

## Map the Meal Gap 2009: Child Food Insecurity\*

Service Area:

**Ozarks Food Harvest**

County	State	<u>Food Insecurity Rate (full population)</u>	Population under 18 years old	Child food insecurity rate	Estimated number food insecure children (rounded)	% food insecure children at or below 185% of the poverty line**	% food insecure children above 185% of the poverty line**
BARRY	MO	16.5%	9,462	29.4%	2,780	69%	31%
BARTON	MO	17.7%	3,302	28.1%	930	75%	25%
CEDAR	MO	18.1%	3,164	30.9%	980	88%	12%
CHRISTIAN	MO	13.8%	19,327	23.4%	4,520	58%	42%
DADE	MO	17.1%	1,690	30.1%	510	76%	24%
DALLAS	MO	18.9%	4,205	31.8%	1,340	74%	26%
DENT	MO	18.1%	3,479	30.6%	1,070	74%	26%
DOUGLAS	MO	18.4%	3,171	30.9%	980	83%	17%
GREENE	MO	16.0%	56,306	25.8%	14,530	64%	36%
HICKORY	MO	20.4%	1,612	30.2%	490	75%	25%
HOWELL	MO	18.6%	9,628	31.6%	3,050	77%	24%
JASPER	MO	16.8%	29,792	28.5%	8,500	71%	29%
LACLEDE	MO	19.5%	8,997	31.5%	2,830	71%	29%
LAWRENCE	MO	16.2%	9,993	27.5%	2,740	72%	28%
MCDONALD	MO	15.8%	6,507	27.7%	1,800	73%	27%
NEWTON	MO	15.7%	14,339	27.8%	3,990	72%	29%
OREGON	MO	19.9%	2,438	32.4%	790	74%	26%
OZARK	MO	16.4%	1,863	27.0%	500	75%	25%
POLK	MO	19.1%	7,377	31.4%	2,320	73%	27%
PULASKI	MO	14.9%	11,523	21.7%	2,510	79%	21%
SAINT CLAIR	MO	17.7%	1,996	27.4%	550	71%	29%
SHANNON	MO	22.3%	2,019	38.6%	780	77%	23%
STONE	MO	18.5%	6,339	32.4%	2,050	72%	28%
TANEY	MO	18.4%	10,387	30.3%	3,140	66%	34%
TEXAS	MO	18.3%	5,392	29.9%	1,610	87%	13%
VERNON	MO	17.9%	5,267	32.5%	1,710	73%	27%
WEBSTER	MO	18.0%	10,161	30.4%	3,090	71%	29%
WRIGHT	MO	20.7%	4,732	35.8%	1,690	70%	30%
<b>Service Area Total</b>	<b>MO</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>254,468</b>	<b>28.2%</b>	<b>71,780</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>30%</b>

\*Child food insecurity rates are determined using data from the 2009 Current Population Survey on the percent of children in food insecure households; data from the 2009 American Community Survey on median family incomes for households with children, child poverty rates, and race and ethnic demographics among children; and data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on unemployment rates.

\*\*Program eligibility for child hunger programs such as National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast, and other federal nutrition programs is determined in part by these income thresholds. These thresholds vary by state.

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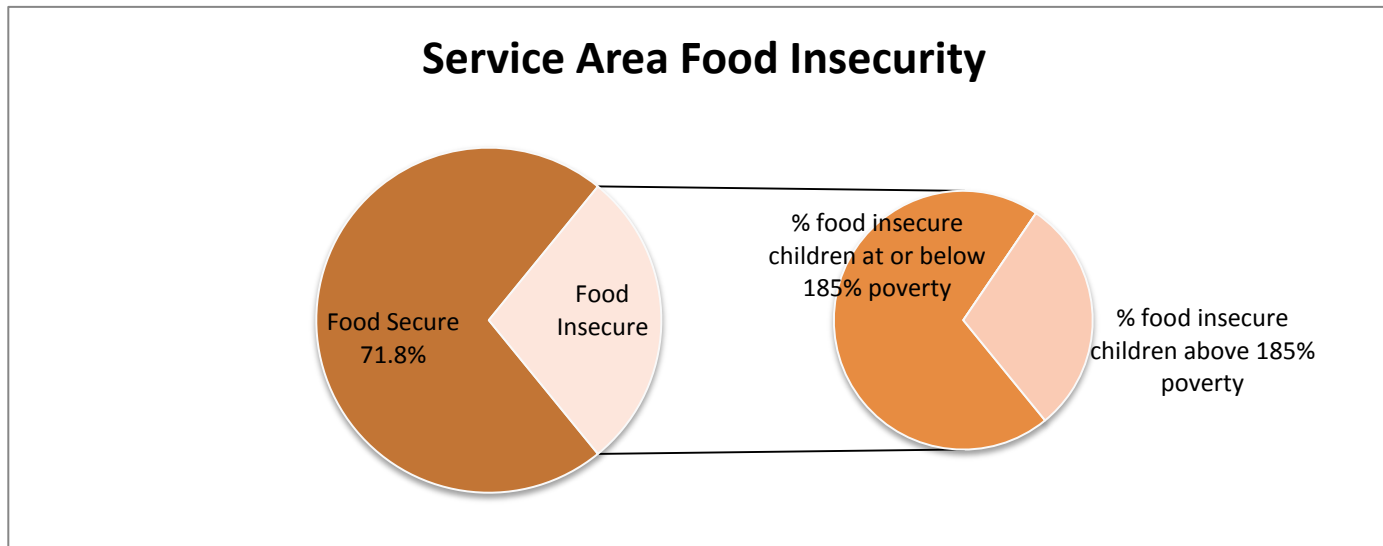
## Map the Meal Gap 2009: Child Food Insecurity Service Area Overview

### Ozarks Food Harvest

Population under 18 years old

254,468

Child food insecurity* rate (2009)	28.2%
Estimated number food insecure children	71,780



\*A child (under 18 years old) 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 Nord, M., Andrews, M. & Carlson, S. "Household Food Security in the United States, 2009." U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service: Washington D.C. 2010.

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