



# Food Insecurity and Hunger in Oregon

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# Food Insecurity

A household is “**food insecure**” if

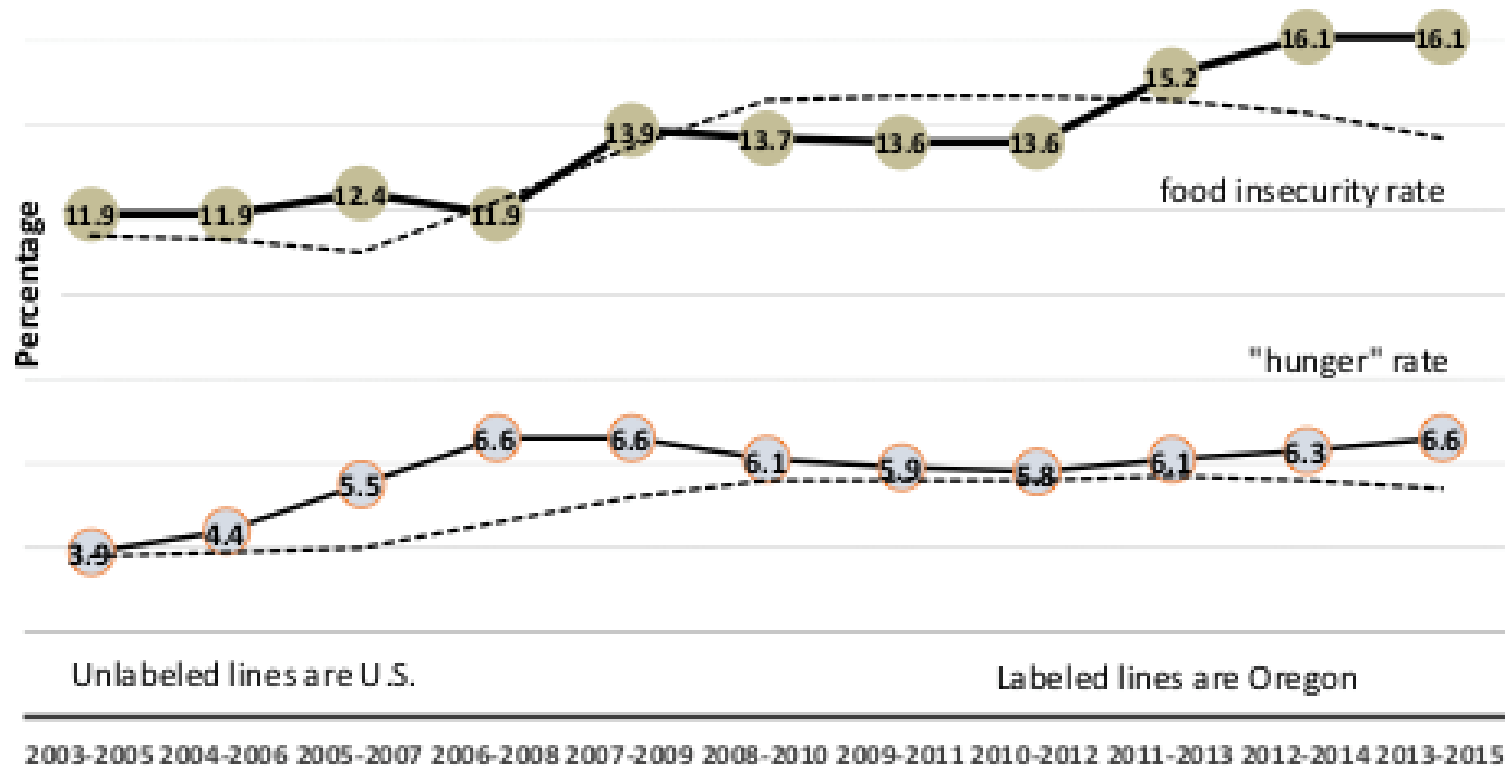
- it is “*uncertain*” of having, or being able to acquire, enough food to meet *basic needs* of all household members
- because they had *insufficient money* and other resources for food”.

