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# Hunger in the US: How disasters disrupt access to food



Food bank pantry shelves. Photo by [Jacob McGowin](#) on [Unsplash](#)

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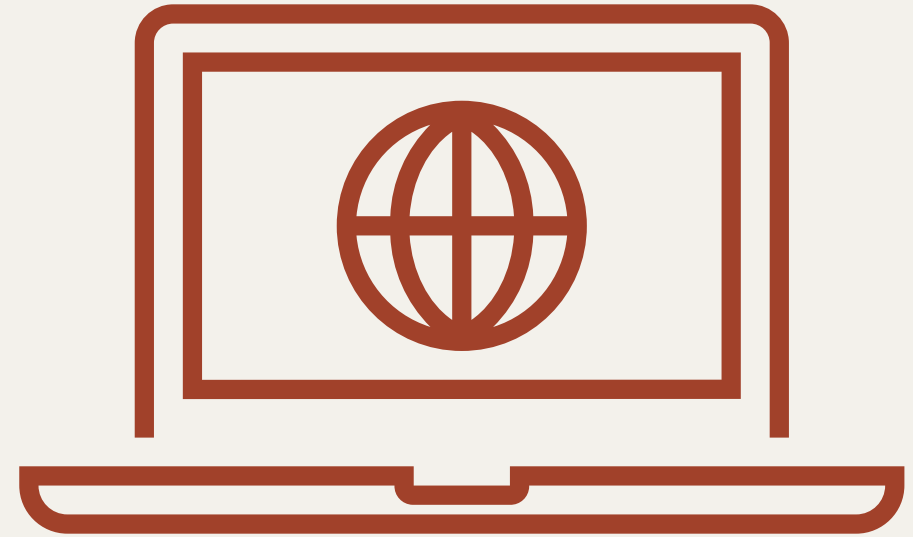
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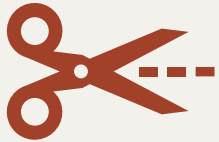
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Understand the systemic causes of hunger and how to address them.



Recognize the repercussions of funding cuts.



Explore how funders can reduce hunger in the U.S.

# Definitions of Hunger and Food Insecurity

“Hunger is the distress associated with lack of food. The threshold for food deprivation, or undernourishment, is fewer than 1,800 calories per day.”

~ [Action Against Hunger](#)

“Food insecurity is an official term from the USDA. It's when people don't have enough to eat and don't know where their next meal will come from.”

~ [Feeding America](#)



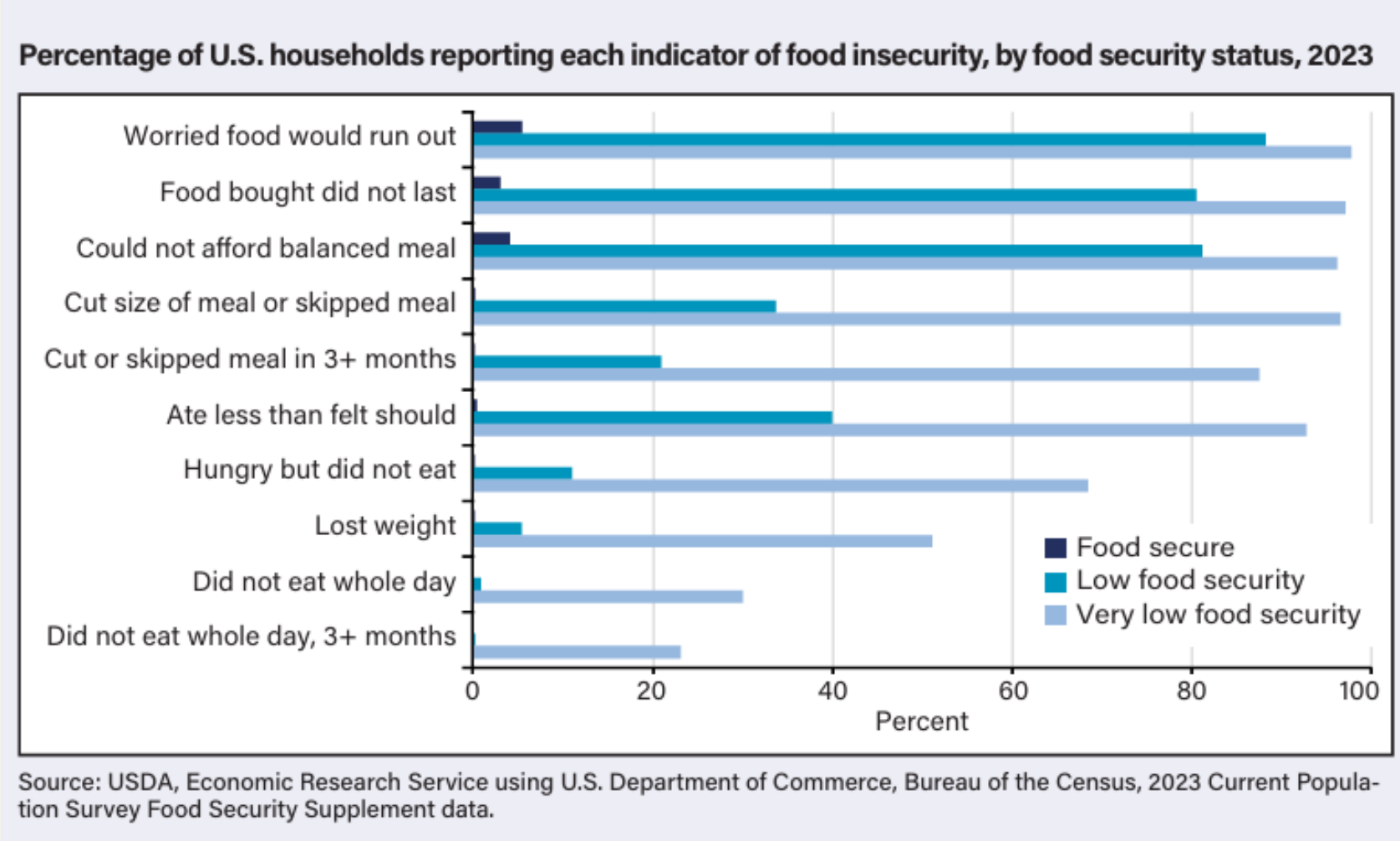
# Hunger Stats



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- **13.5%** of people were food insecure at some point in 2023, statistically significantly higher than the 12.8% in 2022.
- **47.4 million** people are hungry.
- **1 in 5** children (14 million) face hunger in the U.S.
- Food-secure households spent **16%** more money on food than food-insecure households.
- **58%** of food-insecure households participated in one or more federal feeding programs.

# Food Insecurity – USDA Report



[Source: Household Food Security in the United States in 2023](#)

# Speakers



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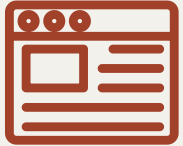




## NEXT STEPS AND ACTIONS

- 1. Food access starts with farmers.**
- 2. Address the root causes of hunger.**
- 3. Support SNAP and food banks.**

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