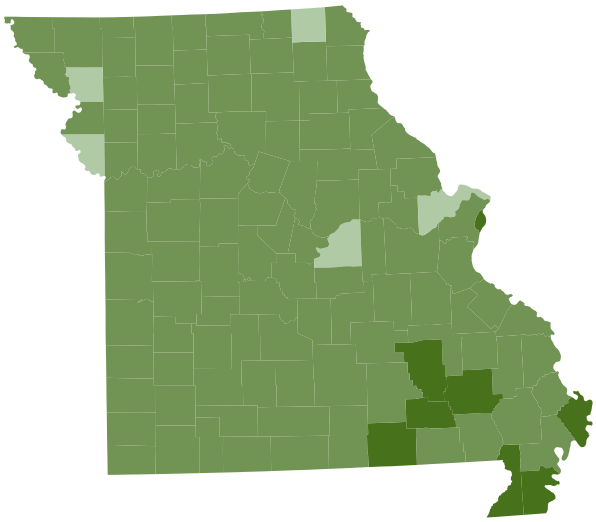
Missouri

2023 FOOD INSECURITY & FOOD COST IN THE US

Child Food Insecurity Rate

No Data	0-13.0%	13.1-26.0%	26.1-39.0%	39.1-52.0%	52.1-65.0%



AVERAGE MEAL COST

$3.47

National average cost of a meal is $3.58

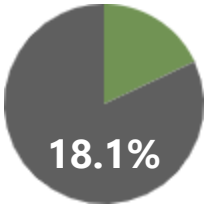
TOP COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST FOOD INSECURITY RATES

Wayne
Carter
St. Louis city
Mississippi
Pemiscot

FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN

248,620

FOOD INSECURITY RATE



ESTIMATED PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AMONG FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN

32% Likely ineligible for federal nutrition programs (incomes above 185% of poverty)

68% Income eligible for federal nutrition programs (incomes at or below 185% of poverty)

Child hunger exists in every county in the United States. However, as Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap study shows, child food insecurity looks different from county to county. Antihunger programs work to protect millions of children from hunger, but the report also reveals that many children in need of food assistance do not qualify for federal child nutrition programs and their families must rely on charity alone to put food on the table.

Map the Meal Gap provides data about the prevalence of child food insecurity at the local level, including the share of children who are income-eligible for federal child nutrition programs like free or reduced price school meals. By providing information about child hunger at the local level, Map the Meal Gap can help policymakers and service providers alike identify strategies to best reach families and children in need of food assistance.

Visit map.feedingamerica.org for more information.

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