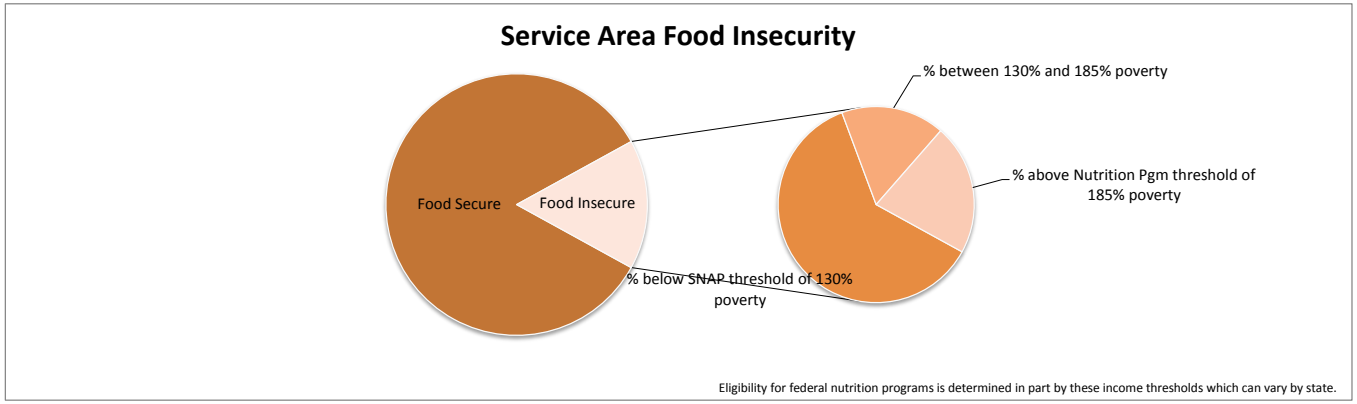
Map the Meal Gap 2016 : Food Insecurity
Service Area Overview

Ozarks Food Harvest

Population	**1,107,733**
Food insecurity rate (2014)[1,2]	**16.0%**
Estimated number food insecure people	**177,260**

Ratio of cost-of-food in the service area to national average[3]	**0.921**	**lower than the national average**
Cost of an average meal in the service area[4]	**$ 2.66**	
Annual "Meal Gap"[5]	**31,293,900**	



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[1]A person is defined as being food insecure if he or she lives in a household experiencing food insecurity. The food insecurity measures here are derived from the measures of food insecurity found in the nationally representative Current Population Survey. Since 1995, those measures have been calculated from responses to a series of questions about conditions and behaviors known to characterize households having difficulty meeting basic food needs. For more details about how food insecurity is calculated, see Coleman-Jensen, Alisha, Matthew P. Rabbitt, Christian Gregory, and Anita Singh. *Household Food Security in the United States in 2014* , ERR-194, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, September 2015.

[2]Food insecurity rates shown here may differ from the state-level prevalence rates of food insecurity presented in "Household Food Security in the United States in 2014" (ibid.) Among other factors, those rates are three-year average rates for the period 2012-2014; the rates presented above reflect one-year rates for 2014. For more information about these factors, please see the supplemental methodology information on HungerNet.

[3]Pricing index created from actual cost of food relative to the cost of food in other states across the U.S.

[4] Weighted cost per meal is the national average cost spent on a meal by food secure persons, $2.89, weighted by the cost of food in the area

[5] Annual "meal gap" represents the following formula:
Annual dollars food insecure persons report needing to meet their food needs in this area / Average cost of a meal for food secure individuals in the U.S.

