



# Ohio MCH Fact Sheet

## School-aged Children, Adolescents and Young Adults Food Insecurity

### MCH Block Grant Needs Assessment Information

#### Key Data Summary: U.S. and Ohio

- The average rate of food insecurity in children in Ohio was 19.8 percent for 2003-2005, which was higher than the U.S. average rate of 18.0 percent for 2003-2005.

#### Key Data Summary: United States

- Since 1999, children living in female-headed households (no spouse) have the highest percentages of food insecurity, followed by children in male-headed households (no spouse). Children in married-couple households consistently have 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 children in the United States 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.

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

#### Healthy People 2010 Objective 15-15a

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

For more complete definitions, go to

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/FoodSecurity/trends.htm>

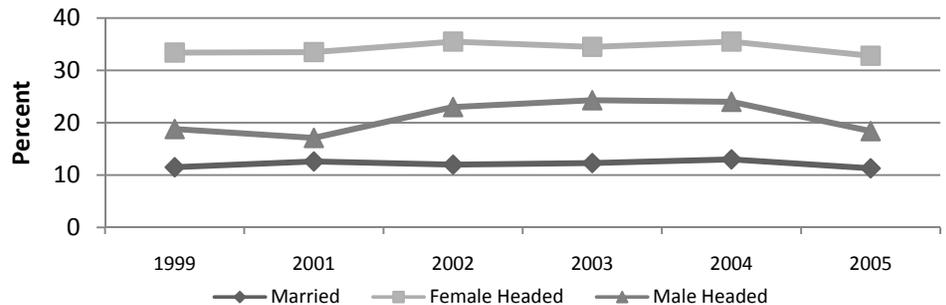
Note: No trend data on child food insecurity were available for Ohio.

#### Child Food Security Status for 2003-2005

	U.S.	Ohio
Average Number of Food-insecure Children Under Age 18	13,178,507	556,185
Rate of Food-insecure Children Under Age 18	18.00%	19.80%

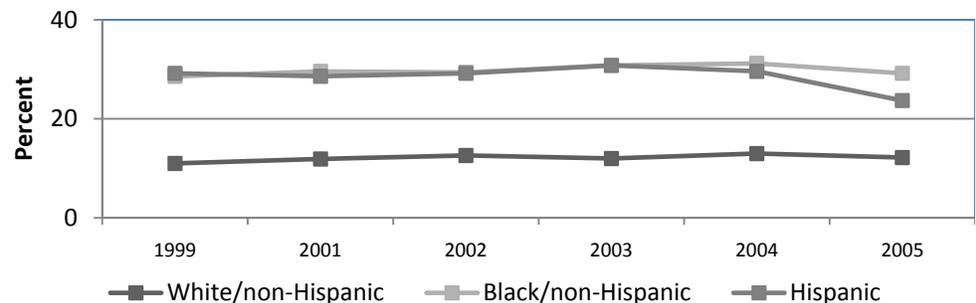
Source: Cook, John T. Ph.D. "Child Food Insecurity in the United States: 2003 – 2005." America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network, October 2007

#### Children Living in Food Insecure and Very Low Food Secure Households in the United States



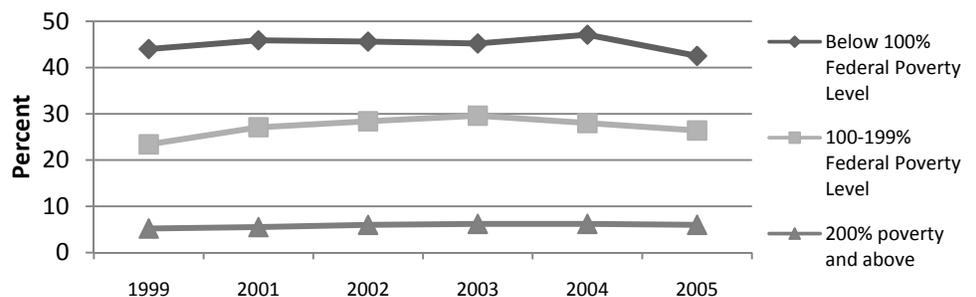
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#### Children in Food Insecure Households in the United States by Race/Ethnicity



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 in the 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.

**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)