



Map the Meal Gap 2018:

Overall Food Insecurity in Idaho by County in 2016¹



County	Population	Food insecurity rate	Estimated number food insecure	Likely Income Eligibility for Federal Nutrition Assistance ²			Cost-of-food index	Weekly food-budget shortfall per food insecure person ³	Total food-budget shortfall reported by the food insecure in 2016 ⁴	Weighted cost per meal ⁵	The "Meal Gap"
				% below 130% poverty <i>SNAP, WIC, free school</i>	% between 130% and 185% poverty <i>WIC, reduced price</i>	% above 185% poverty <i>Charitable</i>					
Ada	425,798	12.7%	54,250	42%	16%	42%	1.079	\$ 18.23	\$ 29,999,000	\$ 3.24	9,270,100
Adams	3,865	15.1%	580	54%	25%	21%	1.168	\$ 19.74	\$ 347,000	\$ 3.50	99,100
Bannock	83,815	14.5%	12,170	55%	17%	29%	0.969	\$ 16.38	\$ 6,047,000	\$ 2.91	2,079,600
Bear Lake	5,928	13.8%	820	47%	14%	39%	0.980	\$ 16.56	\$ 412,000	\$ 2.94	140,100
Benewah	9,068	15.8%	1,430	53%	20%	27%	1.047	\$ 17.69	\$ 768,000	\$ 3.14	244,400
Bingham	45,261	10.8%	4,910	55%	28%	17%	0.959	\$ 16.20	\$ 2,413,000	\$ 2.88	839,000
Blaine	21,427	10.4%	2,230	49%	21%	30%	1.462	\$ 24.71	\$ 1,671,000	\$ 4.39	381,100
Boise	6,891	13.8%	950	51%	16%	33%	1.039	\$ 17.57	\$ 506,000	\$ 3.12	162,300
Bonner	41,389	15.1%	6,230	48%	20%	33%	1.121	\$ 18.94	\$ 3,580,000	\$ 3.36	1,064,600
Bonneville	108,989	11.7%	12,700	50%	22%	28%	0.963	\$ 16.27	\$ 6,266,000	\$ 2.89	2,170,100
Boundary	11,141	15.4%	1,720	51%	19%	31%	1.132	\$ 19.14	\$ 998,000	\$ 3.40	293,900
Butte	2,592	13.6%	350	48%	31%	22%	0.965	\$ 16.31	\$ 173,000	\$ 2.89	59,800
Camas	968	14.5%	140	69%	16%	15%	0.987	\$ 16.68	\$ 71,000	\$ 2.96	23,900
Canyon	202,782	12.2%	24,690	63%	21%	15%	0.957	\$ 16.17	\$ 12,107,000	\$ 2.87	4,219,000
Caribou	6,813	11.3%	770	42%	23%	35%	0.966	\$ 16.33	\$ 381,000	\$ 2.90	131,600
Cassia	23,441	9.8%	2,310	63%	30%	7%	0.936	\$ 15.81	\$ 1,108,000	\$ 2.81	394,700
Clark	960	10.9%	100	92%	8%	0%	0.991	\$ 16.75	\$ 51,000	\$ 2.97	17,100
Clearwater	8,528	15.1%	1,280	40%	21%	38%	1.048	\$ 17.70	\$ 687,000	\$ 3.14	218,700
Custer	4,185	15.8%	660	51%	3%	46%	1.179	\$ 19.92	\$ 399,000	\$ 3.54	112,800
