



WHAT IS FOOD INSECURITY?

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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.

Food Insecurity Distribution

Households with children < 18	Married couples with children	Single women with children	Households with elderly
27.6%	16.0%	9.1%	22.4%



THE COST OF FOOD INSECURITY CALCULATOR

The calculator helps quantify the hidden cost of food insecurity by using peer-reviewed clinical and federal research. It also estimates the success of policy measures in reducing these costs.

THE LOCAL IMPACT OF FOOD INSECURITY

The annual health care cost burden of food insecurity to Jackson County is estimated to be **\$442 million**.

The calculator estimates the cost to society and the number of employees in a company with food insecurity based on the workforce composition. Lost productivity cost employers in the six counties evaluated by the calculator up to **\$730 million**.

JACKSON
COUNTY



14.7%
FOOD INSECURE

HEALTH CARE
COST BURDEN



\$442
MILLION

LOST
PRODUCTIVITY*



\$730
MILLION

*In the HCF service area

THE EDUCATIONAL BURDEN OF FOOD INSECURITY

Impact of hunger on students at school

Impact on education % of educators reporting

Inability to concentrate	88%
Lack of energy/motivation	87%
Poor academic performance	84%
Tiredness	82%
Behavioral problems	65%
Students feeling sick	53%

Children and teenagers who are food insecure are more than two times as likely to repeat a grade and miss more school days.



In Jackson County, the calculator estimates that **19,979** children miss **144,021** school days costing **\$5,472,808** to the school system.



HOW POLICY IMPACTS FOOD INSECURITY IN JACKSON COUNTY

Policy	Reduction in Food Insecurity	Total Reduction in Cost
Medically appropriate food assistance*	64.4%	\$162,412,978
Food stamp program or SNAP participation	18.0%	\$45,423,145
WIC	33.0%	\$83,275,766
Bundle of safety net programs (TANF, SSI, EITC, SNAP, and Medicaid)**	16.0%	\$40,376,129

* Program that provides meals to food-insecure individuals living with type 2 diabetes and/or HIV. Meals are designed to meet nutritional guidelines for a healthy diet.

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FOOD INSECURITY PREVALENCE

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.

Food Insecurity Distribution

Households with children < 18	Married couples with children	Single women with children	Households with elderly
26.6%	16.4%	6.5%	31.4%



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The annual health care cost burden of food insecurity to Allen County is estimated to be **\$10.1 million**.

The calculator estimates the cost to society and the number of employees in a company with food insecurity based on the workforce composition. Lost productivity cost employers in the six counties evaluated by the calculator up to **\$730 million**.

ALLEN
COUNTY



17.1%
FOOD INSECURE

HEALTH CARE
COST BURDEN



\$10.1
MILLION

LOST
PRODUCTIVITY*



\$730
MILLION

*In the HCF service area

THE EDUCATIONAL BURDEN OF FOOD INSECURITY

Impact of hunger on students at school

Impact on education % of educators reporting

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Lack of energy/motivation	87%
Poor academic performance	84%
Tiredness	82%
Behavioral problems	65%
Students feeling sick	53%

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In Allen County, the calculator estimates that **463** children miss **3,400** school days costing **\$129,200** to the school system.



HOW POLICY IMPACTS FOOD INSECURITY IN ALLEN COUNTY

Policy	Reduction in Food Insecurity	Total Reduction in Cost
Medically appropriate food assistance*	64.4%	\$3,729,883
Food stamp program or SNAP participation	18.0%	\$1,043,162
WIC	33.0%	\$1,912,463
Bundle of safety net programs (TANF, SSI, EITC, SNAP, and Medicaid)**	16.0%	\$927,255

* Program that provides meals to food-insecure individuals living with type 2 diabetes and/or HIV. Meals are designed to meet nutritional guidelines for a healthy diet.

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FOOD INSECURITY PREVALENCE

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.

Food Insecurity Distribution

Households with children < 18	Married couples with children	Single women with children	Households with elderly
33.9%	26.6%	5.4%	19.5%



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THE LOCAL IMPACT OF FOOD INSECURITY

The annual health care cost burden of food insecurity to Johnson County is estimated to be **\$215 million**.

The calculator estimates the cost to society and the number of employees in a company with food insecurity based on the workforce composition. Lost productivity cost employers in the six counties evaluated by the calculator up to **\$730 million**.

JOHNSON
COUNTY



9.1%
FOOD INSECURE

HEALTH CARE
COST BURDEN



\$215
MILLION

LOST
PRODUCTIVITY*



\$730
MILLION

*In the HCF service area

THE EDUCATIONAL BURDEN OF FOOD INSECURITY

Impact of hunger on students at school

Impact on education % of educators reporting

Inability to concentrate	88%
Lack of energy/motivation	87%
Poor academic performance	84%
Tiredness	82%
Behavioral problems	65%
Students feeling sick	53%

Children and teenagers who are food insecure are more than two times as likely to repeat a grade and miss more school days.



In Johnson County, the calculator estimates that **10,771** children miss **78,816** school days costing **\$2,995,000** to the school system.



HOW POLICY IMPACTS FOOD INSECURITY IN JOHNSON COUNTY

Policy	Reduction in Food Insecurity	Total Reduction in Cost
Medically appropriate food assistance*	64.4%	\$79,433,966
Food stamp program or SNAP participation	18.0%	\$22,215,839
WIC	33.0%	\$40,729,038
Bundle of safety net programs (TANF, SSI, EITC, SNAP, and Medicaid)**	16.0%	\$19,747,412

* Program that provides meals to food-insecure individuals living with type 2 diabetes and/or HIV. Meals are designed to meet nutritional guidelines for a healthy diet.

