



# Map the Meal Gap 2014:

Overall Food Insecurity in Massachusetts by County in 2012 <sup>1</sup>



County	Population	Food insecurity rate	Estimated number food insecure individuals (rounded)	Likely Income Eligibility for Federal Nutrition Assistance <sup>2</sup>	
				% below 200% poverty	% above 200% poverty
				SNAP, WIC, free school meals, CSFP, TEFAP	Charitable Response
Barnstable	216,021	9.1%	19,620	58%	42%
Berkshire	130,866	10.9%	14,200	71%	29%
Bristol	548,739	12.3%	67,690	63%	37%
Dukes	16,581	9.4%	1,560	73%	27%
Essex	744,961	10.0%	74,380	65%	35%
Franklin	71,489	10.2%	7,330	72%	28%
Hampden	464,072	12.6%	58,340	80%	20%
Hampshire	158,850	9.9%	15,730	56%	44%
Middlesex	1,507,558	9.0%	136,370	53%	47%
Nantucket	10,194	8.8%	900	48%	52%
Norfolk	672,078	8.5%	57,040	46%	54%
Plymouth	495,407	9.0%	44,730	55%	45%
Suffolk	724,502	16.7%	120,940	78%	22%
Worcester	799,277	10.4%	82,920	60%	40%
<b>State Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>6,646,144</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>789,800</b>	<b>63.1%</b>	<b>36.9%</b>

For additional data and maps by county, state, and congressional district, please visit [www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap](http://www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap).

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<sup>1</sup>Map the Meal Gap's food insecurity rates are determined using data from the 2001-2012 Current Population Survey on individuals in food insecure households; data from the 2012 American Community Survey on median household incomes, poverty rates, homeownership, and race and ethnic demographics; and 2012 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on unemployment rates.

<sup>2</sup>Numbers 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.