

Map the Meal Gap 2018 : Food Insecurity Service Area Overview

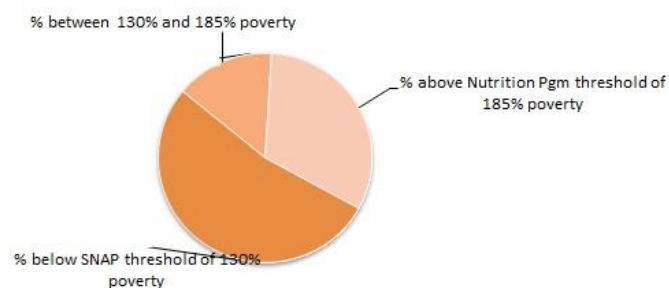
Community Food Bank of Central Alabama

Population 1,453,607

Food insecurity rate (2016) ^{1,2}	16.0%
Estimated number food insecure people	232,470

Ratio of cost-of-food in the service area to national average ³	1.018	*higher than the national average
Cost of an average meal in the service area ⁴	\$ 3.05	
Annual "Meal Gap" ⁵	39,724,000	

Service Area Food Insecurity



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

For additional data and maps by county, state, and congressional district, please visit map.feedingamerica.org.

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¹A person is defined as being food insecure if he or she lives in a household experiencing food insecurity. The food insecurity measures here are derived from the

²Food insecurity rates shown here may differ from the state-level prevalence rates of food insecurity presented in "Household Food Security in the United States in

³Pricing index created from actual cost of food relative to the cost of food in other service areas across the U.S.

⁴Weighted cost per meal is the national average cost spent on a meal by food secure persons, \$3.00, weighted by the cost of food in the area

⁵Annual "meal gap" represents the following formula:

Annual dollars food insecure persons report needing to meet their food needs in this area / Average cost of a meal for food secure individuals in this area.