Elmore	26,103	14.6%	3,820	59%	15%	27%	1.037	\$ 17.52	\$ 2,030,000	\$ 3.11	652,800
Franklin	13,013	11.8%	1,530	49%	25%	26%	0.973	\$ 16.45	\$ 763,000	\$ 2.92	261,400
Fremont	12,896	10.9%	1,400	55%	27%	19%	1.030	\$ 17.42	\$ 740,000	\$ 3.09	239,200
Gem	16,853	15.7%	2,650	58%	16%	26%	1.036	\$ 17.52	\$ 1,408,000	\$ 3.11	452,800
Gooding	15,157	10.0%	1,510	72%	28%	0%	0.974	\$ 16.46	\$ 754,000	\$ 2.92	258,000
Idaho	16,251	14.9%	2,420	55%	21%	25%	1.075	\$ 18.16	\$ 1,333,000	\$ 3.22	413,500
Jefferson	27,096	10.6%	2,870	52%	29%	19%	1.005	\$ 16.99	\$ 1,479,000	\$ 3.02	490,400
Jerome	22,694	9.6%	2,170	68%	32%	0%	0.992	\$ 16.77	\$ 1,104,000	\$ 2.98	370,800
Kootenai	147,716	14.0%	20,700	44%	19%	37%	1.033	\$ 17.45	\$ 10,958,000	\$ 3.10	3,537,200
Latah	38,593	17.5%	6,750	51%	14%	36%	1.030	\$ 17.41	\$ 3,566,000	\$ 3.09	1,153,400
Lemhi	7,743	16.2%	1,260	54%	19%	27%	1.209	\$ 20.43	\$ 781,000	\$ 3.63	215,300
Lewis	3,826	15.7%	600	51%	25%	24%	1.000	\$ 16.90	\$ 308,000	\$ 3.00	102,500
Lincoln	5,292	9.3%	490	68%	32%	0%	0.971	\$ 16.41	\$ 244,000	\$ 2.91	83,700
Madison	38,114	19.8%	7,560	70%	12%	18%	0.974	\$ 16.46	\$ 3,775,000	\$ 2.92	1,291,800
Minidoka	20,331	9.4%	1,920	66%	20%	14%	0.902	\$ 15.25	\$ 888,000	\$ 2.71	328,100
Nez Perce	39,995	13.8%	5,510	47%	15%	38%	0.965	\$ 16.30	\$ 2,725,000	\$ 2.89	941,500
Oneida	4,269	13.1%	560	53%	17%	30%	0.969	\$ 16.37	\$ 278,000	\$ 2.91	95,700
Owyhee	11,356	13.4%	1,530	70%	18%	13%	1.032	\$ 17.44	\$ 809,000	\$ 3.10	261,400
Payette	22,773	12.9%	2,950	56%	13%	31%	1.192	\$ 20.14	\$ 1,802,000	\$ 3.57	504,100
Power	7,696	8.4%	640	70%	30%	0%	0.965	\$ 16.32	\$ 317,000	\$ 2.90	109,400
Shoshone	12,551	17.1%	2,150	53%	12%	35%	1.042	\$ 17.61	\$ 1,149,000	\$ 3.13	367,400
Teton	10,437	10.5%	1,100	52%	8%	40%	1.005	\$ 16.98	\$ 567,000	\$ 3.01	188,000
Twin Falls	80,955	12.5%	10,150	57%	21%	22%	0.964	\$ 16.30	\$ 5,017,000	\$ 2.89	1,734,400
Valley	9,897	14.6%	1,440	39%	9%	51%	1.042	\$ 17.61	\$ 769,000	\$ 3.13	246,100
Washington	10,035	12.7%	1,280	58%	30%	12%	0.967	\$ 16.35	\$ 635,000	\$ 2.90	218,700
State Total⁶	1,683,140	13.2%	221,800	49.0%	17.1%	33.9%	0.977	\$ 16.52	\$ 111,122,000	\$ 2.93	37,900,700

