NEW CENSUS DATA SHOW MORE OHIOANS ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET
Statistics reveal the percentage of Ohioans eligible for help from Ohio foodbanks increased in 80 of 88 counties, every Metropolitan Statistical Area from 2009 to 2014

COLUMBUS – In its 10th year, the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) for the first time can show poverty data at the county level over two five-year, non-overlapping time spans. And this comparison of the periods of 2005 to 2009 and 2010 to 2014 reveal that need for help with food in Ohio is trending up, not down, since the end of the Great Recession.

2014 5-year American Community Survey estimates released today show an increase in the number of individuals living in households with incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level in every Metropolitan Statistical Area and 80 of 88 counties in the state, when compared to 2009 5-year estimates. This income threshold is considered the standard at which households can reach self-sufficiency—about $40,000 for a family of three.

"Ohio families are not gaining ground since the end of the Great Recession," said Lisa-Hamler-Fugitt, executive director of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks. "In fact, now an estimated 3,859,814 Ohioans are eligible for help from our hunger relief network because their household incomes are below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. That's more than a third of our state. Unfortunately, while we find this data disheartening, it is not surprising. Our network continues to break records for food distributed and people served – records we'd like to stop breaking."

Individuals in Households with Incomes at or Below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level			
Metropolitan Statistical Area	**2009 5-year estimates**	**2014 5-year estimates**	**Change***
Akron	29.25% (200,241 people)	32.01% (220,117 people)	+2.76%
Canton-Massillon	30.96% (123,140 people)	34.59% (136,305 people)	+3.63%
Cincinnati	26.85% (560,726 people)	29.95% (624,163 people)	+3.10%
Cleveland-Elyria	29.59% (609,293 people)	32.70% (662,695 people)	+3.12%
Columbus	28.48% (487,645 people)	31.91% (605,190 people)	+3.43%
Dayton	30.46% (247,031 people)	35.65% (275,728 people)	+5.19%
Lima	33.54% (33,768 people)	39.65% (40,250 people)	+6.11%
Mansfield	32.68% (38,767 people)	38.94% (44,939 people)	+6.26%
Springfield	34.47% (47,016 people)	39.95% (53,486 people)	+5.48%
Toledo	32.70% (213,910 people)	37.95% (224,359 people)	+5.24%
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman	34.26% (189,192 people)	37.28% (201,327 people)	+3.03%
Statewide	*30.93% (3,462,181 people)*	*34.33% (3,859,814 people)*	*+3.40%*

U.S. Census Bureau S1701 2010-2014 ACS 5-Year Estimates and U.S. Census Bureau S1701 2005-2009 ACS 5-Year Estimates (see attached tables)

*Change = Increase in percentage of total population living in households with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level from 2005-2009 to 2010-2014

At the county level, 25 counties have 4 in 10 or more of their residents living in households eligible for help from foodbanks. And two counties (Adams and Athens) have more than half of their residents eligible for help from foodbanks.

Counties with at least 4 in 10 People Eligible For Help from Foodbanks (Below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level), Ranked by 2014 5-year Estimates			
County	2014 5-year estimate (number of people)	2014 5-year estimate (% of total population)	Rank
Adams	14,165	50.77%	1
Athens	27,976	50.60%	2
Vinton	6,407	48.46%	3
Pike	13,461	48.18%	4
Jackson	15,499	47.67%	5
Meigs	10,790	46.43%	6
Highland	19,628	45.72%	7
Scioto	34,091	45.72%	8
Gallia	13,341	44.55%	9
Holmes	18,200	43.05%	10
Noble	5,126	42.88%	11
Coshocton	15,551	42.83%	12
Ashtabula	41,197	42.68%	13
Muskingum	35,628	42.67%	14
Fayette	12,022	42.66%	15
Williams	15,394	42.44%	16
Morgan	6,211	42.40%	17
Perry	14,768	41.44%	18
Ross	29,494	41.39%	19
Lucas	175,428	40.99%	20
Marion	24,303	40.54%	21
Guernsey	15,856	40.42%	22
Monroe	5,821	40.42%	22
Harrison	6,163	40.10%	24
Lawrence	24,504	40.03%	25

Since the end of the Great Recession, 80 of Ohio's 88 counties have experienced an increase in the percentage of their residents living in households with incomes under 200 percent of the poverty level.

