

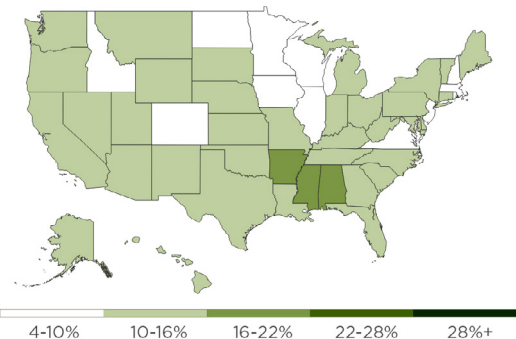
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COVID-19's economic impact has dramatically increased food insecurity, especially among children.

▶ FOOD INSECURITY 2019 VS. 2021^{1,6}

2019

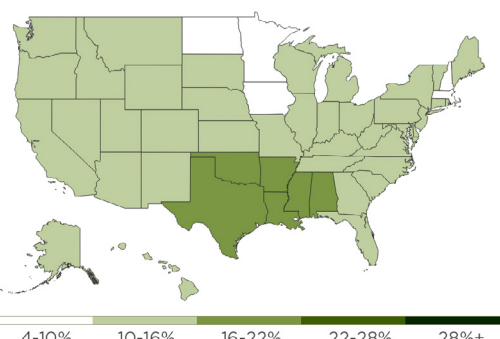
Rate of Food Insecurity 2019



Prior to COVID-19, **37.2 million people** including **11.2 million children** lived in food insecure households²

2021

Projected Rate of Food Insecurity 2021

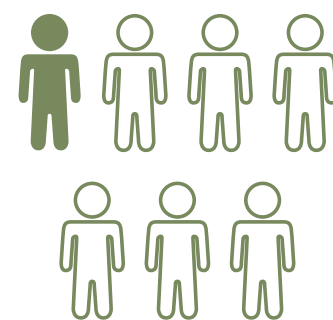


In **2021**, an estimated **42 million people**, including **13 million children** could be food insecure¹



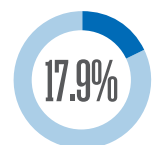
▶ FOOD INSECURITY AMONG CHILDREN

In 2018, **1 in 7** children were food insecure²

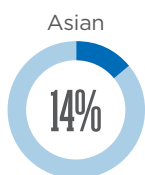
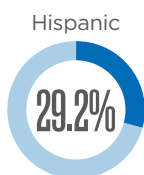
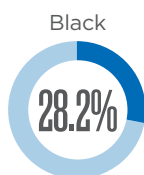
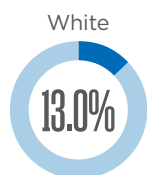


▶ RATE OF HOUSEHOLD FOOD INSECURITY BY RACE/ETHNICITY, MAY 12, 2020 - MARCH 15, 2021⁴

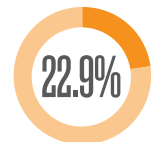
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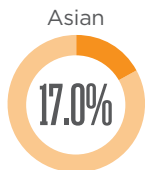
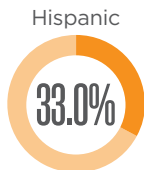
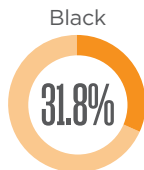
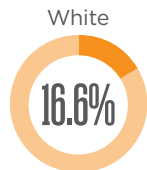
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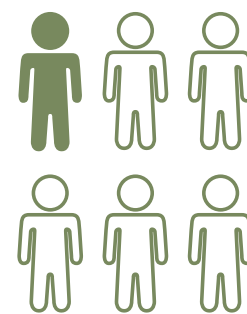


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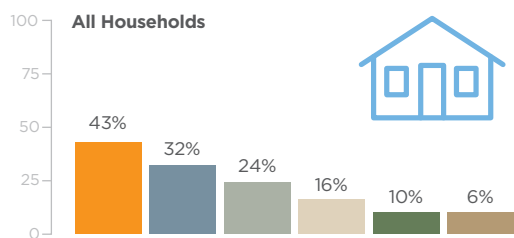
Prior to the pandemic, the food insecurity rate for **households with children** was predicted to fall to **11.6%** in March 2020⁵

In 2021, **1 in 6** children may be food insecure³



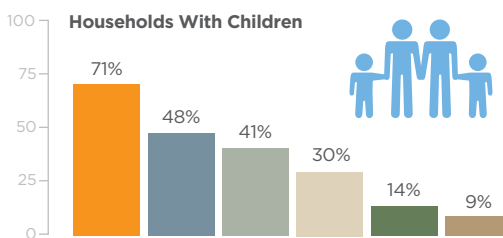
▶ RATE OF HOUSEHOLD FOOD INSECURITY BY INCOME, APRIL 2021⁵

All Households



Key: <\$25,000 \$25,000-\$34,999 \$35,000-\$49,999 \$50,000-\$74,999 \$75,000-\$99,999 \$100,000-\$149,999

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