

# Child Hunger In the USA

WHO IS AFFECTED AND HOW DOES IT EFFECT THEM?



## Hinders Academic Success

Food insecurity significantly impairs children's ability to concentrate and learn, leading to decreased academic performance.



## Elevates Health Risks

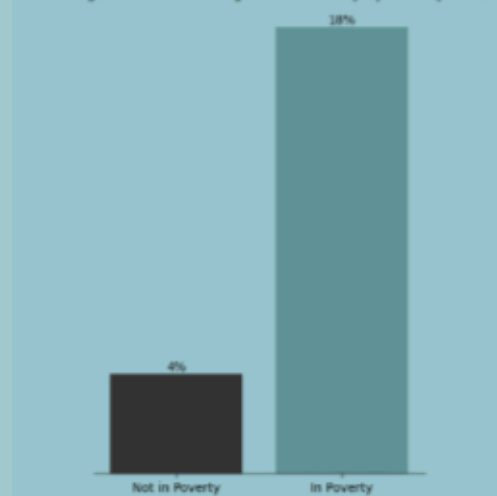
Lack of adequate nutrition increases children's susceptibility to various health problems, such as anemia and asthma, making them sick more often.



## Impairs Healthy Development

Hunger can negatively impact a child's physical and cognitive development, affecting their thinking, learning, and behavior.

Percentage of Children Facing Food Insecurity by Poverty Status



**4.5x higher**

The likelihood of a child experiencing food insecurity is **4.5x higher** if they're in poverty than those who are not



**9%**

Of all children experience food insecurity



**30%**

Of all households are in poverty



**18%**

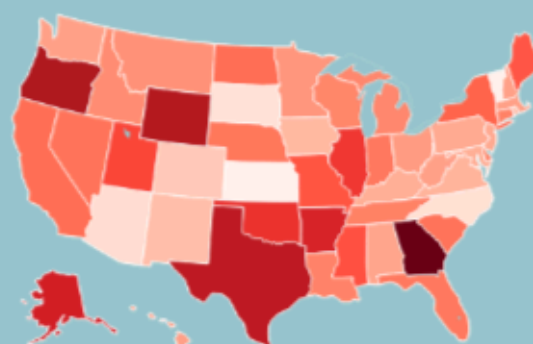
Of children in households experiencing poverty also experience food insecurity



**11%**

Women are 11% more likely to experience poverty than Men

Child Food Insecurity Percentage by State



Food Insecurity %



**Georgia** leads with **16.3%** of children experiencing food insecurity, followed by **Oregon (14.3%), Wyoming (14.0%),** and **Texas (13.8%).**



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Senator, this visualization synthesizes key data to provide a clear picture of child food insecurity across the United States and underscores why it's such a critical issue for us to address. Right at the top, you can see the profound impact hunger has – it actively hinders children's ability to succeed academically, increases their risks for significant health problems like asthma and anemia, and fundamentally impairs their healthy development, affecting everything from their physical growth to their cognitive abilities. The data starkly reveals a strong link to poverty; children facing food insecurity are nearly five times more likely to be living in poverty, trapping families in a difficult cycle. While this affects 9% of children nationwide, the heatmap makes clear that the burden isn't shared equally, highlighting states like Georgia where the challenge is particularly acute, but reaffirming this is a widespread issue impacting communities across the country. Ultimately, this data paints a picture of lost potential and underscores the importance of ensuring our children have the basic nutritional foundation they need to grow, learn, and eventually become healthy, productive adults.