OHIO ASSOCIATION OF FOODBANKS

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REPORTS SHOW HUNGER REMAINS HIGH IN OHIO, ESPECIALLY AMONG CHILDREN National service members sworn in today to strengthen summer feeding programs for kids

COLUMBUS – Two national reports released today indicate that many of the more than one in four children in Ohio living in food insecure households do not have access to adequate nutrition, especially during the summer months.

Feeding America's <u>Map the Meal Gap 2013 report</u> shows that nearly 680,000 Ohio children—more than one in four (25.7 percent)—live in food insecure households, meaning they don't always know where their next meal will come from. Children struggling with food insecurity are more likely to need to repeat a grade at school and experience higher rates of diabetes and other chronic conditions.¹

"We cannot continue to leave our children without adequate, reliable nutrition," said Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, executive director of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks. "Even one experience with hunger can have a negative impact on the health of children 10 and 15 years later.²"

Lack of access to adequate food is never more prevalent for children than during the summer months, when those children who normally receive free or reduced-price school meals must rely on the federally-funded Summer Food Service Program and other privately funded child nutrition programs. The 2013 Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation report released today by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) indicates that many of those children are not being reached.

The FRAC report found that for every 100 children in Ohio that received free or reduced-price school meals during the 2012 school year, only 10.2 accessed summer nutrition programs. On a positive note, however, the report also found that there was a 10 percent increase in the number of Summer Food Service Program sites operating in Ohio, making more access points available to needy families.

Today, 65 AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates will be sworn into service to strengthen Summer Food Service Program sites in the most high-need areas of the state. They will help to raise awareness of the program, prepare and distribute meals to participating children, and build the capacity of their feeding sites to serve more children.

"The Summer Food Service Program is a vitally important resource for low-income families. Children can not only access nutritious foods, but educational and recreational programming as well," said Hamler-Fugitt. "We are proud to swear-in a dedicated group of national service members today that will make an enormous impact on some of our state's most at-risk children and the summer feeding programs that serve them. This partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Ohio Department of Education is about moving the needle on the issue of childhood hunger."

To learn more about the Summer Food Service Program in Ohio, visit the Ohio Department of Education's <u>website</u> or call 1-855-570-7377 to find a site near you. To view the interactive Map the Meal Gap report, visit Feeding America's website at <u>www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap</u>. To view the full *Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation* report, visit FRAC's website at <u>www.frac.org</u>.

¹ Nord, M. (2009). Food Insecurity in Households with Children: Prevalence, Severity, and Household Characteristics. Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

² Child Hunger and Long-term Adverse Consequences for Health. Archives of Pediatric Adolescent Medicine 2010.

About the Ohio Association of Foodbanks

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks is Ohio's largest charitable response to hunger, representing Ohio's 12 Feeding America foodbanks and 3,300 member charities including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. In SFY 2012, the association and its member foodbanks were able to acquire and distribute over 164 million pounds of food and grocery items. Follow the association on Twitter, stay connected on Facebook and visit them on the web at www.ohiofoodbanks.org.

