



Ohio MCH Fact Sheet

Children with Special Health Care Needs

Child Food Insecurity

MCH Block Grant Needs Assessment Information

Key Data Summary

- For 2003-2005, 19.8 percent of Ohio children and 18.0 percent of U.S. children were considered food insecure.
- *Note: Trend data on child food insecurity were not available for Ohio.*
- Since 1999, children living in female-headed households (no spouse) have had the highest percentages of food insecurity, followed by children in male-headed households (no spouse). Children in married-couple households have consistently had the lowest rates of food insecurity.
- In 2005, the U.S. percentage of food-insecure children was highest for blacks and Hispanics, and lowest for whites. However, the percentage of food-insecure Hispanic children dropped 5.9 percent in 2005.
- In 2005, 42.5 percent of children in food-insecure households were living below 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL); 26.4 percent were living between 100 and 199 percent of the FPL; and 6 percent were living 200 percent or above the FPL.
- The rate of food insecurity and very low food security in U.S. children has remained fairly stable since 1998. In 2006, 17.2 percent of U.S. children were food insecure, while 0.6 percent were considered to have very low food security (data not shown).

Source: ERS, based on Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement data

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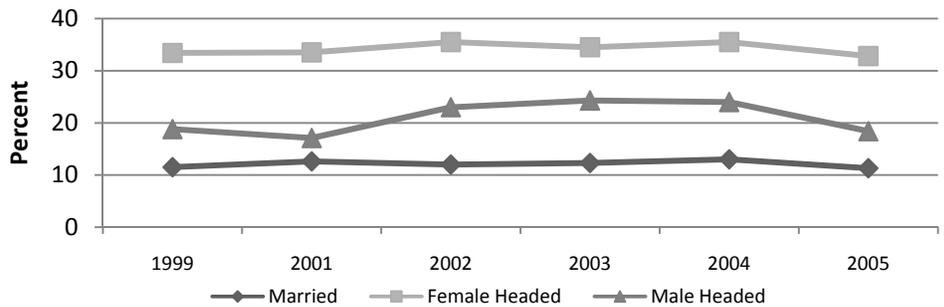
- Increase food security among U.S. households and, in doing so, reduce hunger. Target: 94 percent of households considered food secure by 2010.

Child Food Security Status for 2003-2005 Average

	U.S.	Ohio
Avg. Number of Food Insecure Children Under Age 18, 2003 - 2005	13,178,507	556,185
Avg. Percent of Children Who Are Food Insecure, 2003-2005	18.00%	19.80%

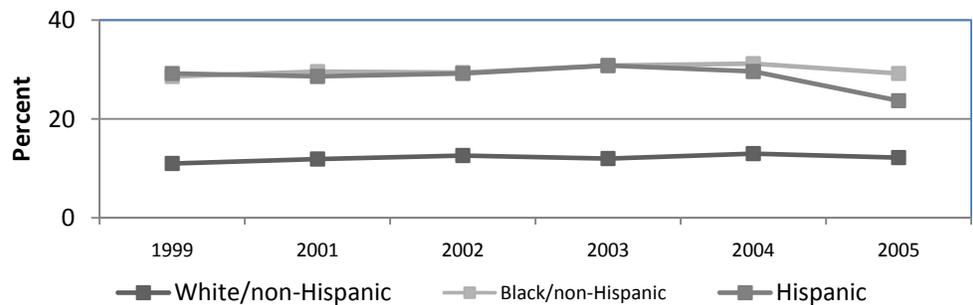
Source: Cook, John T. Ph.D. "Child Food Insecurity in the United States: 2003 - 2005". America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network, October 2007

Children Living in Food Insecure and Very Low Food Security Households, United States



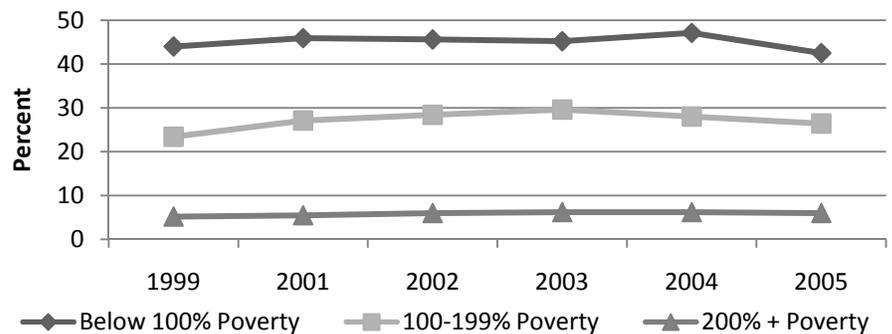
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Children in Food Insecure Households, by Race/Ethnicity, United States



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement; tabulated by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service and Food and Nutrition Service

Poverty Status of Children in Food Insecure Households, United States



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Food Insecurity: uncertain of having or unable to acquire enough food to meet the needs of a household. Two types: **Low Food Security** (formerly food insecure without hunger) and **Very Low Food Security** (formerly food insecure with hunger)