20 Counties with Largest Increase in the Percentage of People Eligible For Help from Foodbanks (Below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level), from 2005-2009 to 2010-2014			
County	2009 5-year estimate (% of total population)	2014 5-year estimate (% of total population)	Change
Williams	31.16%	42.44%	+11.27%
Highland	37.72%	45.94%	+8.23%
Brown	31.81%	39.64%	+7.83%
Noble	35.12%	42.88%	+7.76%
Sandusky	29.13%	35.93%	+6.80%
Auglaize	22.21%	28.99%	+6.78%
Union	17.66%	24.20%	+6.54%
Miami	25.33%	31.68%	+6.35%
Fayette	36.35%	42.66%	+6.30%
Clinton	30.71%	37.00%	+6.29%
Richland	32.68%	38.94%	+6.26%
Paulding	30.79%	36.93%	+6.13%
Allen	33.54%	39.65%	+6.11%
Darke	30.41%	36.17%	+5.76%
Hamilton	29.37%	35.05%	+5.68%
Clark	34.47%	39.95%	+5.48%
Ottawa	21.88%	27.30%	+5.42%
Lucas	35.73%	40.99%	+5.26%
Montgomery	33.46%	38.68%	+5.22%
Logan	31.28%	36.37%	+5.09%

"Barely getting by is becoming the norm for too many Ohio families," said Hamler-Fugitt. "In our most recent *Hunger in America* study, we found that six in 10 people visiting our member food pantries say they rely on our network regularly for help. Our social and economic policies must address this serious and costly issue, and we call on our federal and state legislators to respond with solutions that give everyone the chance for a livable wage that allows them to keep a roof over their heads and food on their table."

For more information, visit the U.S. Census Bureau FactFinder to view new American Community Survey data or visit the Ohio Association of Foodbanks at www.ohiofoodbanks.org.

About the Ohio Association of Foodbanks
The Ohio Association of Foodbanks is Ohio's largest charitable response to hunger, representing Ohio's 12 Feeding America foodbanks and 3,300 member charities including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. In SFY 2015, the association and its member foodbanks were able to acquire and distribute over 197 million pounds of food and grocery items. The association also serves as the home of The Ohio Benefit Bank and operates the state's largest navigator program for the Affordable Care Act. Follow the association on Twitter, stay connected on Facebook and visit them on the web at www.ohiofoodbanks.org.
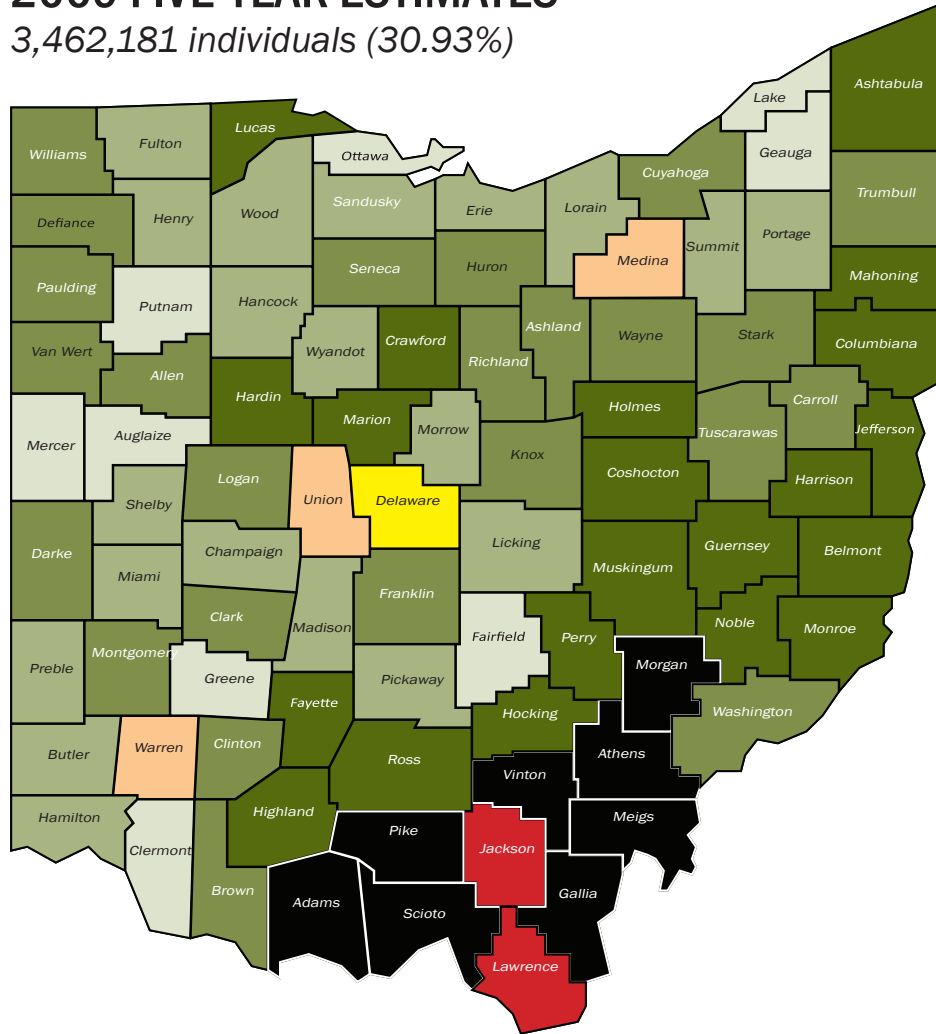
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Mapping an Increase in Eligibility for Foodbank Services in Ohio
Individuals in households with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level