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Map the Meal Gap 2013



Ohio Child Food Insecurity by County in 2011 1

County	Food insecurity rate (full	Population under 18	Child food	Estimated number food insecure children	Food insecure children likely income-eligible for federal	Food insecure children likely NOT income-eligible for	
	population) ²	years old	insecurity rate ²	(rounded)	nutrition assistance ³	federal nutrition assistance ³	
Adams	18.6%	7,190	30.8%	2,210	86%	15%	
Allen	17.1%	25,714	26.1%	6,720	72%	28%	
Ashland	14.2%	12,773	25.9%	3,310	79%	21%	
Ashtabula	16.3%	24,231	26.8%	6,480	79%	21%	
Athens	20.1%	10,343	27.8%	2,880	74%	26%	
Auglaize	11.5%	11,687	19.6%	2,290	67%	33%	
Belmont	14.3%	13,852	24.6%	3,410	70%	31%	
Brown	14.2%	11,145	24.0%	2,670	70%	30%	
Butler	14.6%	92,305	21.5%	19,820	60%	40%	
Carroll	14.0%	6,579	25.0%	1,640	88%	12%	
Champaign	14.6%	10,125	26.0%	2,630	72%	28%	
Clark	16.1%	33,051	25.4%	8,400	76%	24%	
Clermont	12.7%	50,912	21.2%	10,780	55%	46%	
Clinton	17.4%	10,512	27.2%	2,860	68%	32%	
Columbiana	15.5%	23,877	26.9%	6,420	76%	24%	
Coshocton	16.1%	9,015	28.3%	2,550	83%	17%	
Crawford	16.1%	10,249	28.3%	2,900	73%	27%	
Cuyahoga	18.7%	294,704	21.1%	62,100	64%	36%	
Darke	13.1%	13,263	22.6%	2,990	69%	31%	
Defiance	13.5%	9,523	24.0%	2,280	70%	30%	
Delaware	9.5%	49,128	15.0%	7,390	33%	67%	
Erie	14.8%	17,271	22.0%	3,800	62%	38%	
Fairfield	13.3%	38,243	20.9%	7,990	57%	43%	
Fayette	16.7%	7,209	26.7%	1,920	72%	28%	
Franklin	18.1%	277,201	21.4%	59,450	63%	37%	
Fulton	12.6%	11,063	22.5%	2,490	72%	28%	
Gallia	16.6%	7,476	27.7%	2,070	83%	17%	
Geauga	9.9%	24,395	18.4%	4,490	65%	35%	
Greene	14.8%	35,016	22.4%	7,850	60%	40%	
Guernsey	15.9%	9,756	27.8%	2,710	74%	26%	
Hamilton	18.5%	190,650	21.1%	40,250	62%	38%	
Hancock	13.2%	17,758	21.6%	3,830	65%	35%	
Hardin	16.2%	7,583	26.0%	1,970	73%	27%	
Harrison	16.2%	3,555	28.3%	1,010	67%	33%	
Henry	13.5%	7,149	22.5%	1,610	61%	39%	
Highland	17.5%	11,113	28.8%	3,200	80%	20%	
Hocking	14.6%	6,986	25.7%	1,790	72%	28%	
Holmes	12.1%	14,543	22.1%	3,210	96%	4%	
Huron	16.0%	15,798	27.7%	4,380	69%	31%	
Jackson	18.1%	8,221	32.0%	2,630	90%	10%	
Jefferson	16.8%	14,106	28.2%	3,980	76%	24%	
Knox	13.8%	14,761	24.0%	3,540	76%	24%	
Lake	11.7%	51,302	19.8%	10,140	55%	46%	
Lawrence	14.9%	14,758	25.1%	3,700	81%	19%	
Licking	13.3%	40,978	21.6%	8,850	61%	39%	
Logan	14.6%	11,710	26.7%	3,120	72%	28%	
Lorain	14.0%	72,363	22.9%	16,600	64%	36%	
Lucas	18.8%	107,034	25.1%	26,880	71%	30%	
Madison	13.9%	9,805	21.0%	2,060	55%	46%	
Mahoning	17.1%	52,235	21.0%	12,750	70%	30%	
Marion	16.6%	14,821	28.3%	4,200	70%	23%	
Medina	10.5%	43,796	18.0%	7,870	46%	23% 54%	
Meigs							
_	18.0%	5,384	31.4%	1,690	83%	17%	
Mercer	10.3%	10,781	17.9%	1,930	57%	43%	

