



Food Security Fact Sheet: Wayne County

Food insecurity in Wayne County

Household: 13%

Children (<18 years)¹: 15.0%

Overall food insecurity

HH food insecurity in State of Utah: 9%

HH food insecurity in United States: 12%

Demographics (U.S. Census, 2022 Estimates)	United States	State of Utah	Wayne County
Persons under 5 years	5.6%	6.9%	6.4%
Persons under 18 years	21.7%	27.6%	22.9%
Persons 65 years and over	17.3%	12.0%	23.1%
White alone	75.5%	90.0%	94.5%
Black or African American alone	13.6%	1.6%	0.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.3%	1.5%	1.1%
Asian alone	6.3%	2.8%	1.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.3%	1.2%	0.2%
Two or More Races	3.0%	2.9%	2.5%
Hispanic or Latino	19.1%	15.1%	7.0%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	58.9%	76.7%	88.5%

Factors that Influence Food Security	United States	State of Utah	Wayne County
Social and Economic Factors			
Education			
High school completed	89%	93%	92%
Some college completed	67%	72%	57%
Unemployment	5.4%	2.7%	4.7%
Median household income	\$69,700	\$79,400	\$57,800
Living wage	\$45.00	\$45.69	\$41.67
Average meal cost ¹	\$3.59	\$3.38	\$3.36
Households with severe housing problems	17%	13%	10%
Overall uninsured (<65 years old)	10%	10%	15%
Uninsured adults (19-64 years old)	12%	11%	16%
Key Indicators for Children, <18 years old			
Children in poverty	17%	9%	15%
Children in single-parent households	25%	14%	14%
Child care cost burden	27%	22%	26%
Uninsured children	5%	7%	13%
Health Behavior Factors			
Food Environment Index	7.0	7.9	6.6
Physical inactivity	22%	16%	19%
Limited access to healthy foods	6%	6%	16%
Access to exercise opportunities	84%	84%	43%



Factors that Influence Food Security	United States	State of Utah	Wayne County
Adults that do not meet the recommendation for aerobic physical activity ²	-	44.8% (2019 data)	32.6%* (2019 data)
Adults eating less than 2 servings of fruits each day ²	-	67.8%	-
Adults eating less than 3 servings of vegetables each day ²	-	87.4%	-
Adults unable to get needed care due to health care costs ²	-	10.3%	-
Utilization of Federal Nutrition Programs			
Children eligible for free or reduced-price lunch	53%	30%	43%
Population eligible for SNAP benefits (below 130% poverty) ¹	49%	28%	50%
Health Outcomes in Adults (18-65)			
Poor or fair health	12%	11%	13%
Diabetes prevalence ²	-	8.4%	-
Prediabetes ²	-	11.1% (2020 data)	-
High Cholesterol ²	-	25.4%	-
High Blood pressure ²	-	27.6%	20.3%*
BMI (kg/m ²)			
Overweight or obese (>25 kg/m ²) ²	-	65.5%	45.4%
Obese (30+ kg/m ²) ²	-	31.8%	-

Data sources: County Health Rankings (2021), unless indicated as below:

¹ Feeding America, 2021

² BRFSS, 2021

Definitions of indicators listed can be found by scanning this QR code:



*Use caution in interpreting; the estimate has a coefficient of variation > 30%

References

How Healthy is your County? | *County Health Rankings*. (n.d.). County Health Rankings & Roadmaps. Retrieved July 28, 2023, from <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/county-health-rankings-roadmaps>

IBIS-PH - Utah Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). (n.d.). Retrieved July 28, 2023, from <https://ibis.health.utah.gov/ibisph-view/query/selection/brfss/BRFSSSelection.html>

U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Utah. (n.d.). Retrieved July 28, 2023, from <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/UT/PST045222>

U.S. Hunger Relief Organization | Feeding America. (n.d.). Retrieved July 28, 2023, from https://www.feedingamerica.org/?_ga=2.15211958.1644707301.1690562338-76892207.1684449402&_gl=1*1pyufw6*_ga*NzY4OTIyMDcuMTY4NDQ0OTQwMg..*_ga_PC5FWFLBLY*MTY5MDU2MjM0MS4yNi4xLjE2OTA1NjI0MzkuMC4wLjA