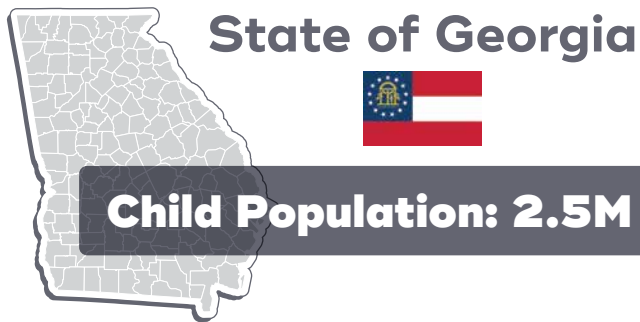



## Child Hunger in Georgia

Food insecurity has the potential to be harmful to individuals of any age, but it can be especially devastating to children. The USDA estimates that more than 11 million children in the United States lived in food-insecure households in 2018.<sup>1</sup> That means that 1 in 7 children (15.2%) may not have consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. In that scenario, Georgia ranks 27th with an overall child food insecurity rate of 16.2%. This year, however, Feeding America supplemented its annual Map the Meal Gap study with an updated methodology to predict the potential impact of Covid-19 on child food insecurity at the local level. Below are the findings for the state of Georgia as a whole and the service area of the Atlanta Community Food Bank.



### Food Insecurity Rates

2018	405,380	16%	 <b>39%</b>
2020 <sup>2</sup>	562,030	23%	

\*A child is anyone under the age of 18



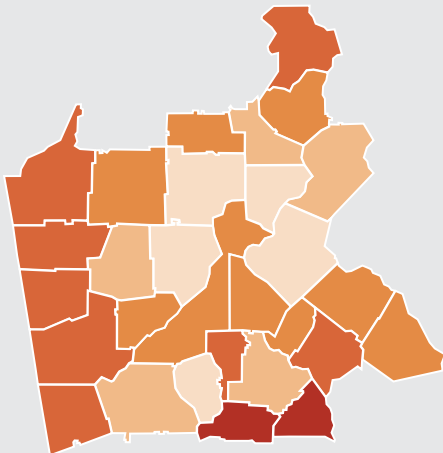
### Food Insecurity Rates

2018	205,990	14%	1 in 7	 <b>48%</b>
2020 <sup>2</sup>	304,480	20%	1 in 5	

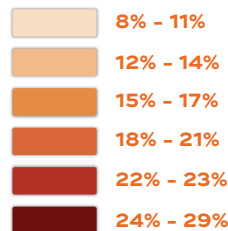
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**Food Security is a federal measure of a household's ability to provide enough food for every person in the household to have an active, healthy life. Food insecurity is strongly associated with income, but it is not limited to people living in poverty.**

### 2018 CHILD FOOD INSECURITY RATES

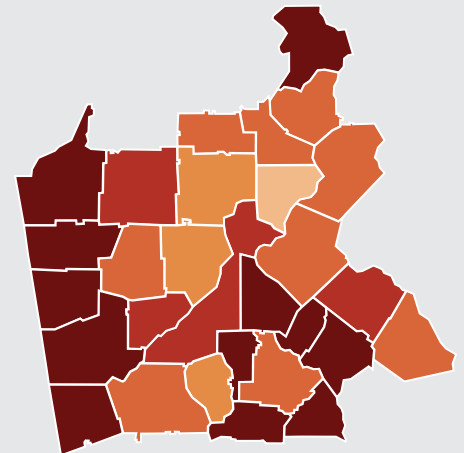


#### CHILD FOOD INSECURITY RATES



See county detail on reverse side.

### PROJECTED 2020 CHILD FOOD INSECURITY RATES<sup>2</sup>



1. United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. (2019). Household food security in the United States in 2018. Washington, D.C.: Coleman-Jensen, A., Rabbitt, M. P., Gregory, C. A., & Singh, A.  
2. Feeding America projections based on their latest Map the Meal Gap study (released May 2020), updated to account for the change in the annual poverty rate across all geographies and an assumption for the change in unemployment in Georgia due to the coronavirus pandemic.

# Atlanta Community Food Bank Service Area

County	2018 Food Insecurity #	2018 Food Insecurity %	2020 Food Insecurity #	2020 Food Insecurity %	% Increase In # Food Insecure
Bartow	3,890	15.2%	5,530	21.6%	42%
Butts	1,130	23%	1,420	28.9%	26%
Carroll	5,140	18.4%	6,890	24.7%	34%
Cherokee	6,170	10.1%	9,430	15.4%	53%
Clayton	14,950	19.1%	21,850	27.9%	46%
Cobb	19,260	10.7%	29,970	16.6%	56%
Coweta	4,680	13.3%	6,970	19.7%	49%
Dawson	630	12.6%	900	17.9%	42%
DeKalb	29,010	16.6%	41,720	23.9%	44%
Douglas	5,370	14.4%	7,970	21.3%	48%
Fayette	2,440	9.4%	3,900	15%	60%
Floyd	4,410	19.4%	5,800	25.6%	32%
Forsyth	4,750	7.6%	7,930	12.8%	67%
Fulton	34,300	14.9%	51,420	22.3%	50%
Gwinnett	26,980	10.9%	42,750	17.3%	58%
Hall	6,620	13%	9,280	18.2%	40%
Haralson	1,310	18.7%	1,720	24.5%	32%
Heard	500	18.5%	680	25.1%	36%
Henry	7,890	13.5%	12,010	20.6%	52%
Lumpkin	900	15.6%	1,200	20.9%	34%
Morgan	580	14.2%	810	19.8%	39%
Newton	5,410	19%	7,290	25.7%	35%
Paulding	5,190	12.4%	7,550	18%	45%
Pickens	910	14.3%	1,230	19.4%	35%
Polk	2,080	19.2%	2,720	25.1%	31%
Rockdale	3,730	16.5%	5,290	23.4%	42%
Spalding	3,460	22.3%	4,510	29.1%	30%
Union	770	20.5%	940	25.1%	23%
Walton	3,530	15.5%	4,800	21.1%	36%

Source: Feeding America Map the Meal Gap, October 2020

