



Map the Meal Gap 2018

Food Insecurity by County in 2016

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 2016 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 | 35,716 | 13.9% | 4,960 | 72% | 17% | 11% | 0.982 | \$ 16.59 | \$ 2,497,000 | \$ 2.95 | 847,600 |
| Barton | MO | 12,075 | 16.0% | 1,940 | 65% | 11% | 24% | 0.900 | \$ 15.21 | \$ 895,000 | \$ 2.70 | 331,500 |
| Cedar | MO | 13,932 | 16.3% | 2,270 | 71% | 13% | 16% | 0.895 | \$ 15.12 | \$ 1,041,000 | \$ 2.68 | 387,900 |
| Christian | MO | 82,053 | 11.5% | 9,470 | 50% | 19% | 31% | 0.954 | \$ 16.12 | \$ 4,631,000 | \$ 2.86 | 1,618,200 |
| Dade | MO | 7,590 | 14.3% | 1,090 | 66% | 15% | 19% | 0.946 | \$ 15.99 | \$ 529,000 | \$ 2.84 | 186,300 |
| Dallas | MO | 16,508 | 14.7% | 2,420 | 68% | 29% | 3% | 0.965 | \$ 16.32 | \$ 1,198,000 | \$ 2.90 | 413,500 |
| Dent | MO | 15,578 | 16.0% | 2,480 | 68% | 10% | 22% | 0.937 | \$ 15.84 | \$ 1,192,000 | \$ 2.81 | 423,800 |
| Douglas | MO | 13,467 | 15.3% | 2,060 | 68% | 23% | 9% | 0.966 | \$ 16.33 | \$ 1,020,000 | \$ 2.90 | 352,000 |
| Greene | MO | 285,449 | 15.3% | 43,740 | 59% | 15% | 27% | 0.985 | \$ 16.65 | \$ 22,085,000 | \$ 2.95 | 7,474,200 |
| Hickory | MO | 9,267 | 16.0% | 1,480 | 68% | 14% | 18% | 0.893 | \$ 15.09 | \$ 677,000 | \$ 2.68 | 252,900 |
| Howell | MO | 40,265 | 16.6% | 6,680 | 69% | 15% | 16% | 0.849 | \$ 14.36 | \$ 2,909,000 | \$ 2.55 | 1,141,500 |
| Jasper | MO | 117,376 | 13.8% | 16,210 | 62% | 16% | 22% | 0.898 | \$ 15.17 | \$ 7,461,000 | \$ 2.69 | 2,769,900 |
| Laclede | MO | 35,505 | 15.3% | 5,440 | 67% | 19% | 14% | 0.841 | \$ 14.21 | \$ 2,345,000 | \$ 2.52 | 929,600 |
| Lawrence | MO | 38,204 | 13.2% | 5,040 | 63% | 24% | 13% | 0.969 | \$ 16.38 | \$ 2,505,000 | \$ 2.91 | 861,200 |
| McDonald | MO | 22,720 | 13.3% | 3,020 | 77% | 23% | 0% | 1.055 | \$ 17.82 | \$ 1,633,000 | \$ 3.16 | 516,100 |
| Newton | MO | 58,741 | 12.7% | 7,460 | 57% | 25% | 19% | 0.889 | \$ 15.02 | \$ 3,399,000 | \$ 2.67 | 1,274,700 |
| Oregon | MO | 10,922 | 16.9% | 1,840 | 67% | 14% | 19% | 0.901 | \$ 15.23 | \$ 850,000 | \$ 2.70 | 314,400 |
| Ozark | MO | 9,450 | 17.9% | 1,690 | 73% | 16% | 11% | 0.967 | \$ 16.35 | \$ 838,000 | \$ 2.90 | 288,800 |
| Polk | MO | 31,113 | 14.7% | 4,560 | 67% | 13% | 20% | 0.842 | \$ 14.23 | \$ 1,968,000 | \$ 2.53 | 779,200 |
| Pulaski | MO | 53,302 | 16.1% | 8,580 | 42% | 17% | 41% | 1.000 | \$ 16.90 | \$ 4,398,000 | \$ 3.00 | 1,466,100 |
| St. Clair | MO | 9,444 | 15.9% | 1,500 | 63% | 17% | 21% | 0.866 | \$ 14.64 | \$ 666,000 | \$ 2.60 | 256,300 |
| Shannon | MO | 8,256 | 16.6% | 1,370 | 65% | 11% | 25% | 0.888 | \$ 15.01 | \$ 624,000 | \$ 2.66 | 234,100 |
| Stone | MO | 31,197 | 13.5% | 4,210 | 54% | 19% | 27% | 1.041 | \$ 17.59 | \$ 2,246,000 | \$ 3.12 | 719,400 |
| Taney | MO | 53,853 | 16.3% | 8,780 | 62% | 19% | 19% | 1.045 | \$ 17.65 | \$ 4,702,000 | \$ 3.13 | 1,500,300 |
| Texas | MO | 25,690 | 17.4% | 4,470 | 65% | 14% | 21% | 0.986 | \$ 16.66 | \$ 2,260,000 | \$ 2.96 | 763,800 |
| Vernon | MO | 20,836 | 14.7% | 3,060 | 61% | 23% | 16% | 0.985 | \$ 16.65 | \$ 1,546,000 | \$ 2.96 | 522,900 |
| Webster | MO | 37,075 | 14.5% | 5,380 | 63% | 19% | 18% | 0.954 | \$ 16.13 | \$ 2,632,000 | \$ 2.86 | 919,300 |
| Wright | MO | 18,378 | 17.3% | 3,180 | 77% | 17% | 6% | 0.900 | \$ 15.21 | \$ 1,467,000 | \$ 2.70 | 543,400 |
| Service Area Total | | 1,113,962 | 14.8% | 164,380 | 61% | 17% | 22% | 0.926 | \$ 15.65 | \$ 78,027,000 | \$ 2.78 | 28,088,900 |

