

Map the Meal Gap 2011

Louisiana Food Insecurity by Congressional District, 2009

Louisiana Congressional District	Food Insecurity Rate	Number of Food Insecure Individuals	% Food Insecure Individuals Below SNAP Threshold of 130%*	% Food Insecure Individuals Between 130% and 185%*	% Food Insecure Individuals NOT Eligible for Federal Nutrition Assistance*
1	10.3%	68,350	43%	31%	26%
2	18.4%	87,400	70%	19%	10%
3	11.1%	68,730	54%	30%	16%
4	13.8%	86,270	60%	26%	15%
5	15.2%	92,190	62%	26%	11%
6	11.4%	77,450	54%	24%	21%
7	12.0%	78,110	55%	29%	16%

*Eligibility for federal nutrition programs is determined in part by income thresholds which vary by state.

Source: Gundersen, C., E. Waxman, E. Engelhard and J. Brown. Map the Meal Gap: Preliminary Findings. Feeding America, 2011. www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap

Map the Meal Gap food insecurity estimates are based on unemployment rates, median incomes, poverty rates, and other demographic measures. Because Congressional District estimates use a three-year average of unemployment data (2007-2009) and county-level estimates use unemployment data from one-year (2009), Congressional District estimates are not directly comparable with county estimates or the aggregated state totals