County	Food insecurity	Population	Child food	Estimated number	Food insecure children likely	Food insecure children likely	
	rate (full	under 18	insecurity rate ²	food insecure children	income-eligible for federal	NOT income-eligible for federal nutrition assistance ³	
	population) ²	years old		(rounded)	nutrition assistance ³		
Miami	14.0%	24,888	23.1%	5,750	64%	36%	
Monroe	15.7%	3,162	29.0%	920	78%	22%	
Montgomery	18.2%	124,335	22.8%	28,410	67%	33%	
Morgan	17.7%	3,547	28.8%	1,020	79%	21%	
Morrow	13.0%	9,014	23.0%	2,070	73%	27%	
Muskingum	17.2%	20,733	28.4%	5,890	80%	20%	
Noble	16.9%	2,836	29.8%	840	78%	22%	
Ottawa	14.3%	8,711	24.1%	2,100	52%	48%	
Paulding	13.4%	4,918	24.4%	1,200	69%	31%	
Perry	16.5%	9,381	27.8%	2,610	75%	25%	
Pickaway	14.4%	13,030	24.1%	3,140	63%	37%	
Pike	20.2%	7,363	33.0%	2,430	87%	13%	
Portage	14.7%	33,874	22.6%	7,650	63%	37%	
Preble	13.5%	10,307	23.6%	2,430	69%	31%	
Putnam	10.4%	9,233	18.9%	1,750	43%	57%	
Richland	16.3%	28,409	24.6%	6,980	75%	25%	
Ross	16.1%	17,590	26.7%	4,690	77%	23%	
Sandusky	13.8%	14,875	23.8%	3,540	73%	27%	
Scioto	18.7%	18,059	30.4%	5,480	81%	19%	
Seneca	14.7%	13,478	24.6%	3,320	69%	32%	
Shelby	13.8%	13,477	23.0%	3,100	72%	28%	
Stark	15.3%	86,845	23.8%	20,650	70%	31%	
Summit	16.1%	125,036	21.8%	27,280	65%	36%	
Trumbull	16.0%	47,353	25.9%	12,260	74%	26%	
Tuscarawas	14.1%	21,962	24.3%	5,330	76%	24%	
Union	11.1%	14,115	18.2%	2,580	47%	53%	
Van Wert	12.4%	7,208	21.5%	1,550	76%	24%	
Vinton	17.1%	3,297	30.4%	1,000	88%	12%	
Warren	11.2%	58,005	17.9%	10,400	40%	60%	
Washington	13.8%	13,086	23.7%	3,090	75%	25%	
Wayne	12.6%	29,265	21.9%	6,410	79%	21%	
Williams	14.3%	9,027	23.7%	2,140	74%	26%	
Wood	14.2%	27,245	20.5%	5,600	57%	43%	
Wyandot	13.3%	5,514	21.9%	1,210	59%	41%	
State Total ⁴	17.8%	2,699,622	25.7%	679,900	68%	32%	

 $For additional \ data \ and \ maps \ by \ county, \ state, \ and \ congressional \ district, \ please \ visit \ \ \underline{www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap} \ .$

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¹Map the Meal Gap's child food insecurity rates are determined using data from the 2001-2011 Current Population Survey on children under 18 years old in food insecure households; data from the 2011 American Community Survey on median family incomes for households with children, child poverty rates, home ownership, and race and ethnic demographics among children; and 2011 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on unemployment rates.

² The statistical model for estimating food insecurity in 2013 differs slightly from the model used in 2012. The updated 2013 model includes "homeownership" in addition to the variables used in previous years to account for household assets and help produce more accurate estimates of food insecurity at the local level. For more information about these factors, please see the technical brief or supplemental methodology information on HungerNet.

³Numbers reflect percentage of food insecure children living in households with incomes above or below 185% of the federal poverty guideline for 2011. Eligibility for federal child nutrition programs is determined in part by income thresholds which can vary by state.



