



Map the Meal Gap 2017:

Child Food Insecurity in Massachusetts by County in 2015 ¹



County	Food insecurity rate (full population)	Population under 18 years old	Child food insecurity rate	Estimated number food insecure children (rounded)	Food insecure children likely income-eligible for federal nutrition assistance ²	Food insecure children likely NOT income-eligible for federal nutrition assistance ²
Barnstable	9.4%	34,835	14.9%	5,170	63%	38%
Berkshire	11.2%	23,637	16.6%	3,920	72%	28%
Bristol	11.5%	118,219	15.8%	18,640	71%	29%
Dukes	10.7%	3,173	17.5%	560	69%	31%
Essex	8.1%	169,877	13.1%	22,230	74%	26%
Franklin	9.9%	13,234	14.4%	1,910	80%	20%
Hampden	10.5%	106,572	16.9%	18,040	85%	15%
Hampshire	10.6%	25,334	13.2%	3,340	67%	33%
Middlesex	8.7%	322,585	10.8%	34,900	59%	41%
Nantucket	9.9%	2,231	13.9%	310	59%	41%
Norfolk	8.6%	150,521	10.4%	15,620	48%	52%
Plymouth	9.4%	115,228	12.6%	14,520	67%	33%
Suffolk	14.9%	131,221	15.1%	19,830	78%	22%
Worcester	9.8%	180,962	13.8%	25,060	67%	33%
State Total³	10.3%	1,387,194	13.5%	187,290	68%	32%

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

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²Numbers reflect percentage of food insecure children living in households with incomes above or below 185% of the federal poverty guideline for 2014. Eligibility for federal child nutrition programs is determined in part by income thresholds which can vary by state.

³Data 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.



Map the Meal Gap 2017:

Child Food Insecurity in Massachusetts by Congressional District in 2015 ¹



Congressional District	Food insecurity rate (full population)	Child food insecurity rate	Estimated number food insecure children (rounded)	Food insecure children likely income-eligible for federal nutrition assistance ²	Food insecure children likely NOT income-eligible for federal nutrition assistance ²
1	10.4%	16.3%	25,010	84%	17%
2	11.3%	14.7%	22,100	67%	34%
3	8.1%	13.4%	23,360	72%	28%
4	8.3%	11.5%	19,640	45%	55%
5	8.6%	10.1%	15,390	63%	38%
6	8.3%	12.0%	19,330	65%	35%
7	16.2%	16.0%	20,950	78%	22%
8	11.2%	12.9%	19,880	63%	37%
9	10.4%	15.3%	21,630	68%	32%

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