

Mapping the Meal Gap 2016

Map the Meal Gap 2016 is the latest report on county and congressional district level food insecurity and county food costs in the United States. Food insecurity is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members. This study showed that:



In Arizona, the number of food insecure individuals is estimated to be **1,150,650**.

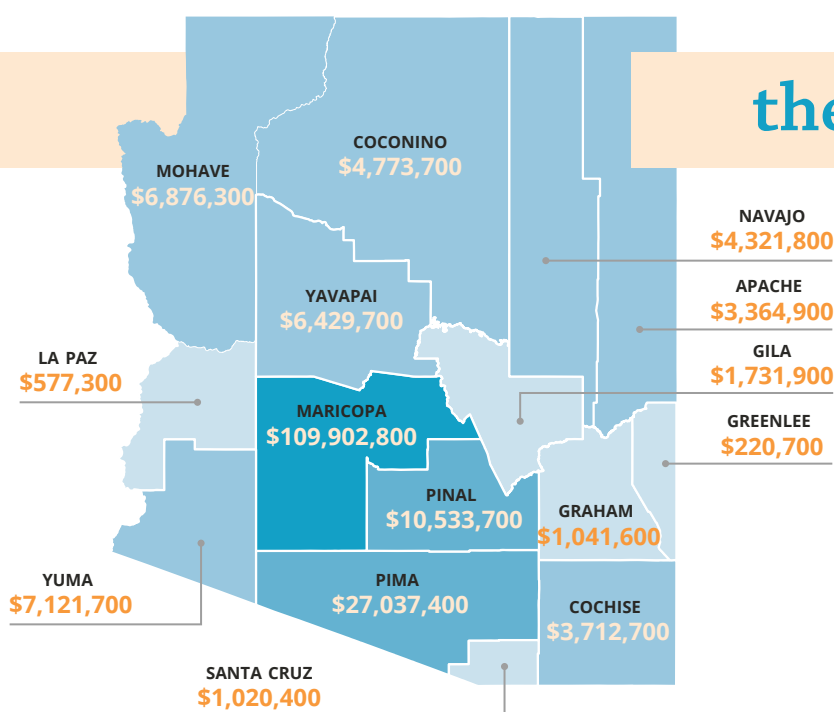
17.1%
OF ADULTS



With a weekly budget shortfall of **\$16.15** for each one of these people, the total monetary gap to solve food insecurity for everyone in Arizona is more than **\$563 million**.

MISSING
203
MILLION
MEALS

the meal gap by county



These dollar amounts represent the weekly food-budget shortfalls food insecure people report needing in order to be food secure (weighted by the cost of food in each area).



Children and the Meal Gap

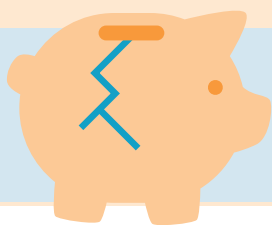


For children in Arizona, the picture is worse. More than **1 in 4** are food insecure.

27%
OF CHILDREN

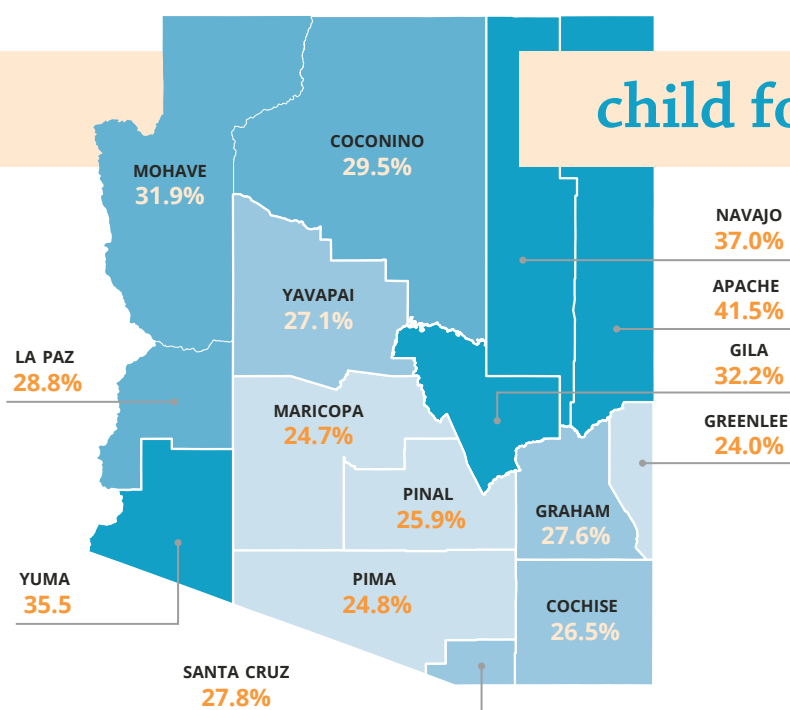


That means an estimated **434,840** children are at risk of being hungry in Arizona. And at 42%, children in Apache County have the **highest risk in the nation**.



More than **139,000** live in households that do not qualify for federal nutrition assistance, based on household income.

child food insecurity by county



Visit our site at WWW.AZFOODBANKS.ORG for an interactive map of this study.

Map the Meal Gap 2016 uses data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and food price data and analysis provided by Nielsen (NYSE: NLSN), a global provider of information and insights. The study was supported by founding sponsor The Howard G. Buffett Foundation, ConAgra Foods Foundation and Nielsen.