Map the Meal Gap 2013 Ohio Food Insecurity by County in 2011



County	Population	Food insecurity rate ²	Estimated number food insecure individuals (rounded)	Income wit % below SNAP threshold of 130% poverty	% between 130% and 185% poverty	mopulation ³ % above Nutrition Pgm threshold of 185% poverty	Cost-of- food index	Weekly food-budget shortfall per food insecure person ⁴	Total food-budget shortfall reported by the food insecure in 2011 ⁵	Weighted cost per meal ⁶	The "Meal Gap"
Adams	28,551	18.6%	5,310	71%	13%	16%	0.891	\$ 12.79	\$ 2,060,310	\$ 2.38	865,67
Allen	106,468	17.1%	18,200	52%	16%	32%	0.880	\$ 12.63		\$ 2.35	2,967,09
Ashland Ashtabula	53,331	14.2% 16.3%	7,550 16,560	51% 58%	20% 18%	29% 25%		\$ 11.88 \$ 13.17		\$ 2.21 \$ 2.45	1,230,85 2,699,73
Athens	101,676 64,562	20.1%	12,960	67%	9%	24%		\$ 13.60	\$ 5,345,470		2,099,73
Auglaize	45,986	11.5%	5,270	39%	21%	41%		\$ 12.25	\$ 1,958,870	\$ 2.28	859,15
Belmont	70,346	14.3%	10,040	51%	19%	30%		\$ 12.31			1,636,79
Brown	44,688	14.2%	6,350	49%	20%	30%	0.948	\$ 13.60		\$ 2.53	1,035,22
Butler	366,167	14.6%	53,610	46%	13%	41%		\$ 13.92			8,739,90
Carroll	28,913	14.0%	4,030	52%	24%	25%		\$ 14.78			657,00
Champaign	40,092	14.6%	5,870	52%	14%	34%		\$ 14.24			956,97
Clark Clermont	138,782 196,731	16.1% 12.7%	22,340 25,000	55% 40%	19% 13%	26% 47%	0.906 0.963	\$ 13.01 \$ 13.81		\$ 2.42 \$ 2.57	3,642,03 4,075,68
Clinton	42,296	17.4%	7,370	45%	19%	35%		\$ 12.25		\$ 2.28	1,201,51
Columbiana	108,198	15.5%	16,760	53%	19%	28%		\$ 12.52			2,732,33
Coshocton	36,974	16.1%	5,970	56%	20%	24%	0.798	\$ 11.45	\$ 2,073,070	\$ 2.13	973,27
Crawford	43,998	16.1%	7,090	52%	20%	29%		\$ 13.54	\$ 2,912,780	\$ 2.52	1,155,86
Cuyahoga	1,285,279	18.7%	240,640	51%	17%	32%		\$ 14.35		\$ 2.67	39,230,92
Darke	52,907	13.1%	6,950	49%	22%	30%		\$ 12.15		\$ 2.26	1,133,04
Defiance	39,066	13.5%	5,270	46%	19%	35%		\$ 11.88	\$ 1,898,730	\$ 2.21	859,15
Delaware Erie	170,541 77,223	9.5% 14.8%	16,220 11,420	24% 45%	11% 17%	65% 38%		\$ 14.56 \$ 12.31	\$ 7,166,070 \$ 4,263,460	\$ 2.71 \$ 2.29	2,644,30 1,861,77
Fairfield	145,167	13.3%	19,330	44%	17%	43%		\$ 13.71			3,151,32
Fayette	28,955	16.7%	4,840	60%	16%	24%				\$ 2.18	789,05
Franklin	1,153,671	18.1%	208,940	52%	14%	33%		\$ 14.08			34,062,95
Fulton	42,702	12.6%	5,380	44%	17%	39%		\$ 13.87	\$ 2,262,890	\$ 2.58	877,08
Gallia	30,954	16.6%	5,150	65%	19%	16%		\$ 11.77			839,59
Geauga	93,476	9.9%	9,260	39%	17%	44%		\$ 15.53	\$ 4,362,840	\$ 2.89	1,509,63
Greene	160,940	14.8%	23,840	42%	11%	47%		\$ 13.38			3,886,57
Guernsey	40,219 801 223	15.9%	6,380 148,570	58%	19%	23%		\$ 11.82		\$ 2.20	1,040,11
Hamilton Hancock	801,223 74,847	18.5% 13.2%	148,570 9,870	48% 47%	15% 16%	37% 37%		\$ 13.60 \$ 13.17			24,220,99 1,609,08
Hardin	32,127	16.2%	5,200	58%	15%	27%		\$ 13.49		\$ 2.51	847,74
Harrison	15,864	16.2%	2,570	58%	17%	26%	0.899	\$ 12.90	\$ 1,005,550	\$ 2.40	418,97
Henry	28,353	13.5%	3,820	43%	17%	40%	0.955	\$ 13.71	\$ 1,588,050	\$ 2.55	622,76
Highland	43,631	17.5%	7,620	59%	20%	21%	0.899	\$ 12.90	\$ 2,981,450	\$ 2.40	1,242,27
Hocking	29,400	14.6%	4,300	54%	15%	31%	0.966	\$ 13.87		\$ 2.58	701,01
Holmes	42,264	12.1%	5,130	63%	29%	8%		\$ 13.97		\$ 2.60	836,33
