



Map the Meal Gap 2018

Food Insecurity by County in 2016

Member ID: 2

Service Area: High Plains Food Bank



County	ST	Population	Food insecurity rate	Estimated number food insecure individuals (rounded)	Income within the food insecure population 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 SNAP threshold of 165% poverty	% between 165% and 185% poverty	% above Nutrition Pgm threshold of 185% poverty					
Armstrong	TX	1,913	13.8%	260	35%	5%	60%	1.014	\$ 17.13	\$ 135,000	\$ 3.04	44,400
Briscoe	TX	1,672	13.6%	230	84%	10%	6%	0.937	\$ 15.83	\$ 110,000	\$ 2.81	39,300
Carson	TX	6,027	13.0%	790	43%	5%	52%	1.004	\$ 16.96	\$ 406,000	\$ 3.01	135,000
Castro	TX	7,875	8.4%	660	100%	0%	0%	1.034	\$ 17.47	\$ 350,000	\$ 3.10	112,800
Childress	TX	7,059	19.2%	1,360	58%	3%	38%	0.999	\$ 16.88	\$ 696,000	\$ 3.00	232,400
Collingsworth	TX	3,032	14.3%	430	88%	9%	3%	0.981	\$ 16.58	\$ 216,000	\$ 2.94	73,500
Cottle	TX	1,560	19.7%	310	71%	4%	25%	1.001	\$ 16.92	\$ 159,000	\$ 3.00	53,000
Dallam	TX	7,052	12.5%	880	83%	7%	10%	0.957	\$ 16.17	\$ 432,000	\$ 2.87	150,400
Deaf Smith	TX	19,039	7.4%	1,410	100%	0%	0%	0.994	\$ 16.81	\$ 719,000	\$ 2.98	240,900
Donley	TX	3,506	17.7%	620	56%	6%	38%	1.020	\$ 17.24	\$ 324,000	\$ 3.06	105,900
Gray	TX	23,028	16.4%	3,780	62%	2%	36%	1.020	\$ 17.24	\$ 1,977,000	\$ 3.06	645,900
Hale	TX	35,007	12.7%	4,440	81%	2%	17%	0.914	\$ 15.44	\$ 2,079,000	\$ 2.74	758,700
Hall	TX	3,162	20.5%	650	96%	4%	0%	0.999	\$ 16.89	\$ 333,000	\$ 3.00	111,100
Hansford	TX	5,552	11.8%	650	84%	5%	11%	0.996	\$ 16.83	\$ 332,000	\$ 2.99	111,100
Hardeman	TX	3,952	16.2%	640	79%	4%	17%	0.959	\$ 16.21	\$ 315,000	\$ 2.88	109,400
Hartley	TX	5,966	13.3%	790	32%	6%	62%	0.996	\$ 16.83	\$ 403,000	\$ 2.99	135,000
Hemphill	TX	4,151	11.9%	500	64%	3%	34%	1.015	\$ 17.15	\$ 260,000	\$ 3.04	85,400
Hutchinson	TX	21,782	16.1%	3,500	63%	6%	31%	1.060	\$ 17.92	\$ 1,903,000	\$ 3.18	598,100
Lipscomb	TX	3,507	12.5%	440	54%	4%	42%	1.016	\$ 17.17	\$ 229,000	\$ 3.05	75,200
Moore	TX	22,186	10.8%	2,390	89%	1%	10%	0.933	\$ 15.77	\$ 1,143,000	\$ 2.80	408,400
Ochiltree	TX	10,577	10.0%	1,050	81%	5%	14%	0.976	\$ 16.50	\$ 525,000	\$ 2.93	179,400
Oldham	TX	2,069	15.8%	330	52%	4%	44%	0.993	\$ 16.79	\$ 168,000	\$ 2.98	56,400
Parmer	TX	9,921	8.2%	820	98%	2%	0%	0.985	\$ 16.65	\$ 414,000	\$ 2.96	140,100
Potter	TX	121,883	16.6%	20,250	79%	3%	19%	0.942	\$ 15.93	\$ 9,783,000	\$ 2.83	3,460,300
Randall	TX	128,603	14.2%	18,260	47%	4%	49%	1.110	\$ 18.76	\$ 10,389,000	\$ 3.33	3,120,200
Roberts	TX	939	14.1%	130	33%	67%	0%	1.048	\$ 17.71	\$ 70,000	\$ 3.14	22,200
Sherman	TX	3,069	10.1%	310	70%	16%	15%	0.982	\$ 16.59	\$ 156,000	\$ 2.95	53,000
Swisher	TX	7,639	15.2%	1,160	75%	6%	19%	0.989	\$ 16.71	\$ 588,000	\$ 2.97	198,200
Wheeler	TX	5,642	16.0%	900	65%	7%	28%	0.995	\$ 16.82	\$ 459,000	\$ 2.99	153,800
Service Area Total		477,370	14.2%	67,940	68%	4%	29%	0.978	\$ 16.53	\$ 34,057,000	\$ 2.93	11,609,400

For additional data and maps by county, state, and congressional district, please visit map.feedingamerica.org.

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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 security, 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.

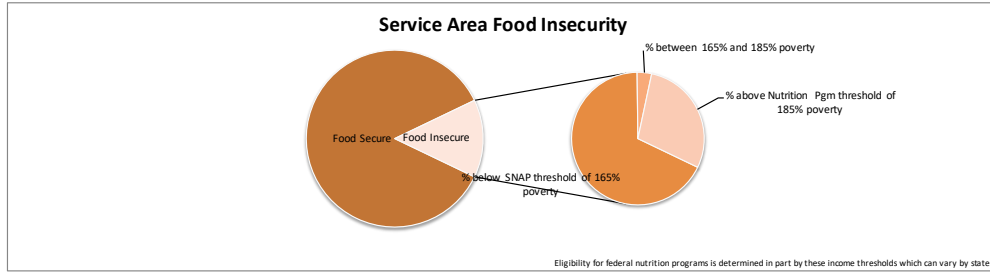
Map the Meal Gap 2018: Food Insecurity
Service Area Overview

High Plains Food Bank
 Population

477,370

Food insecurity rate (2016) ^{1,2}	14.2%
Estimated number food insecure people	67,940

Ratio of cost-of-food in the service area to national average ³	0.978	lower than the national average
Cost of an average meal in the service area ⁴	\$ 2.93	
Annual "Meal Gap" ⁵	11,609,400	



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¹A 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 P. 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.

²Food 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.

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

⁴Weighted cost per meal is the national average cost spent on a meal by food secure persons, \$3.00, weighted by the cost of food in the area

⁵Annual "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 this area.