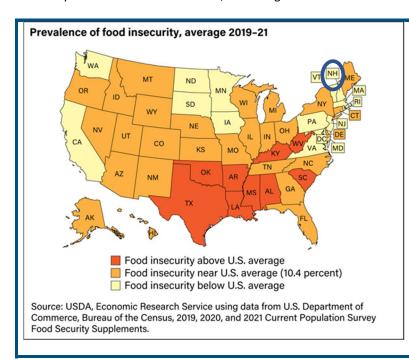


# **New Hampshire**

## A Hunger and Poverty Snapshot

#### Between 2019-2021:

- Food insecurity in New Hampshire averaged 5.4%.<sup>1</sup>
- New Hampshire's food insecurity rate was the lowest of any state, just over half the national average of 10.4%.<sup>2</sup>
- The official poverty rate (which does not account for income from safety-net and tax-support programs such as SNAP, EITC, and others) in the state averaged 5.60%.<sup>3</sup>
- But using the Supplemental Poverty Measure (which does include safety-net and tax-support income), the poverty rate falls to 5.50%,<sup>4</sup> reducing the number of people living in poverty in New Hampshire by 2,000.<sup>5</sup>
- SNAP, alone, lifted 13,000 people above the poverty line in New Hampshire, including 5,000 children, per year between 2013 and 2017, on average.<sup>6</sup>



# Nutrition and Health

Diabetes and other diet-related health costs in New Hampshire were estimated to be \$1.3 billion<sup>7</sup> in 2017.

8.8% of the adult population in New Hampshire has been diagnosed with diabetes in 2020.8 This includes:

- 16.7% of seniors.
- 15.0% of adults with less than a high school diploma.
- 17.1% of adults with incomes of less than \$25,000.

Every year an estimated 8,1959 adults in New Hampshire are diagnosed with diabetes.

Only 12.9% of adults in the state are meeting recommended fruit intake and 12.3% recommended vegetable intake. 10

## Why Bread for the World is Focused on the Farm Bill

The Farm bill is scheduled to be reauthorized in 2023. No legislation has more impact than a farm bill on the US food system and the nation's ability to provide healthy food at affordable prices to everyone.

Bread for the World's farm bill priorities include a focus on nutrition, equity, and sustainability. We believe New Hampshire has a lot to gain from a farm bill legislated with these priorities in mind.

#### Nutrition

Bread for the World supports strengthening SNAP in New Hampshire.

Not only is SNAP the flagship food security and nutrition program, it is indispensable to better health outcomes and economic prosperity.

In 2021, 5% of New Hampshire residents were helped by SNAP.<sup>11</sup>

- Roughly 34,600 workers in New Hampshire live in households that participated in SNAP in 2021.<sup>12</sup>
- SNAP helps 1 in 20 workers in New Hampshire put food on the table.<sup>13</sup>
- 64% of SNAP participants were in families with children, and 51% in families with members who are older adults or are disabled.<sup>14</sup>
- 80% of all SNAP-eligible people in New Hampshire participate in the program.<sup>15</sup>

### Equity

Bread for the World supports farm policies that promote a more equitable food system in New Hampshire.

The New Hampshire population is 89% white. According to the most recent Census of Agriculture, 98% of farmers and ranchers (producers) in New Hampshire are white and occupy 99% of all farmland.<sup>16</sup>

- Black producers represent <1% and occupy <1% of farmland.
- Hispanic producers represent 1% and occupy
   1% of farmland.
- Asian producers represent
  <1% and occupy <1% of farmland.</li>
- Indigenous producers represent <1% and occupy <1% of farmland.</li>

### Sustainability

Bread for the World is committed to eradicating food insecurity by building a more sustainable food system in New Hampshire.

Reducing unnecessary food waste is one way to build a more sustainable food system.

In 2019, 308,000 tons<sup>17</sup> of surplus food in New Hampshire went to waste instead of reaching those who needed it, an amount equal to:

- 492 million meals unsold or uneaten.<sup>18</sup>
- \$1.99 billion in lost sales. 19
- Annual CO2 emissions produced by 295,193 gasoline-powered cars.<sup>20</sup>,<sup>21</sup>

#### Footnotes

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