Huron	59,813	16.0%	9,540 6,020	50%	15%	35%	0.831			\$ 2.22	1,555,284
Jackson Jefferson	33,176 69,672	18.1% 16.8%	11,720	67% 54%	21% 16%	12% 30%		\$ 13.22 \$ 12.68			981,423 1,910,683
Knox	60,623	13.8%	8,360	48%	19%	32%		\$ 12.63		\$ 2.35	1,362,91
Lake	229,745	11.7%	26,900	37%	16%	47%	0.974				4,385,438
Lawrence	62,592	14.9%	9,320	63%	20%	17%	0.910	\$ 13.06	\$ 3,692,180	\$ 2.43	1,519,410
Licking	165,110	13.3%	21,960	43%	16%	41%	0.933	\$ 13.38	\$ 8,914,410	\$ 2.49	3,580,084
Logan	45,964	14.6%	6,710	53%	17%	29%		\$ 12.09			1,093,916
Lorain	300,491	14.2%	42,540	48%	13%	40%		\$ 13.54			6,935,18
Lucas Madison	442,708 43,151	18.8% 13.9%	83,180 6,000	56% 37%	16% 16%	28% 46%		\$ 13.28 \$ 14.14		\$ 2.47 \$ 2.63	13,560,62 978,16
Mahoning	240,131	17.1%	41,080	53%	17%	30%		\$ 13.87	\$ 17,278,690	\$ 2.58	6,697,16
Marion	66,503	16.6%	11,030	56%	15%	29%	0.869	\$ 12.47	\$ 4,171,810		1,798,19
Medina	171,327	10.5%	17,960	34%	13%	54%				\$ 2.63	2,927,97
Meigs	23,668	18.0%	4,270	62%	21%	17%	1.030	\$ 14.78	\$ 1,914,350	\$ 2.75	696,12
Mercer	40,918	10.3%	4,200	45%	16%	39%	0.798	\$ 11.45	\$ 1,458,440	\$ 2.13	684,71
Miami	102,487	14.0%	14,300	44%	17%	38%					2,331,29
Monroe	14,709	15.7%	2,310	57%	15%	28%	0.910	\$ 13.06	\$ 915,120	\$ 2.43	376,59
Montgomery	537,409	18.2%	97,910	49%	17%	34%		\$ 13.11			15,962,02
Morgan Morrow	15,087 34,880	17.7% 13.0%	2,660 4,530	58% 45%	23% 23%	20% 31%		\$ 12.95 \$ 13.92			433,65 738,51
Muskingum	85,997	17.2%	14,800	54%	22%	24%	0.884				2,412,80
Noble	14,658	16.9%	2,480	42%	21%	37%	0.880				404,30
Ottawa	41,508	14.3%	5,940	35%	15%	50%	1.011				968,38
Paulding	19,615	13.4%	2,620	52%	17%	31%	0.918	\$ 13.17	\$ 1,046,470		427,13
Perry	36,024	16.5%	5,940	54%	20%	26%	0.951				968,38
Pickaway	55,509	14.4%	8,020	41%	15%	44%	0.846				1,307,48
Pike	28,685	20.2%	5,800	67%	13%	20%	0.925				945,559
Portage Preble	160,713 42,394	14.7% 13.5%	23,630 5,730	47% 43%	13% 22%	40% 35%	1.007 0.914				3,852,333 934,143
Putnam	34,546	10.4%	3,600	43% 31%	17%	53%	0.914				586,89
Richland	125,241	16.3%	20,370	46%	19%	35%	0.910				3,320,86
Ross	77,868	16.1%	12,500	52%	16%	33%	0.869				2,037,84
Sandusky	61,088	13.8%	8,440	53%	16%	30%	0.843				1,375,95
Scioto	79,189	18.7%	14,780	66%	15%	19%	0.873				2,409,54
Seneca	56,901	14.7%	8,350	52%	18%	30%	0.865				1,361,28
Shelby	49,389	13.8%	6,840	47%	18%	35%	0.854				1,115,11
Stark	376,142	15.3%	57,730	49%	17%	34%	0.951				9,411,57
Summit Trumbull	542,169 211,403	16.1% 16.0%	87,090 33,780	47% 53%	15% 17%	37% 31%	1.004 0.910				14,198,06 5,507,06
Tuscarawas	92,561	14.1%	13,020	54%	20%	26%	0.910				2,122,61
Union	51,539	11.1%	5,720	32%	13%	56%	0.873				932,51
Van Wert	28,880	12.4%	3,590	45%	24%	31%	0.944				585,27
Vinton	13,457	17.1%	2,300	70%	17%	13%	0.899				374,96
Warren	210,662	11.2%	23,680	29%	12%	59%	0.955	\$ 13.71	\$ 9,844,250	\$ 2.55	3,860,49
Washington	61,946	13.8%	8,550	55%	18%	27%		\$ 13.17			1,393,88
Wayne	114,508	12.6%	14,430	47%	23%	30%	0.865				2,352,48
Williams	37,985	14.3%	5,430	46%	22%	32%	0.948				885,24
Wood Wyandot	125,566 22,661	14.2%	17,810 3,020	46%	11% 24%	43% 42%	0.918				2,903,51 492,34
	22,001	13.3%	3,020	34%	24%	42%	0.951	\$ 13.65 \$ 12.95	\$ 1,250,550	\$ 2.54	492,34