A household has “**very low food security**” [until 2006 was identified as “*food insecure with hunger*”] if

- “one or more household members were *hungry*, at least at some time during the year,
- because they *couldn't afford* enough food”

Source : Coleman-Jensen, et. al., *Household Food Security in the United States in 2010*, USDA ERS ERR-125, September 2011

## Ten Years of Oregon and U.S. Very Low Food Security ("Hunger") & Food Insecurity Rates



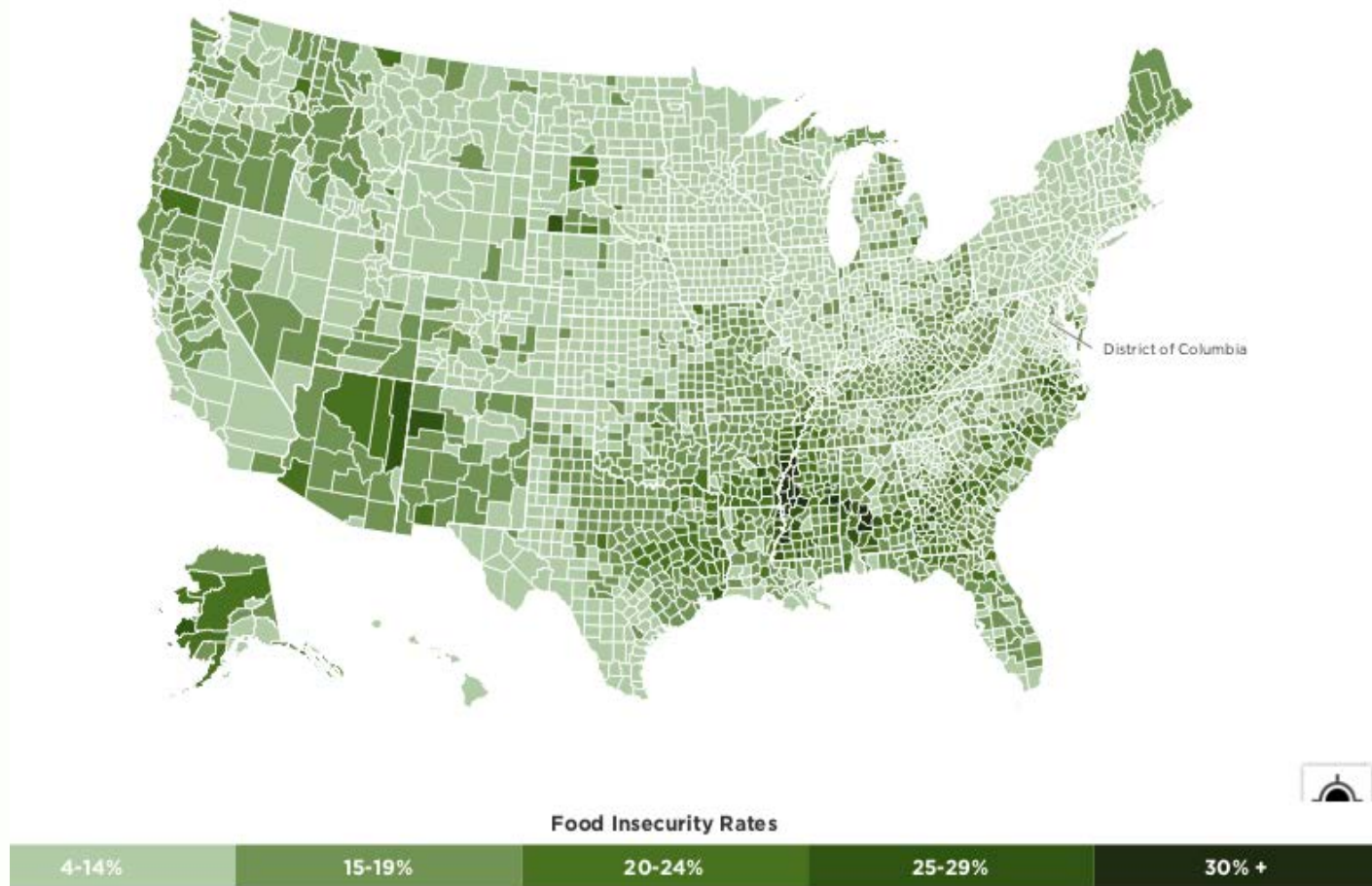
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# Hunger (Very Low Food Security ) and Food Insecurity: 2013-15

	Oregon		United States	
** indicates that there is less than 1 in 100 chance that the Oregon rate appears different from U.S. rate merely by chance.	Hunger [VLFS] Rate (%)	Food Insecurity Rate (%)	Hunger [VLFS] Rate (%)	Food Insecurity Rate (%)
Renters	<b>13.6 **</b>	<b>32.1 **</b>	9.9	23.9
Owners	2.1	6.6	3.0	8.1
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Couples with Children	3.1	<b>16.6 **</b>	2.9	11.2
Couples without Children at home	3.0	6.5	2.6	6.6
Single Mothers	15.4	<b>44.1 **</b>	11.1	33.8
Women alone	<b>11.0 **</b>	<b>21.7 **</b>	7.5	16.6
Men alone	8.3	14.5	7.2	14.9

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# Geography of Food Insecurity: Many Oregon counties had high level of food insecurity in 2014



Source: Feeding America, Mind the Meal Gap, 2014