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FOOD INSECURITY PREVALENCE

Nearly 99,400 Jackson County residents (14.7 percent of the population) were estimated to live with food insecurity.

Of 274,485 total households, 55,459 are affected by food insecurity.

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THE LOCAL IMPACT OF FOOD INSECURITY

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Food Insecurity Distribution

Households with children < 18: 27.6%
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THE EDUCATIONAL BURDEN OF FOOD INSECURITY

Impact of hunger on students at school

Impact on education | % of educators reporting
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Nearly 2,300 Allen County residents (17.1 percent of the population) were estimated to live with food insecurity.
Of 5,306 total households, 1,181 are affected by food insecurity.

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Health Care Cost Burden

- Allen County: $10.1 million

Lost Productivity*

- $730 million

*In the HCF service area
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Nearly 49,400 Johnson County residents (9.1 percent of the population) were estimated to live with food insecurity.

Of 219,735 total households, 32,323 are affected by food insecurity.

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Nearly 11,000 Cass County residents (11 percent of the population) were estimated to live with food insecurity.

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