2009 FIVE-YEAR ESTIMATES
3,462,181 individuals (30.93%)

2014 FIVE-YEAR ESTIMATES
3,859,814 individuals (34.33%)
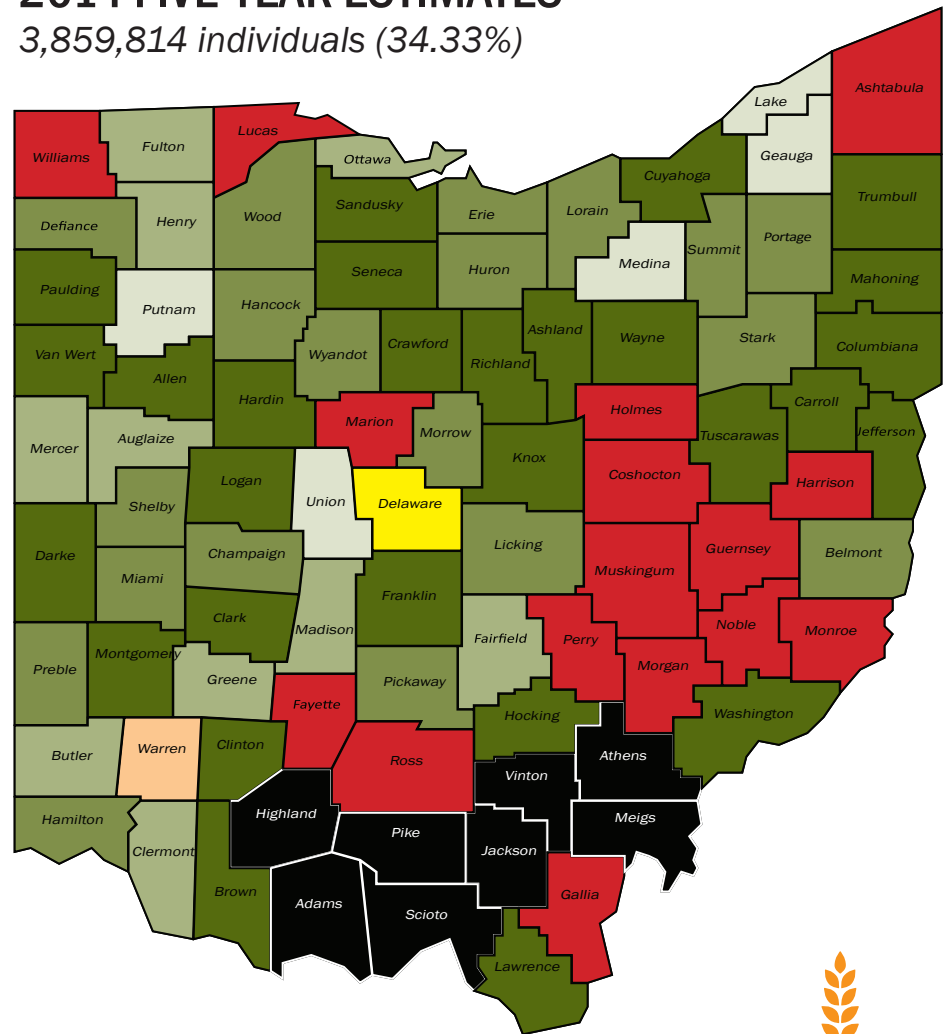
Percentage of Residents in Households Eligible for Foodbank Services (income ≤ 200% federal poverty level), by County

10 to 15%	15.1 to 20%	20.1 to 25%	25.1 to 30%	30.1 to 35%	35.1 to 40%	40.1 to 45%	> 45.1%

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Id	Id2	Geography	Total; Estimate; Population for whom poverty status is determined	Below poverty level; Estimate; Population for whom poverty status is determined	Total; Estimate; All Individuals below: - 50 percent of poverty level	Total; Estimate; All Individuals below: - 125 percent of poverty level	Total; Estimate; All Individuals below: - 150 percent of poverty level	Total; Estimate; All Individuals below: - 185 percent of poverty level	Total; Estimate; All Individuals below: - 200 percent of poverty level
310M200US	10420	Akron, OH Metro Area	687626	103180	49080	131597	160807	202167	220117
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310M200US	17140	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN Metro Area	2084109	294434	142484	376603	455072	573012	624163
310M200US	17460	Cleveland-Elyria, OH Metro Area	2026451	314021	148520	402987	486906	612138	662695
310M200US	18140	Columbus, OH Metro Area	1896601	286351	137647	362931	438983	557554	605190
310M200US	19380	Dayton, OH Metro Area	773382	130782	61313	166966	205820	254963	275728
310M200US	30620	Lima, OH Metro Area	101506	18629	8216	24153	28880	36816	40250
310M200US	31900	Mansfield, OH Metro Area	115397	18834	8808	25612	31392	40821	44939
310M200US	44220	Springfield, OH Metro Area	133892	25498	12219	31975	40683	50441	53486
310M200US	45780	Toledo, OH Metro Area	591263	113298	55766	141329	168426	207564	224359
310M200US	49660	Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA Metro Area	539982	91116	38974	117739	145448	185146	201327

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