



# MAP THE MEAL GAP 2019

## THE GREATER BATON ROUGE FOOD BANK

Map the Meal Gap 2019 is the latest Feeding America report on food insecurity and the cost of food at both the county and congressional district level from 2017 data. It is the only study that provides food insecurity data at a local level. Below are highlights from the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank service area.

### OVERALL

**1 IN 7**

INDIVIDUALS IN OUR SERVICE AREA ARE FOOD INSECURE RANGING FROM:

**9.3 %**

OF THE POPULATION IN LIVINGSTON PARISH

TO

**20 %**

OF THE POPULATION IN ST. HELENA PARISH

OF THE 129,030 FOOD INSECURE INDIVIDUALS IN OUR SERVICE AREA

**36 %**

ARE **NOT** ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE UNDER CURRENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### CHILDREN

**1 IN 5**

CHILDREN IN OUR SERVICE AREA ARE FOOD INSECURE RANGING FROM:

**17.4 %**

OF CHILDREN IN ASCENSION PARISH

TO

**25 %**

OF CHILDREN IN ST. HELENA PARISH

OF THE 41,030 FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN IN OUR SERVICE AREA

**37 %**

LIVE IN A HOUSEHOLD THAT IS **NOT** ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE UNDER CURRENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The USDA defines food insecurity as limited or uncertain access to enough food for all members of a household to live an active, healthy life.

With SNAP benefits at risk in the current Louisiana budget debate, it is more important than ever to let your voice be heard.

