1
Percent of households	0.1%	90.3%	6.5%	0.0%	3.2%
Southwest Health and Human Services (household count)	290	226	28	2	34
Percent of households	0.9%	77.9%	9.7%	0.7%	11.7%
St. Louis (household count)	1,922	1671	72	8	171
Percent of households	6.1%	86.9%	3.7%	0.4%	8.9%
Stearns (household count)	565	455	64	2	44
Percent of households	1.8%	80.5%	11.3%	0.4%	7.8%
Stevens (household count)	38	34	3	0	1
Percent of households	0.1%	89.5%	7.9%	0.0%	2.6%
Swift (household count)	47	36	5	0	6
Percent of households	0.1%	76.6%	10.6%	0.0%	12.8%
Todd (household count)	111	91	17	2	1
Percent of households	0.4%	82.0%	15.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Traverse (household count)	28	23	5	0	0
Percent of households	0.1%	84.6%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Wabasha (household count)	63	53	6	0	4
Percent of households	0.2%	84.1%	9.5%	0.0%	6.3%
Wadena (household count)	136	117	13	0	6
Percent of households	0.4%	86.0%	9.6%	0.0%	4.4%

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County/Region/State	Total households and percent of state	SSI Disabled	SSI Aged	SSI Blind	Non-SSI enrolled
Washington (household count)	507	415	50	3	39
Percent of households	1.6%	81.9%	9.9%	0.6%	7.7%
Watowan (household count)	31	26	3	0	2
Percent of households	0.1%	83.9%	9.7%	0.0%	6.5%
White Earth Nation (household count)	171	148	8	1	14
Percent of households	0.5%	86.5%	4.7%	0.6%	8.2%
Wilkin	33	26	4	0	3
Percent of households	0.1%	78.8%	12.1%	0.0%	9.1%
Winona	190	161	14	1	14
Percent of households	0.6%	84.7%	7.4%	0.5%	7.4%
Wright	184	151	10	0	23
Percent of households	0.6%	82.1%	5.4%	0.0%	12.5%
Yellow Medicine	45	38	6	0	1
Percent of households	0.1%	84.4%	13.3%	0.0%	2.2%
Northwest	368	304	46	0	19
Percent of households	1.2%	82.6%	12.5%	0.0%	5.2%
West Central	2,426	2,007	257	7	165
Percent of households	7.7%	82.7%	10.6%	0.3%	6.8%
Northeast	2,644	2,265	141	9	239
Percent of households	8.4%	85.7%	5.3%	0.3%	9.0%
Central	1,549	1,313	130	6	104
Percent of households	4.9%	84.8%	8.4%	0.4%	6.7%
Southwest	636	513	70	7	49
Percent of households	2.0%	80.7%	11.0%	1.1%	7.7%
South Central	784	646	61	9	71
Percent of households	2.5%	82.4%	7.8%	1.1%	9.1%
Southeast	1,922	1,587	213	11	117
Percent of households	6.1%	82.6%	11.1%	0.6%	6.1%
Metro Suburban	4,067	3,084	652	11	363
Percent of households	12.9%	75.8%	16.0%	0.3%	8.9%
Core Metro	17,110	13,568	2,852	66	778
Percent of households	54.2%	79.3%	16.7%	0.4%	4.5%
Tribal	171	148	8	1	14
Percent of households	0.5%	86.5%	4.7%	0.6%	8.2%
Minnesota	31,573	25,234	4,309	125	1,905
Percent of households	100.0%	79.9%	13.6%	0.4%	6.0%

Notes and definitions

Household types

The only households where more than one person is enrolled 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 2019,
- Entered a facility on or before December 31, 2019, and
- Left the facility in December after staying at least one day or remained in the facility as of December 31, 2019.

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 165 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 2019, 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 matches 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, 2019,
- Either no disability end date or an end date after December 31, 2019, 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 2019 (the benefit month). The actual amount received in December 2019 (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 2020 for December 2019.

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 2019 were December 2019 households active in Minnesota for one or more months in 2019, but receiving no cash from 1992 to 2019 (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 2019 state entry date. Minnesota residents were either lifelong residents or had moved to the state before 2019.

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 (MN Prairie): Dodge, Steele, and Waseca (as of January 1, 2015)