



25,130
CHILDREN

**ON THE TREASURE COAST DO NOT KNOW
WHERE THEIR NEXT MEAL IS COMING FROM.**

Feeding America recently updated its study which reveals that children are still struggling with hunger in every county and Congressional District in the country. The findings include:

75%

Qualify based on income for federal child nutrition programs.

25%

Do **NOT** qualify for federal child nutrition programs and often must rely on charitable food assistance programs.

\$3.26 Average price per meal on the Treasure Coast.

Compared to **\$3.02 national average** cost spent on a meal by food secure persons.

\$18.36 Food budget shortfall per person per week.

A total **SHORTFALL**
of **\$48,284,000**
or **14,793,700 meals.**



Mission: Our mission is to alleviate hunger by obtaining and distributing food and other essentials in Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, and Okeechobee Counties.

Treasure Coast Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization.



MAP THE MEAL GAP
CHILD FOOD INSECURITY
2019

food-in-se-cure

adjective

A lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life.

- **The percentage of the Treasure Coast child population who is food insecure.**
- **The percentage of children on the Treasure Coast that is eligible for assistance from federal nutrition programs like Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), free or reduced-price school meals, and others.**
- **The percentage of children on the Treasure Coast that is not eligible for assistance from federal nutrition programs like Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), free or reduced-price school meals, and others.**

The research is based on "Map the Meal Gap 2019: A Report on County and Congressional District Food Insecurity and County Food Cost in the United States in 2017", supported by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, Conagra Brands Foundation, and The Nielsen Company.



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% of children who do not know where their next meal is coming from.

% of children who qualify based on income for federal child nutrition programs.

% of children who do **NOT** qualify for federal child nutrition programs and often must rely on charitable food assistance programs.

21.3%
13,109

75%
ST. LUCIE COUNTY

25%

23.0%
2,040

83%
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

17%

18.1%
4,733

67%
MARTIN COUNTY

33%

20.6%
5,248

81%
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

19%

MARTIN COUNTY: Highest percentage of food insecure children on the Treasure Coast who do not qualify for federal nutrition programs: **33%**.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY: Highest number of food insecure children on the Treasure Coast: **13,109**.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY: 21st in the state rating of food insecurity. **23%** of children in the county do not know where their next meal is coming from.



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is one of the 200 members of Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger relief charity. For more information, please contact Chief Strategy & Advocacy Officer Krista Garofalo at 772-489-3034 or kgarofalo@tcfoodbank.org.

Together, we can solve hunger.