



# TOGETHER WE CAN SOLVE HUNGER

Meeting the Need and  
Stabilizing Lives





1 in 4 WNC  
children  
doesn't have  
access to  
three square  
meals a day.





# Mission

To involve,  
educate, and  
unite people  
in the work  
of ending  
hunger in  
Western North  
Carolina.

TOGETHER we can solve hunger.



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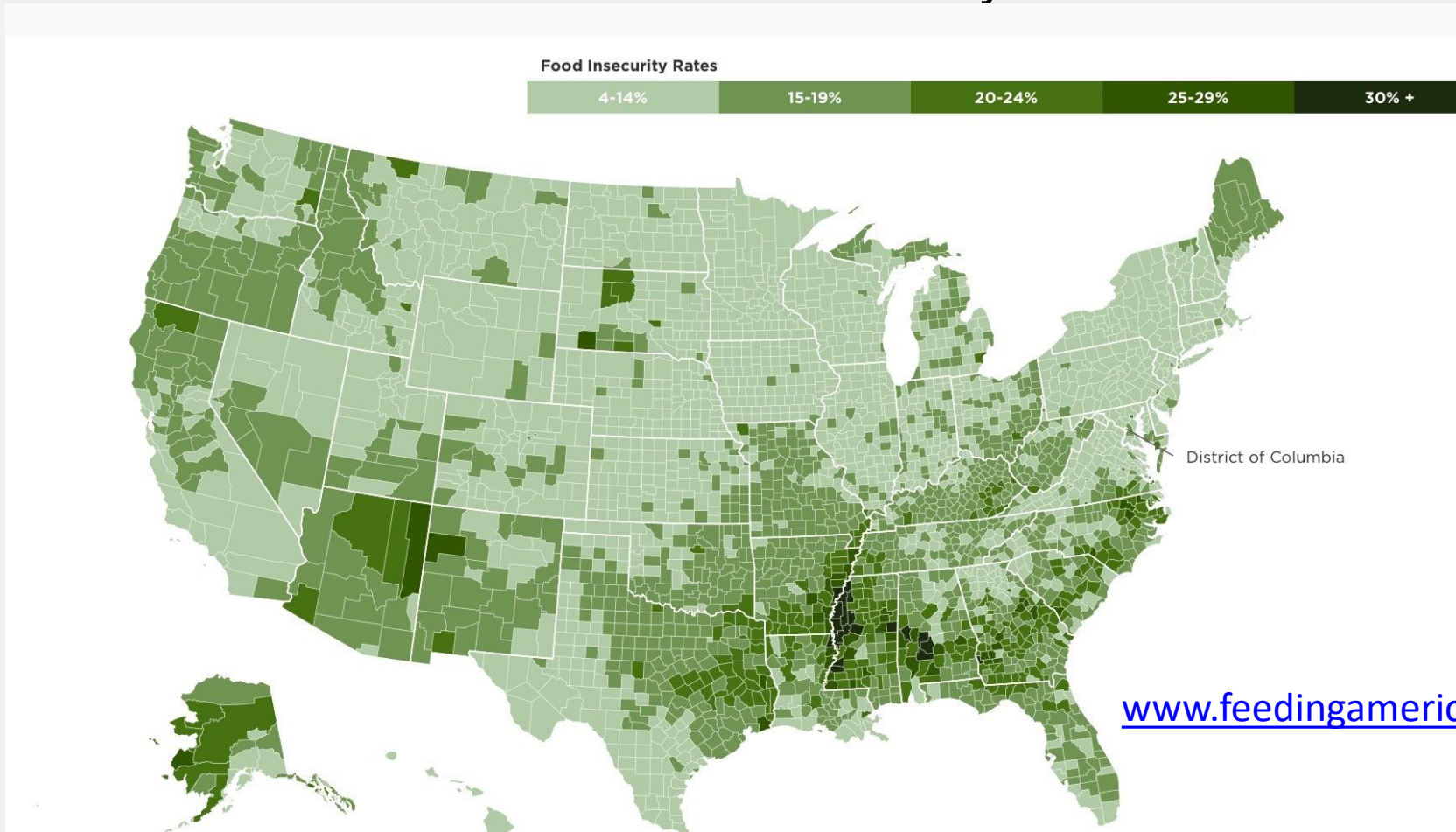
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ARE FOOD INSECURE