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¹Map the Meal Gap's food insecurity rates are determined using data from the 2001-2016 Current Population Survey on individuals in food insecure households; data from the 2016 American Community Survey on median household incomes, poverty rates, homeownership, and race and ethnic demographics; and 2016 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on unemployment rates.

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.

³Weekly food-budget shortfall is the national average amount of money food insecure people report needing to move to food secure, weighted by the cost of food in the area.

⁴Total food-budget shortfall for this year calculated using the following formula:

Annual dollars=weekly food budget shortfall * # food insecure persons * 52 weeks * Average months of the year a person is food insecure (7/12)

⁵Weighted cost per meal is the national average cost spent on a meal by food secure persons weighted by the cost of food in the area.

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.



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Overall Food Insecurity in Idaho by Congressional District in 2016¹



Congressional District	Population	Food insecurity rate	Estimated number food insecure individuals (rounded)	Likely Income Eligibility for Federal Nutrition Assistance ²		
				% below 130% poverty <i>SNAP, WIC, free school meals, CSFP, TEFAP</i>	% between 130% and 185% poverty 185% poverty <i>WIC, reduced price school meals</i>	% above 185% poverty <i>Charitable Response</i>
1	864,758	13.3%	114,680	46%	16%	38%
2	818,382	13.1%	107,120	52%	18%	30%

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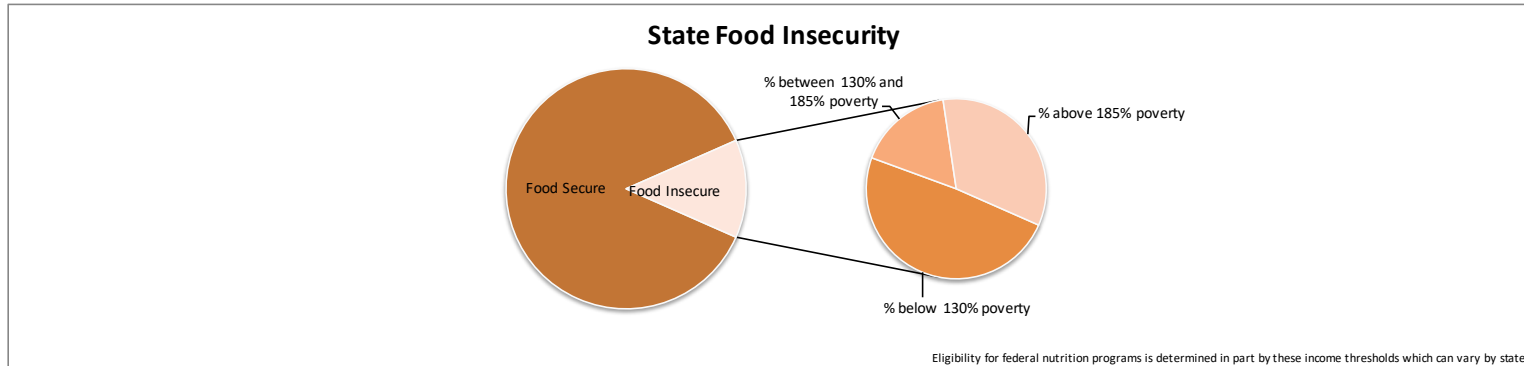
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State Overview

Idaho
Population 1,683,140

Food insecurity rate (2016) ^{1,2}	13.2%
Estimated number food insecure people	221,800

Ratio of cost-of-food in the state to national average ³	0.977	lower than the national average
Cost of an average meal in the state ⁴	\$ 2.93	
Annual "Meal Gap" ⁵	37,900,700	



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¹ A 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 measures of food insecurity found in the nationally representative Current Population Survey. Since 1995, those measures have been calculated from responses to a series of questions about conditions and behaviors known to characterize households having difficulty meeting basic food needs. For more details about how food insecurity is calculated, see Coleman-Jensen, Alisha, Matthew Rabbitt, Christian A. Gregory, and Anita Singh. *Household Food Security in the United States in 2016*, ERR-237, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, September 2017.

² Food 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 2016" (ibid.) Among other factors, those rates are three-year average rates for the period 2014-2016; the rates presented above reflect one-year rates for 2016. For more information about these factors, please see the supplemental methodology information on HungerNet.

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

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

⁵ Annual "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 the U.S.