



Food Insecurity and SNAP

Curry County



Many people in Curry County struggle to put food on the table. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the nation’s first line of defense against food insecurity. Efforts to weaken SNAP threaten more hardship on the people of Curry County and the loss of millions in spending at local businesses.

	 All People	 Children
Number of people who are food insecure	3,290	740
Share of county population who are food insecure	15%	22%
Share of Oregonians who are food insecure (for comparison)	13%	20%
Number of people helped by SNAP	4,564	1,180
Share of county population helped by SNAP	20%	37%
Share of Oregonians who are helped by SNAP (for comparison)	16%	27%
Annual federal SNAP dollars to Curry County:		\$6.5 million

Source: Food insecurity data (2016) from C. Gundersen, et al, *Map the MealGap 2018*, Feeding America; SNAP data from Oregon Department of Human Services, monthly average of most recent 12-months as of March 2018.

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