



Map the Meal Gap 2016:

Overall Food Insecurity in Massachusetts by County in 2014 ¹



County	Population	Food insecurity rate	Estimated number food insecure individuals (rounded)	Likely Income Eligibility for Federal Nutrition Assistance ²	
				% below 200% poverty <i>SNAP, WIC, free school meals, CSFP, TEFAP</i>	% above 200% poverty <i>Charitable Response</i>
Barnstable	215,167	9.9%	21,340	62%	38%
Berkshire	130,064	11.6%	15,080	71%	29%
Bristol	551,065	12.1%	66,650	69%	32%
Dukes	16,915	10.8%	1,830	72%	28%
Essex	757,395	9.0%	67,950	74%	27%
Franklin	71,300	10.4%	7,430	78%	22%
Hampden	466,447	11.7%	54,780	88%	12%
Hampshire	160,328	10.6%	16,990	61%	39%
Middlesex	1,539,832	9.0%	138,930	58%	42%
Nantucket	10,414	10.4%	1,080	49%	51%
Norfolk	682,860	8.7%	59,730	48%	52%
Plymouth	500,772	9.5%	47,430	58%	42%
Suffolk	747,928	15.9%	118,930	82%	18%
Worcester	806,804	10.3%	82,950	66%	34%
State Total⁶	6,745,408	11.1%	745,470	66.7%	33.3%

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 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.

⁶Population 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.



Map the Meal Gap 2016:

Overall Food Insecurity in Massachusetts by Congressional District in 2014 ¹



Congressional District	Population	Food insecurity rate	Estimated number food insecure individuals (rounded)	Likely Income Eligibility for Federal Nutrition Assistance ²	
				% below 200% poverty	% above 200% poverty
				SNAP, WIC, free school meals, CSFP, TEFAP	Charitable Response
1	733,426	12.3%	89,900	78%	22%
2	736,475	11.4%	83,790	64%	36%
3	755,778	9.3%	70,390	74%	26%
4	748,190	8.2%	61,650	49%	51%
5	755,944	9.7%	73,460	57%	43%
6	757,309	8.4%	63,420	58%	42%
7	769,929	18.3%	140,940	81%	19%
8	751,768	11.6%	87,020	57%	43%
9	736,589	10.2%	74,900	65%	35%

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