



Map the Meal Gap 2011



Massachusetts Food Insecurity by Congressional District, 2009

Massachusetts Congressional District	Food Insecurity Rate	Number of Food Insecure Individuals	% Food Insecure Individuals Eligible for Federal Nutrition Assistance*	% Food Insecure Individuals NOT Eligible for Federal Nutrition Assistance*
1	13.5%	82,950	58%	42%
2	13.6%	86,750	58%	42%
3	12.9%	82,630	51%	50%
4	12.0%	74,160	47%	53%
5	11.2%	71,060	51%	50%
6	10.7%	68,330	45%	55%
7	10.7%	66,580	49%	51%
8	17.2%	108,390	70%	30%
9	11.7%	74,380	48%	52%
10	10.9%	70,240	42%	58%

*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