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WE ARE ASKING TWO QUESTIONS

1) What is the population in need?
2) How can we address the need?
FOOD INSECURE INDIVIDUALS
NATIONAL AND STATE-LEVEL

Source: Household Food Security in the United States, 2009
MMG: FOOD INSECURITY BY COUNTY

**Food Insecurity Rates**
- 30% and above
- 20% - 29%
- 10% - 19%
- 5% - 9%

**Food Insecurity Rate**
- 16.6% of the population

**Income Bands Within Food Insecure Population**
- 55% below SNAP threshold of 130% poverty
- 16% between 130-165% poverty
- 29% above nutrition program threshold of 165% poverty
MOST FOOD INSECURE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
(TOP 44)
POVERTY ≠ FOOD INSECURITY
29% OF FOOD INSECURE INDIVIDUALS ARE ABOVE 185% OF POVERTY

Source: USDA, Household Food Security in the US, November 2010
DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT EACH COUNTY

Tennessee
Food insecurity rate: 17.3%
Food insecure people: 1,064,160

Mississippi
Food insecurity rate: 19.9%
Food insecure people: 582,540

Alabama
Food insecurity rate: 17.8%
Food insecure people: 826,770

Shelby
Food insecurity rate: 19.8%
Food insecure people: 181,940
Income bands among food insecure pop.:
- 56% below SNAP threshold of 130% poverty
- 9% between 130-185% poverty
- 34% above threshold of 185% poverty

De Soto
Food insecurity rate: 13.0%
Food insecure people: 19,300
Income bands among food insecure pop.:
- 31% below SNAP threshold of 130% poverty
- 25% between 130-185% poverty
- 44% above threshold of 185% poverty

Madison
Food insecurity rate: 13.5%
Food insecure people: 42,330
Income bands among food insecure pop.:
- 33% below SNAP threshold of 130% poverty
- 19% between 130-185% poverty
- 48% above threshold of 185% poverty
ANNUAL FOOD BUDGET SHORTFALL

50.2 MILLION
FOOD INSECURE

$13.99
PER PERSON PER WEEK
(to afford minimally adequate diet)

7 MONTHS
OF THE YEAR

ANNUAL FOOD BUDGET SHORTFALL
$2.54 PER MEAL

ESTIMATED $21.3 BILLION IN 2009
/$2.54 PER MEAL = 8.4 BILLION MEALS

Source: USDA, Household Food Security in the US, November 2010
SHELBY, TN: HOW BIG IS THE GAP?

181,940
FOOD INSECURE

$13.60
PER PERSON PER WEEK
(to afford minimally adequate diet)

7 MONTHS
OF THE YEAR

PEOPLE IN NEED x FOOD BUDGET SHORTFALL x FREQUENCY OF NEED

ANNUAL FOOD BUDGET SHORTFALL
$2.47 PER MEAL

ESTIMATED $75,046,820 IN 2009
/ $2.47 PER MEAL = 30.4 MILLION MEALS

Source: Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap 2011
FOOD PRICE VARIATION ACROSS THE US

VENTURA, CA
$2.79

FAYETTE, KY
$2.38

MAVERICK, TX
$1.93

CURRITUCK, NC
$2.93

MONROE, FL
$3.14
HUNGER IN THE SOUTH
FOOD INSECURITY IS AFFECTED BY POVERTY

Source: Mint.com
FOOD INSECURITY IS AFFECTED BY UNEMPLOYMENT

WHO EXPERIENCES FOOD INSECURITY?

Counties and CDs with majority populations of color are disproportionately impacted by food insecurity.

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<th># of counties in US</th>
<th>% of counties in Top 10% Food Insecure</th>
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<td>Majority African American</td>
<td>93</td>
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<td>Majority Hispanic</td>
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<td>Majority American Indian</td>
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<td>Majority White, Non-Hispanic</td>
<td>2,835</td>
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### TOP 10 FOOD INSECURE AND HIGH FOOD COST COUNTIES:

**NATIONAL AVERAGE =**

*16.6% FOOD INSECURITY*  
*2.54 MEAL COST*

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<td>37.6%</td>
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<td>Noxubee County, MS</td>
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Interactive, printable maps are available for:
- US
- States
- Counties
- Food bank service areas

[www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap](http://www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap)

Congressional district maps can be downloaded at that site, as well.