

# HUNGER IN OKLAHOMA

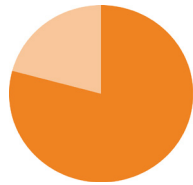
## OKLAHOMA STATISTICS

### FEEDING AMERICA PROJECTIONS



**16.1%**

FOOD INSECURITY RATE



**22.5%**

FOOD INSECURITY RATE



At least 60 million people turned to food banks, food pantries and other private food assistance programs in 2020, the first calendar year of the COVID-19 pandemic. This was an increase of 50% from 2019.

**1 IN 6**

OKLAHOMANS LIVE IN POVERTY

**1 IN 10**

SENIORS LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL

OKLAHOMA IS ONE OF ONLY  
**FIVE STATES**



WITH A FOOD INSECURITY RATE ABOVE 14.5 PERCENT.



**\$2.89**

AVERAGE COST PER MEAL IN OKLAHOMA

**583,570**  
TOTAL FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE

**3,932,870**  
2019 OKLAHOMA POPULATION

A Tulsa Public Schools paraprofessional unexpectedly became the guardian of her three grandchildren. She said, "I can draw a bath. I can read a bedtime story. But I can't create food out of thin air."

These quick fact sheets include data from Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the United States Census Bureau, compiled by the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma.

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# COUNTY QUICK FACTS

## NOWATA 10,322

2019 POPULATION

## COUNTY 281,070

MEALS DISTRIBUTED FY2021



### 12.4%

SENIORS LIVING IN  
POVERTY

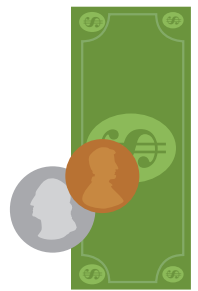
### 5.2%

UNEMPLOYMENT  
RATE AVERAGE

### \$3.09

AVERAGE COST  
PER MEAL

“There are many people in our community who hit a rough patch at times. One box of food at the end of a month won’t solve a financial crisis, but it may help someone and their family eat more securely while they work through that crisis.” - Sue Catron



### FOOD INSECURITY RATE 14.9%

1,530 TOTAL FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE



### 21.1% CHILD FOOD INSECURITY RATE

500 TOTAL FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN



### 3 PARTNER AGENCIES

Aim High Center, Inc.  
Boys & Girls Club/Nowata  
Living Word Family Church



For a map of Partner Agencies in your county with contact information and hours of operation, go to [okfoodbank.org/get-help](http://okfoodbank.org/get-help)

Low-income households spend a higher portion of their total income on food. This leaves less resources for other needs such as healthcare, utilities, and transportation.



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