



Map the Meal Gap 2017:

Overall Food Insecurity in Massachusetts by County in 2015 ¹



County	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
Barnstable	214,766	9.4%	20,080	61%	39%
Berkshire	129,288	11.2%	14,430	69%	31%
Bristol	552,763	11.5%	63,580	69%	31%
Dukes	17,048	10.7%	1,820	69%	32%
Essex	763,849	8.1%	61,890	77%	23%
Franklin	71,144	9.9%	7,070	79%	21%
Hampden	468,041	10.5%	49,210	90%	10%
Hampshire	160,759	10.6%	17,110	61%	39%
Middlesex	1,556,116	8.7%	135,980	58%	42%
Nantucket	10,556	9.9%	1,040	59%	41%
Norfolk	687,721	8.6%	58,990	49%	51%
Plymouth	503,681	9.4%	47,160	60%	41%
Suffolk	758,919	14.9%	113,220	82%	18%
Worcester	810,935	9.8%	79,390	68%	32%
State Total⁶	6,794,422	10.3%	701,630	66.9%	33.2%

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 2017:

Overall Food Insecurity in Massachusetts by Congressional District in 2015 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	736,190	10.4%	76,280	82%	18%
2	744,886	11.3%	84,280	66%	34%
3	754,068	8.1%	61,000	74%	26%
4	750,331	8.3%	62,470	50%	50%
5	765,922	8.6%	65,550	56%	44%
6	761,166	8.3%	62,970	61%	39%
7	777,588	16.2%	126,260	79%	21%
8	764,789	11.2%	85,660	57%	43%
9	739,482	10.4%	77,160	65%	35%

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