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FOOD INSECURITY PREVALENCE

Nearly **27,100** Wyandotte County residents (**17.2** percent of the population) were estimated to live with food insecurity.

Of **58,870** total households, **12,979** are affected by food insecurity.

Food Insecurity Distribution

Households with children < 18	Married couples with children	Single women with children	Households with elderly
31.7%	17.6%	10.7%	21.8%



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THE LOCAL IMPACT OF FOOD INSECURITY

The annual health care cost burden of food insecurity to Wyandotte County is estimated to be **\$117 million**.

The calculator estimates the cost to society and the number of employees in a company with food insecurity based on the workforce composition. Lost productivity cost employers in the six counties evaluated by the calculator up to **\$730 million**.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY



17.2%
FOOD INSECURE

HEALTH CARE
COST BURDEN



\$117
MILLION

LOST
PRODUCTIVITY*



\$730
MILLION

*In the HCF service area

THE EDUCATIONAL BURDEN OF FOOD INSECURITY

Impact of hunger on students at school

Impact on education	% of educators reporting
Inability to concentrate	88%
Lack of energy/motivation	87%
Poor academic performance	84%
Tiredness	82%
Behavioral problems	65%
Students feeling sick	53%

Children and teenagers who are food insecure are more than two times as likely to repeat a grade and miss more school days.



In Wyandotte County, the calculator estimates that **6,225** children miss **43,704** school days costing **\$1,660,762** to the school system.



HOW POLICY IMPACTS FOOD INSECURITY IN WYANDOTTE COUNTY

Policy	Reduction in Food Insecurity	Total Reduction in Cost
Medically appropriate food assistance*	64.4%	\$43,084,004
Food stamp program or SNAP participation	18.0%	\$12,049,597
WIC	33.0%	\$22,090,928
Bundle of safety net programs (TANF, SSI, EITC, SNAP, and Medicaid)**	16.0%	\$10,710,753

* Program that provides meals to food-insecure individuals living with type 2 diabetes and/or HIV. Meals are designed to meet nutritional guidelines for a healthy diet.

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FOOD INSECURITY PREVALENCE

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

Of **37,945** total households, **6,492** are affected by food insecurity.

Food Insecurity Distribution

Households with children < 18	Married couples with children	Single women with children	Households with elderly
33.9%	24.4%	6.7%	24.9%



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THE LOCAL IMPACT OF FOOD INSECURITY

The annual health care cost burden of food insecurity to Cass County is estimated to be **\$47.4 million**.

The calculator estimates the cost to society and the number of employees in a company with food insecurity based on the workforce composition. Lost productivity cost employers in the six counties evaluated by the calculator up to **\$730 million**.

CASS
COUNTY



11%
FOOD INSECURE

HEALTH CARE
COST BURDEN



\$47.4
MILLION

LOST
PRODUCTIVITY*



\$730
MILLION

*In the HCF service area

THE EDUCATIONAL BURDEN OF FOOD INSECURITY

Impact of hunger on students at school

Impact on education % of educators reporting

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Lack of energy/motivation	87%
Poor academic performance	84%
Tiredness	82%
Behavioral problems	65%
Students feeling sick	53%

Children and teenagers who are food insecure are more than two times as likely to repeat a grade and miss more school days.



In Cass County, the calculator estimates that **2,472** children miss **18,568** school days costing **\$705,580** to the school system.



HOW POLICY IMPACTS FOOD INSECURITY IN CASS COUNTY

Policy	Reduction in Food Insecurity	Total Reduction in Cost
Medically appropriate food assistance*	64.4%	\$17,532,925
Food stamp program or SNAP participation	18.0%	\$4,903,553
WIC	33.0%	\$8,989,847
Bundle of safety net programs (TANF, SSI, EITC, SNAP, and Medicaid)**	16.0%	\$4,358,713

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FOOD INSECURITY PREVALENCE

Nearly **4,400** Lafayette County residents (**13.2** percent of the population) were estimated to live with food insecurity.

Of **13,188** total households, **2,551** are affected by food insecurity.

Food Insecurity Distribution

Households with children < 18	Married couples with children	Single women with children	Households with elderly
29.6%	20.4%	6.3%	28.7%



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The annual health care cost burden of food insecurity to Lafayette County is estimated to be **\$19.3 million**.

The calculator estimates the cost to society and the number of employees in a company with food insecurity based on the workforce composition. Lost productivity cost employers in the six counties evaluated by the calculator up to **\$730 million**.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY



13.2%
FOOD INSECURE

HEALTH CARE COST BURDEN



\$19.3
MILLION

LOST PRODUCTIVITY*



\$730
MILLION

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Impact on education	% of educators reporting
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Poor academic performance	84%
Tiredness	82%
Behavioral problems	65%
Students feeling sick	53%

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In Lafayette County, the calculator estimates that **928** children miss **7,055** school days costing **\$268,096** to the school system.



HOW POLICY IMPACTS FOOD INSECURITY IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Policy	Reduction in Food Insecurity	Total Reduction in Cost
Medically appropriate food assistance*	64.4%	\$7,111,951
Food stamp program or SNAP participation	18.0%	\$1,989,048
WIC	33.0%	\$3,646,588
Bundle of safety net programs (TANF, SSI, EITC, SNAP, and Medicaid)**	16.0%	\$1,768,043

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