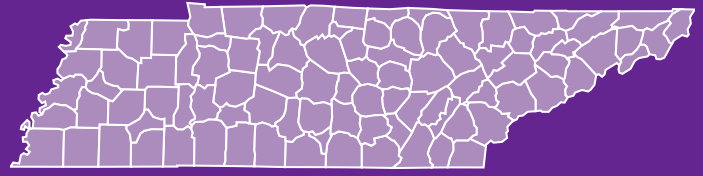


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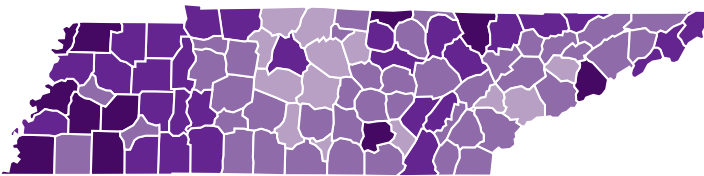


336,000 households experienced food insecurity in Tennessee (2016-2018)

Food insecurity is increasing dramatically during COVID-19, disproportionately affecting Black and Hispanic households that already experienced higher rates of food insecurity in Tennessee

Food Insecurity by County, 2017

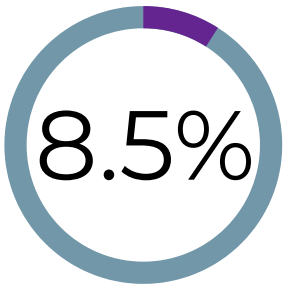
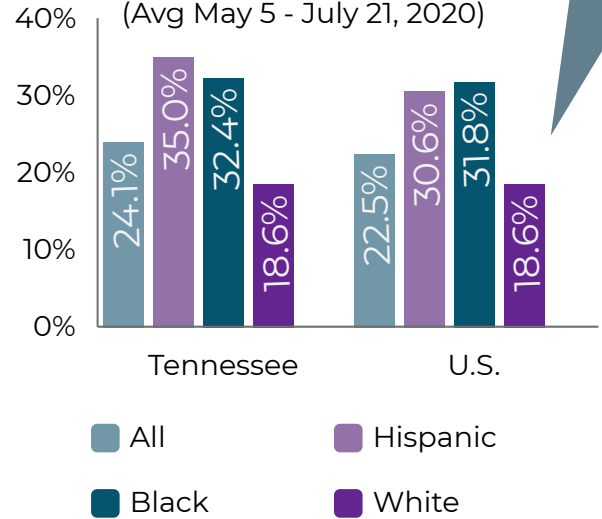
≤11% 11-13% 13-15% >15%



12.4% of households experienced food insecurity in Tennessee (2016-2018), a larger proportion than the U.S. average of 11.7%. Food insecurity rates vary from 6-21% by county (2017).¹

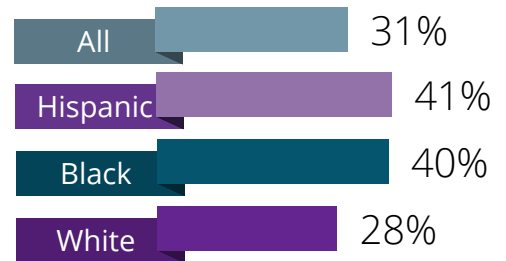
Tennessee Food Insecurity Rates²

(Avg May 5 - July 21, 2020)



of people in Tennessee have low access to a grocery store, compared to 5.9% in the U.S. (2015)

Food insecurity has increased to 31% for individuals with children in Tennessee during COVID-19. The burden is higher for Hispanic and Black individuals with children.



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