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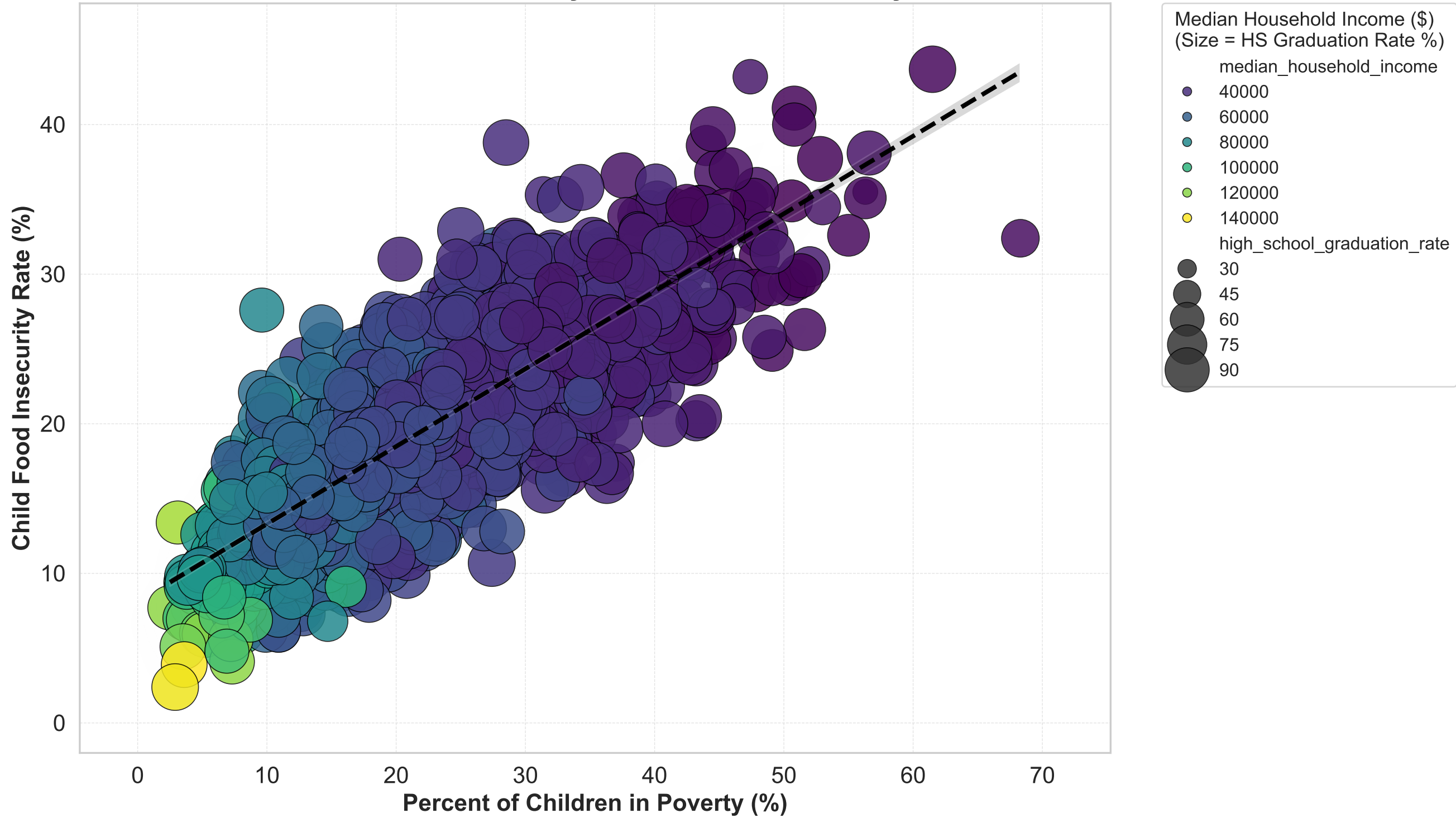
The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the US

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Communities with higher child food insecurity face greater poverty,  
lower household incomes, and lower high school graduation rates.

# Child Food Insecurity vs. Childhood Poverty



### Key Insights

The chart reveals a strong, positive correlation between child food insecurity and childhood poverty: as food insecurity rates rise, so do poverty rates. Communities with lower median household incomes and lower high school graduation rates are disproportionately impacted, as indicated by smaller, darker points.

### Urgency of Action

Child food insecurity is not just a symptom of poverty—it is a driver of long-term economic and health hardship. Without immediate intervention, children facing food insecurity today are at greater risk of malnutrition, starvation, poor educational outcomes, and reduced future earning potential. The physical and cognitive effects of inadequate nutrition during childhood can permanently undermine a child's ability to succeed later in life, compounding the cycle of poverty across generations.

### Call to Action

Addressing child food insecurity aligns directly with the Senator's priorities of promoting economic stability and educational opportunity. By investing in policies that ensure children have consistent access to nutritious food, we can break the cycle of poverty and secure a stronger, more equitable future for all Americans.