



Map the Meal Gap 2013

Massachusetts Food Insecurity by County in 2011 ¹



County	Population	Food insecurity rate ²	Estimated number food insecure individuals (rounded)	Income within the food insecure population ³	
				% below SNAP threshold of 200% poverty	% above SNAP threshold of 200% poverty
Barnstable	216,639	8.6%	18,550	55%	45%
Berkshire	131,221	10.0%	13,160	70%	30%
Bristol	547,305	12.1%	66,180	60%	40%
Dukes	16,353	8.5%	1,380	63%	37%
Essex	739,505	10.1%	74,330	61%	39%
Franklin	71,495	9.4%	6,730	72%	28%
Hampden	462,752	12.9%	59,890	75%	25%
Hampshire	157,630	9.2%	14,520	54%	46%
Middlesex	1,491,762	8.8%	131,710	51%	49%
Nantucket	10,135	9.3%	940	47%	53%
Norfolk	666,426	8.2%	54,410	44%	56%
Plymouth	492,934	8.9%	43,830	50%	50%
Suffolk	713,089	17.0%	121,030	79%	21%
Worcester	794,981	10.2%	80,760	57%	43%
State Total⁴	6,587,536	12.3%	809,920	52%	48%

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

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¹Map the Meal Gap's food insecurity rates are determined using data from the 2001-2011 Current Population Survey on individuals in food insecure households; data from the 2011 American Community Survey on median household incomes, poverty rates, home ownership, and race and ethnic demographics; and 2011 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on unemployment rates.

²The statistical model for estimating food insecurity in 2013 differs slightly from the model used in 2012. The updated 2013 model includes "homeownership" in addition to the variables used in previous years to account for household assets and help produce more accurate estimates of food insecurity at the local level. For more information about these factors, please see the technical brief or supplemental methodology information on HungerNet.

³Numbers 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.

⁴Population and food insecurity data in the state totals row do not reflect the sum of all counties in that state. The state totals are aggregated from the congressional districts data in that state. All data in the state totals row pertaining to the cost of food or the "Meal Gap" reflect state-level data and are not aggregations of either counties or congressional districts.