

HOUSE DISTRICT 56: REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT BETH BILLINGS

HUNGER BY THE NUMBERS



This District is Considered **Moderate**, Critical, Severe



Population:
46,133



Number of households:
16,674

86% Urban 14% Rural

2,758 Households Are Experiencing Food Insecurity

FOOD ASSISTANCE



Total Households Eligible

4,641



Households receiving SNAP*

2,052



The SNAP Gap

2,590

*The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps) provides food assistance benefits to people and families with low incomes.



POVERTY

9.6%

Persons below poverty line

\$39,829

Per capita income

\$81,750

Median household income

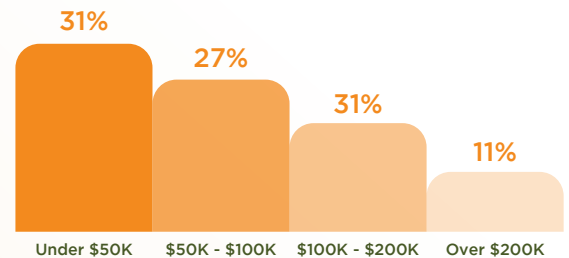
Children (Under 18)



Seniors (65 and over)



Household income



Your Feeding Network



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Food Pantries



District Served by
Second Harvest Food Bank

Understanding Food Insecurity in District 56

Feeding Louisiana's three-level indicator of food insecurity is based on economic factors, access to food assistance programs, and the overall poverty rate. By incorporating specific data such as the number of households with food insecurity, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) eligibility and enrollment rates, and comparisons to the parish poverty line, this model offers targeted insights for intervention. Below is a description of District 56's level defined as **Moderate**.



Moderate Definition: Households experiencing uncertainty about their ability to consistently access adequate food due to financial constraints or other barriers. These households may be above the poverty line but still face challenges in meeting their nutritional needs due to high living costs, underemployment, or sudden financial strains.

Data Indicators:

- Households reporting anxiety over food availability or ability to purchase needed food.
- A higher percentage of households just above the SNAP eligibility threshold, indicating potential vulnerability to food insecurity.
- Households that have fluctuating incomes, making them occasionally eligible for SNAP.

Nourishing More, Together

Support Feeding Louisiana's \$5 million appropriation request to end hunger.

By tailoring the three-level food insecurity indicator to the specific data and needs of a Louisiana Parish, Feeding Louisiana, with your help, can more effectively identify vulnerable populations and deploy targeted interventions. This approach ensures that resources are directed where they are most needed and can have the greatest impact on reducing food insecurity.

These dollars would be used solely to purchase food for the five food banks in Louisiana to distribute to those in our communities who need it the most.



About Feeding Louisiana

Our mission is to be a unified voice for Louisiana's hungry by providing short-term food relief while seeking long-term solutions to hunger through advocacy, education, and leadership.



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Our Member Food Banks

