

Hunger Facts

Hunger in Colorado

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| <p>11%</p> <p>of Coloradans lack reliable access to nutritious food</p> <p><small>Colorado Health Institute, 2023 Colorado Health Access Survey, February 2024</small></p> | <p>17%</p> <p>of Colorado households with children where children are not eating enough because food was unaffordable</p> <p><small>U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, Oct 2022</small></p> |
| <p>7.7%</p> <p>of older adults live below the poverty line in Colorado, making them at higher risk for food insecurity</p> <p><small>Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Colorado Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program fact sheet, Feb. 2023</small></p> | <p>9.4%</p> <p>of Coloradans struggle financially, living below the federal poverty line</p> <p><small>U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 American Community Survey: Poverty, September 2023</small></p> |

SNAP in Colorado

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| <p>9%</p> <p>of Coloradans use SNAP, including working families, children, older adults, veterans and those who are disabled</p> <p><small>Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Colorado Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program fact sheet, Feb. 2023</small></p> | <p>A Coloradan, on average, only receives</p> <p>\$1.98</p> <p>per meal in SNAP benefits, making it a challenge to put healthy food on the table for themselves and their family</p> <p><small>Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Colorado Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program fact sheet, Feb. 2023</small></p> | | | |
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Hunger and Poverty in the U.S.

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| <p>An estimated</p> <p>42 million</p> <p>people are experiencing food insecurity</p> <p><small>Feeding America, The Impact of the Coronavirus on National Food Insecurity in 2020 & 2021, March 2021</small></p> | <p>Potentially</p> <p>13 million</p> <p>children are experiencing food insecurity</p> <p><small>Feeding America, The Impact of the Coronavirus on National Food Insecurity in 2020 & 2021, March 2021</small></p> |
| <p>10.2%</p> <p>of Americans struggle with hunger, facing times when there is not enough money to buy food. That's 13.5 million households.</p> <p><small>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Household Food Security in the United States in 2021, September 2022</small></p> | <p>12.8%</p> <p>of Americans live in poverty, struggling to make ends meet. That's more than 41.4 million people.</p> <p><small>U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey: Poverty, September 2022</small></p> |
| <p>In 2021, Latinos were</p> <p>2.5x</p> <p>more likely to experience food insecurity than white individuals.</p> <p><small>Feeding America, Hunger in Latino Communities 2022</small></p> | <p>Nearly</p> <p>20%</p> <p>of Black individuals live in a food insecure household.</p> <p><small>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Household Food Security in the United States in 2021, September 2022</small></p> |

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