

Map the Meal Gap 2013



Maine 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 185% poverty	% above SNAP threshold of 185% poverty
Androscoggin	107,785	15.4%	16,610	63%	37%
Aroostook	72,143	16.4%	11,850	75%	25%
Cumberland	281,044	13.7%	38,480	52%	48%
Franklin	30,697	16.1%	4,950	71%	29%
Hancock	54,422	14.7%	8,000	60%	40%
Kennebec	122,008	14.1%	17,180	62%	38%
Knox	39,972	13.1%	5,230	66%	34%
Lincoln	34,579	12.1%	4,190	63%	37%
Oxford	57,892	15.3%	8,870	68%	32%
Penobscot	153,400	15.9%	24,370	66%	34%
Piscataquis	17,518	16.4%	2,870	76%	24%
Sagadahoc	35,546	12.7%	4,530	54%	46%
Somerset	52,228	16.9%	8,810	74%	26%
Waldo	38,737	14.6%	5,650	69%	31%
Washington	33,015	17.6%	5,820	77%	23%
York	197,557	12.8%	25,280	54%	46%
State Total⁴	1,328,188	15.7%	208,620	50%	50%

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.

² The 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.