

## Handout #2 » Who Is Hungry in Wisconsin?

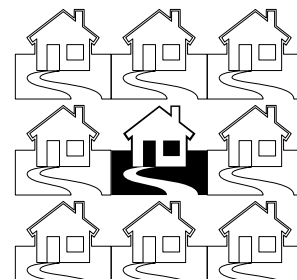
### Definitions

<b><i>Food Security</i></b>	<b>Food-secure</b> households have consistent access throughout the year to nutritionally adequate and safe food for active healthy living for all household members in socially acceptable ways (that is, without resorting to emergency food supplies, scavenging, stealing, or other coping strategies).
<b><i>Food Insecurity</i></b>	<b>Food-insecure</b> households, at some time during the year, lack that access. These are households with <b><i>low food security</i></b> or <b><i>very low food security</i></b> .
<b><i>Low Food Security</i></b>	<b>Households with low food security</b> manage to get enough to eat, but reduce the quality, variety, or desirability of their meals to do so. Members of these households are not likely to suffer from hunger in the sense of the uneasy or painful sensation caused by lack of food. However, they are at higher risk for health and developmental problems.
<b><i>Very Low Food Security</i></b>	In <b>households with very low food security</b> at least some members (usually only adults) reduce the amount of food they eat below usual levels and below the amount they consider appropriate. In most of these households, the adult reports that in the past 12 months he or she was hungry and did not eat because there wasn't enough money for food. In the most severe cases, children as well as adults have had to go without food.

### How Many Households Are Food Insecure?

**More than one in nine Wisconsin households are food insecure**

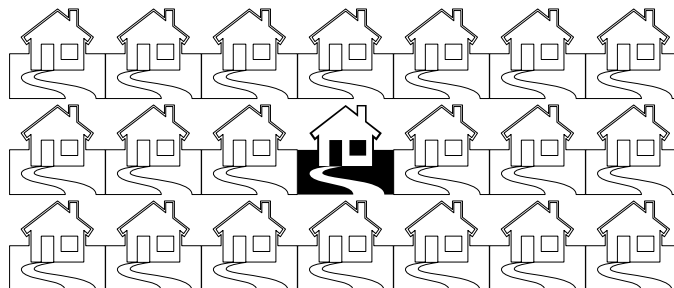
**In Wisconsin, 11.4% or 269,154 households** are food insecure (compared to 14.3% of US households).



### How Many Households Experience *Very Low* Food Security?

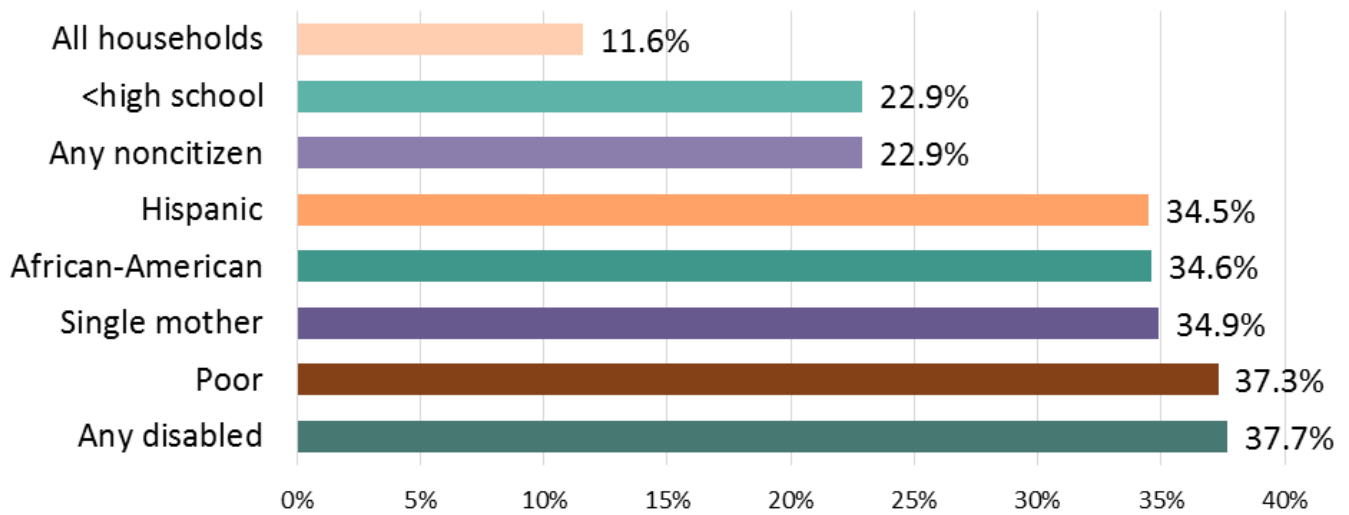
**More than one in twenty-one Wisconsin households experience very low food security**

**In Wisconsin, 4.9% or 115,689 households** experience very low food security (compared to 5.6% of US households)

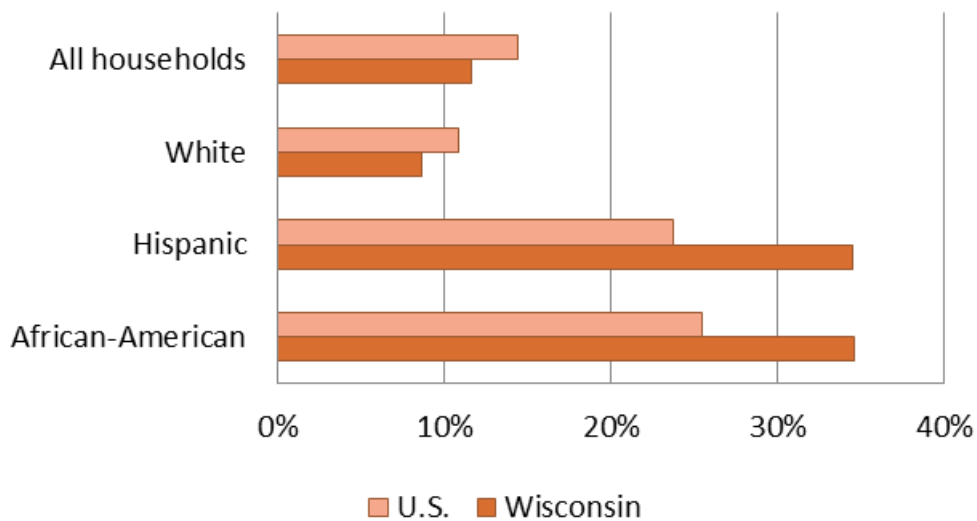


## Who is at Risk of Food Insecurity?

Households at Highest Risk of Food Insecurity in Wisconsin, 2011-2014 (average)\*



Food Insecurity in Wisconsin and the US, 2011-2014



## How Have Food Insecurity Rates Changed?

Food Insecurity in Wisconsin, 2001-2014



\*Because of the sample size used in the Current Populations Survey, multi-year averages provide more precise data for comparisons between demographic groups and from year-to-year. Source of graphs: "Quick Facts on Food Insecurity and Food Hardships in Wisconsin" prepared by Judi Bartfeld, Ph.D., and Eunhee Han, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin – Extension. September 2015. Food security data are based on calculations from the 2001-2014 Current Population Survey – Food Security Supplement.