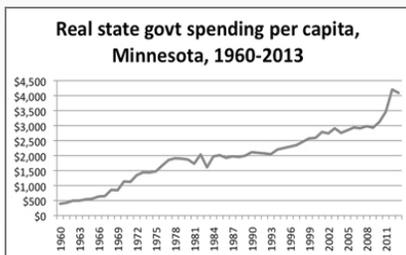


## Did You Know?

- *The Tax Foundation reports that Minnesota currently ranks 7th nationally in terms of state and local tax burden on its citizens.*
- *Minnesota's business tax climate is ranked amongst the 10 worst states nationally.*
- *Per capita state spending has grown 8-fold on an inflation-adjusted basis over the past 50 years.*
- *The top 5% percent of Minnesota wage earners pay 40% percent of state's income tax.*
- *While private sector employers have shed over 80,000 jobs in Minnesota since the start of the recession, state government has increased employment by 2.6%.*
- *Freedom Foundation of Minnesota reports that since 2002, our state has lost over 54,000 residents to other states — in the previous decade, the state gained over 104,000 residents.*
- *A Heritage Foundation study found that "tax the rich" policies affect all households, as job scarcity results in lower wages and lost consumption and savings. Attempting to raise revenues by raising taxes on the productive sectors of the economy harms the very citizens the revenue would ostensibly be used to help.*



## How YOU can help prevent an economic disaster in Minnesota

- Visit [www.SoupTruck.net](http://www.SoupTruck.net) and sign the petition calling upon your elected officials to cut spending and lower taxes in order to make Minnesota a more attractive state for business and jobs.
- Call Governor Dayton at **800-657-3717** and tell him to cut state spending and lower taxes.
- Organize a group of people from your community and schedule a time to meet with your elected officials at the state capitol.



Help protect our way of life in Minnesota.

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# Economic SURVIVAL Guide for Minnesota Families



Helpful tips on how to survive Governor Dayton's government spending spree and job-killing tax hikes.

## Be Prepared

State governments throughout our nation are on the verge of an economic crisis. Governors in many states are leading the charge to slash government spending and lower taxes, thereby making their states more competitive for job growth.

But Democrat Governor Mark Dayton is doing exactly the opposite. He has proposed a record **22% increase in state spending** together with job-killing tax hikes, putting Minnesotans amongst the **highest taxed citizens in the nation**.

Dayton's plan will predictably accelerate the current flight of jobs and capital out of our state as employers seek more business-friendly climates.

The result? Higher taxes imposed on a smaller population, fewer jobs and an economic downturn that will have our major cities looking more like Detroit.

**Lower and middle class families will be hurt the worst**, suffering job losses and higher costs of living due to higher taxes.

Minnesota families should **act now** to prepare for the ensuing economic disaster if Governor Dayton's plan is adopted.



## Helpful Money-Saving Tips

Here are some practical tips on how you and your family can survive the aftermath of Governor Dayton's "tax and spend" proposal:

- If you still have a job, skip lunch – eating three square meals a day is overrated and you can earn money instead of spending it over your lunch hour. If you don't have a job, skip lunch and dinner – you can't afford it and if you aren't working, you don't need the calories.
- Eat dinner cold – save energy by leaving your stove off. Canned food is already par-boiled and doesn't need to be cooked.
- Ramen noodles provide an inexpensive sustenance alternative, but heating water uses energy. Put the noodles in a sealed jar with a cup of water. They'll eventually soften. For a warm treat, leave the jar in the sun for a couple hours before eating.
- Meat is expensive. Try tofu or other soy products for protein. Insects are a nutritious option and you can deal with your pest and hunger problems at the same time.
- Do laundry less often. You may smell a little, but you'll save the planet as well as your wallet. Line-dry your clothes when you do wash.
- Double your wardrobe without spending a dime. Trade clothes with your spouse when you need a new look.



- Keep lights off at night – seeing is overrated. Possible bonus: You may develop obstacle avoidance instincts. If necessary, you can light a candle.
- Bank foreclosure may be avoided by renting out a room or two in your home.
- Gas is expensive, so walk or bike to the unemployment office.
- Recycle your toothpaste.
- Reuse aluminum foil and sandwich bags.
- Take showers together to save on your water bills.
- Avoid store-bought cold remedies. If you have a cold, scrape sesame seeds off a bun for their zinc content. For headaches, apply a wet cloth to the forehead and lie in a dark, quiet room.
- Set your thermostat to 55 degrees in the winter. Anything above 32 will prevent freezing. Use lots of blankets.
- Never use an air conditioner! A paper fan is an inexpensive way to cool down.
- Don't buy extravagant playthings for your children. Kids are just as happy with a cardboard box as a new toy or game. Our grandparents played with sticks and rocks.
- If all else fails, try hitchhiking to South Dakota where taxes are low and jobs are plentiful.