For additional data and maps by county, state, and congressional district, please visit map.feedingamerica.org.

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¹Map the Meal Gap's food insecurity rates are determined using data from the 2001-2016 Current Population Survey on individuals in food insecure households; data from the 2016 American Community Survey on median household incomes, poverty rates, homeownership and race and ethnic demographics; and 2016 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on unemployment rates.

²Numbers 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.

³Weekly 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.

⁴Total food-budget shortfall for this year calculated using the following formula:

| 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 2016 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 | | | | | |

*Annual dollars=weekly food budget shortfall * # food insecure persons * 52 weeks * Average months of the year a person is food insecure (7/12)*

⁵Weighted 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.

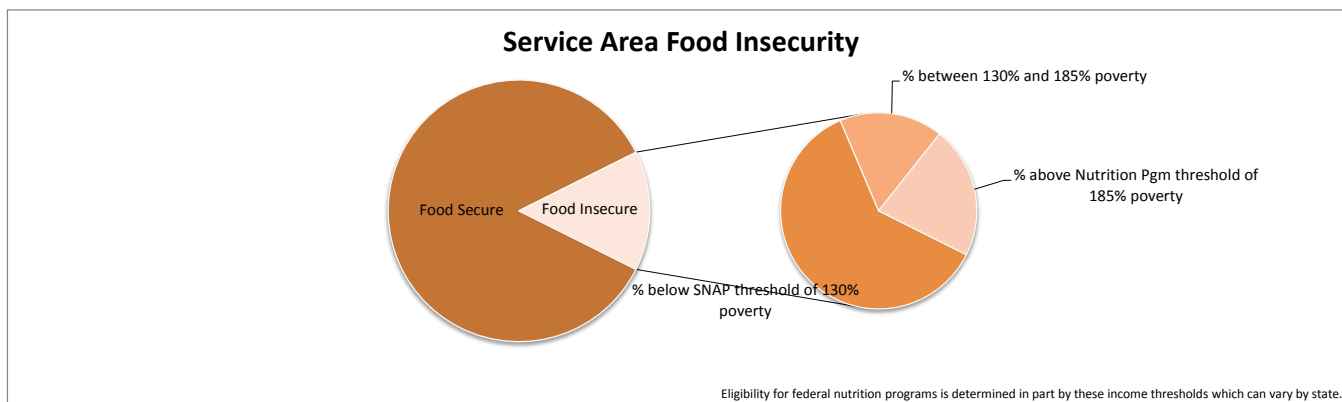
Map the Meal Gap 2018 : Food Insecurity Service Area Overview

Ozarks Food Harvest

Population 1,113,962

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| Food insecurity rate (2016) ^{1,2} | 14.8% |
| Estimated number food insecure people | 164,380 |

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| Ratio of cost-of-food in the service area to national average ³ | 0.926 | lower than the national average |
| Cost of an average meal in the service area ⁴ | \$ 2.78 | |
| Annual "Meal Gap" ⁵ | 28,088,900 | |



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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 A. Gregory, and Anita Singh. *Household Food Security in the United States in 2016*, ERR-237, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, September 2017.

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 2016" (ibid.) Among other factors, those rates are three-year average rates for the period 2014-2016; the rates presented above reflect one-year rates for 2016. 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 service areas across the U.S.

⁴ Weighted cost per meal is the national average cost spent on a meal by food secure persons, \$3.00, 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 this area.