

# GEORGIA FOOD INSECURITY

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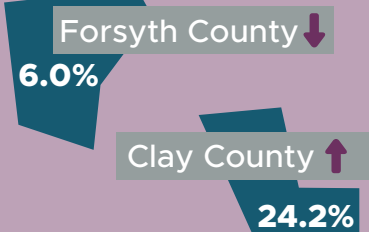
**IN GEORGIA**, 13% of the population is unable to provide household members with enough food to sustain themselves.

Living with food insecurity could mean choosing between buying food, paying the rent, or obtaining medical care. Related stress and hunger cause poor job and school performance, trapping people in a vicious cycle. Food insecurity is linked to several chronic conditions that are associated with severe cases of Covid-19.

**20.9%** of Georgia children face food insecurity compared to the national average **17.5%**

**4.2%** more seniors face food insecurity in Georgia than the national average

Food insecurity varies by county



## SUPPORT FOOD POLICY COUNCILS

**Food Policy Councils** bring together a group of stakeholders that represent the many sectors of the food industry and work together to improve local food systems.

An example of the impactful results of these committees can be seen in the **Food Policy Action Coalition** founded in Baltimore, Maryland.

### COMMUNITY IMPACT

**5,000** East Baltimore residents gained access to a grocery store in 2016

**2,500** yearly online food orders that bring groceries to seniors living in food deserts

## EXPAND FOOD INSECURITY NUTRITION INCENTIVE Programs in Georgia

**Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentives Program** issues grants to programs that combat food insecurity.

In 2018, this program provided **Wholesome Wave Georgia** with a **\$442,134** grant.

This grant contributed **\$3.1 Million** to the Georgia food economy through programs allowing participants to double **SNAP** benefits at farmers markets.

### IMPACT ON GEORGIA COMMUNITES

**35+** market partners across Georgia

**85%** of participants cited cost as the greatest barrier to eating healthy

**67%** ↑ fruit and **87%** ↑ vegetable consumption