Map the Meal Gap 2016

Food Insecurity by County in 2014

Member ID: 192

Service Area: Ozarks Food Harvest

County	ST	Population	Food insecurity rate	Estimated number food insecure individuals (rounded)	Income within the food insecure population[2]			Cost-of-food index	Weekly food-budget shortfall per food insecure person[3]	Total food-budget shortfall reported by the food insecure in 2014[4]	Weighted cost per meal[5]	The "Meal Gap"
					% below SNAP threshold of 130% poverty	% between 130% and 185% poverty	% above Nutrition Pgm threshold of 185% poverty					
Barry	MO	35,681	14.5%	5,180	70%	16%	14%	0.973	$ 16.36	$ 2,570,000	$ 2.81	914,500
Barton	MO	12,286	16.0%	1,970	68%	15%	17%	0.892	$ 15.00	$ 897,000	$ 2.58	347,800
Cedar	MO	13,912	16.9%	2,350	73%	17%	10%	0.893	$ 15.02	$ 1,071,000	$ 2.58	414,900
Christian	MO	79,856	12.9%	10,320	46%	21%	34%	1.036	$ 17.43	$ 5,456,000	$ 2.99	1,821,900
Dade	MO	7,678	15.5%	1,190	68%	18%	14%	0.936	$ 15.74	$ 568,000	$ 2.70	210,100
Dallas	MO	16,632	16.3%	2,720	72%	20%	8%	0.943	$ 15.86	$ 1,308,000	$ 2.72	480,200
Dent	MO	15,681	16.4%	2,570	69%	13%	18%	0.921	$ 15.48	$ 1,207,000	$ 2.66	453,700
Douglas	MO	13,575	16.7%	2,270	71%	22%	7%	0.953	$ 16.03	$ 1,104,000	$ 2.75	400,800
Greene	MO	280,657	16.6%	46,500	59%	15%	26%	0.956	$ 16.08	$ 22,677,000	$ 2.76	8,209,200
Hickory	MO	9,420	16.8%	1,590	70%	17%	13%	0.880	$ 14.80	$ 714,000	$ 2.54	280,700
Howell	MO	40,469	17.5%	7,070	71%	13%	16%	0.844	$ 14.20	$ 3,044,000	$ 2.44	1,248,200
Jasper	MO	116,996	15.3%	17,850	62%	16%	22%	0.889	$ 14.95	$ 8,096,000	$ 2.57	3,151,300
Laclede	MO	35,544	17.0%	6,050	67%	20%	14%	0.800	$ 13.45	$ 2,469,000	$ 2.31	1,068,100
Lawrence	MO	38,306	14.8%	5,660	64%	22%	15%	0.964	$ 16.21	$ 2,783,000	$ 2.78	999,200
McDonald	MO	22,851	14.9%	3,390	78%	17%	4%	1.045	$ 17.57	$ 1,807,000	$ 3.02	598,500
Newton	MO	58,683	13.9%	8,160	57%	22%	21%	0.878	$ 14.78	$ 3,657,000	$ 2.54	1,440,600
Oregon	MO	10,975	17.4%	1,910	79%	11%	9%	0.892	$ 15.00	$ 869,000	$ 2.58	337,200
Ozark	MO	9,612	17.0%	1,630	69%	21%	10%	0.957	$ 16.10	$ 796,000	$ 2.77	287,800
Polk	MO	31,122	16.6%	5,160	68%	13%	19%	0.837	$ 14.08	$ 2,203,000	$ 2.42	911,000
Pulaski	MO	53,343	17.4%	9,310	37%	23%	41%	0.964	$ 16.22	$ 4,580,000	$ 2.79	1,643,600
St. Clair	MO	9,609	16.7%	1,610	63%	19%	18%	0.862	$ 14.50	$ 708,000	$ 2.49	284,200
Shannon	MO	8,360	17.7%	1,480	66%	15%	19%	0.882	$ 14.83	$ 666,000	$ 2.55	261,300
Stone	MO	31,593	16.2%	5,120	58%	16%	27%	1.025	$ 17.25	$ 2,679,000	$ 2.96	903,900
Taney	MO	53,086	18.6%	9,860	62%	17%	21%	1.070	$ 18.00	$ 5,382,000	$ 3.09	1,740,700
Texas	MO	25,796	17.1%	4,420	63%	16%	22%	0.960	$ 16.15	$ 2,166,000	$ 2.78	780,300
Vernon	MO	20,984	15.8%	3,320	62%	18%	20%	0.979	$ 16.47	$ 1,659,000	$ 2.83	586,100
Webster	MO	36,461	14.9%	5,420	64%	20%	16%	0.943	$ 15.86	$ 2,607,000	$ 2.72	956,900
Wright	MO	18,565	17.1%	3,180	81%	19%	0%	0.871	$ 14.65	$ 1,413,000	$ 2.52	561,400
Service Area Total		**1,107,733**	**16.0%**	**177,260**	**61%**	**17%**	**22%**	**0.921**	**$ 15.49**	**$ 83,280,000**	**$ 2.66**	**31,293,900**

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[1]Map the Meal Gap's food insecurity rates are determined using data from the 2001-2014 Current Population Survey on individuals in food insecure households; data from the 2014 American Community Survey on median household incomes, poverty rates, homeownership and race and ethnic demographics; and 2014 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on unemployment rates.

[2]Numbers reflect percentage of food insecure individuals living in households with incomes within the income bands indicated. Eligibility for federal nutrition programs is determined in part by these income thresholds which can vary by state.

[3]Weekly food-budget shortfall is the national average amount of money food insecure people report needing to move to food security, weighted by the cost of food in the area.

[4]Total food-budget shortfall for this year calculated using the following formula:
Annual dollars=weekly food budget shortfall * # food insecure persons * 52 weeks * Average months of the year a person is food insecure (7/12)

[5]Weighted cost per meal is the national average cost spent on a meal by food secure persons weighted by the cost of food in the area.