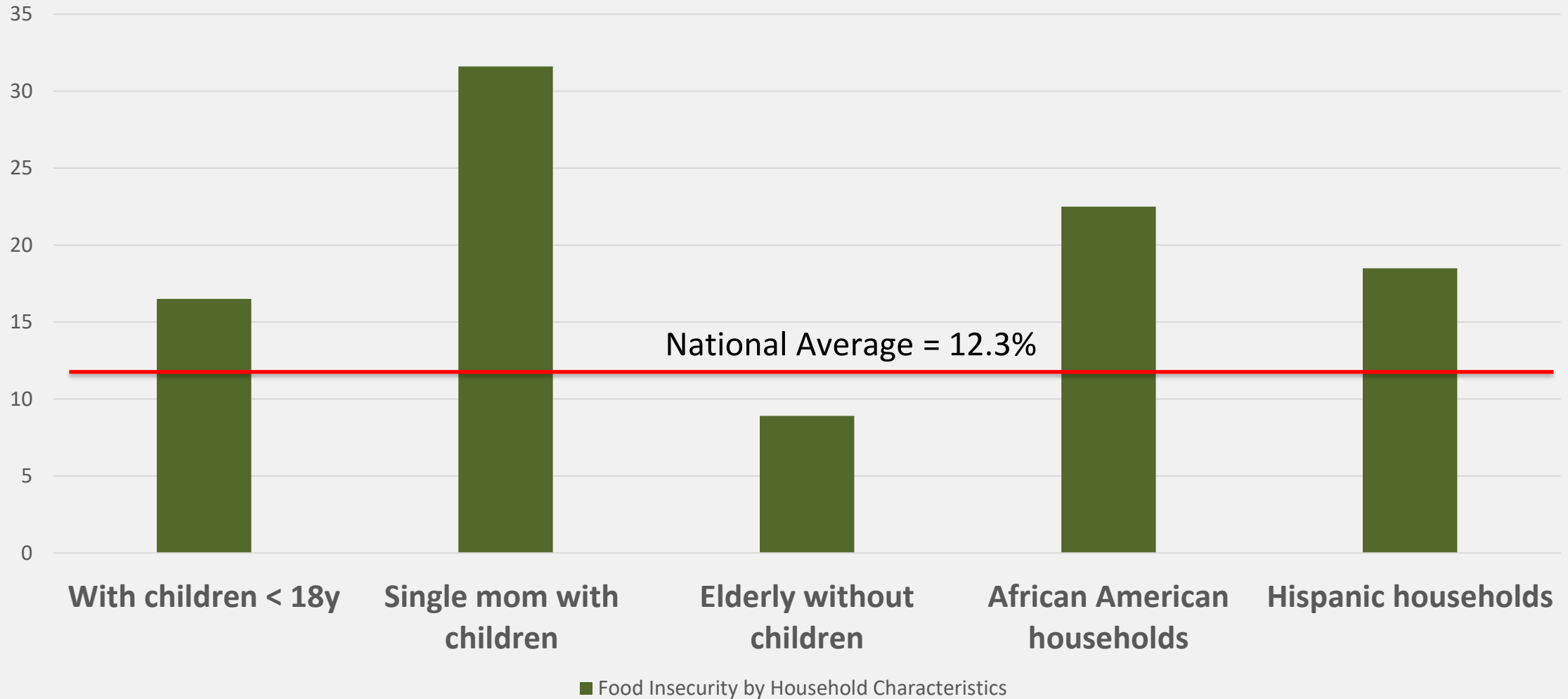


# Food Insecurity Exists in Every Community

Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap study estimates overall and child food insecurity



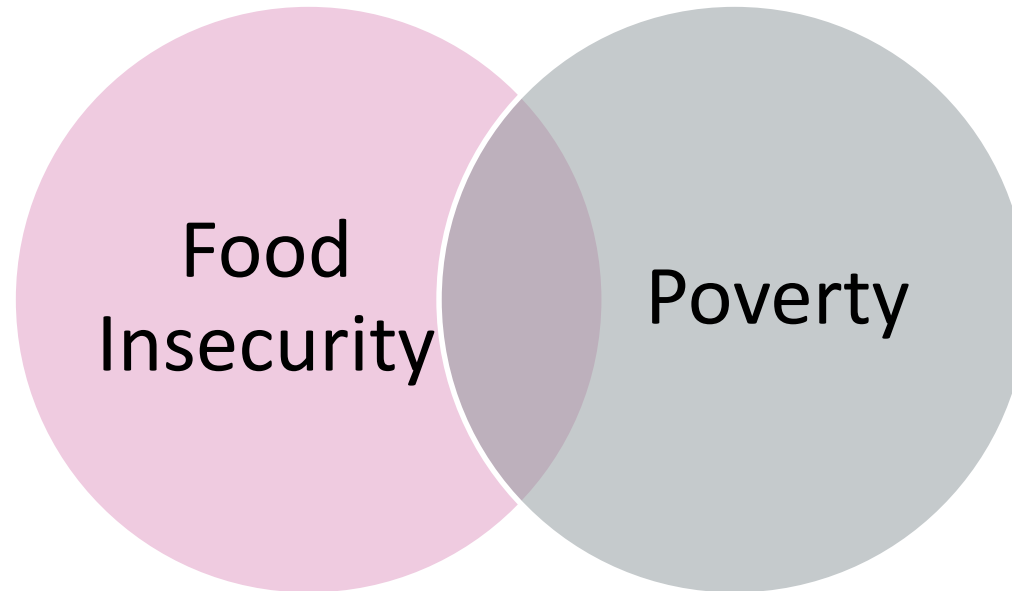
# Food Insecurity by Household Characteristics



Source: *Household Food Security in the United States in 2016* (USDA ERS) <http://ers.usda.gov/publications/err-economic-research-report/err194.aspx>

## Different from Poverty

**58%** of people struggling with hunger have incomes above the federal poverty level and **61%** of people living in poverty are food-secure



# Making Tough Choices



Feeding America's clients report that their household income is inadequate to cover their basic household expenses.

**69%**  
HAVE HAD TO  
CHOOSE  
BETWEEN  
PAYING FOR  
**UTILITIES** AND  
FOOD

**67%**  
HAVE HAD TO  
CHOOSE  
BETWEEN PAYING  
FOR  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
AND FOOD

**66%**  
HAVE HAD TO  
CHOOSE  
BETWEEN PAYING  
FOR **MEDICINE**  
AND FOOD

**57%**  
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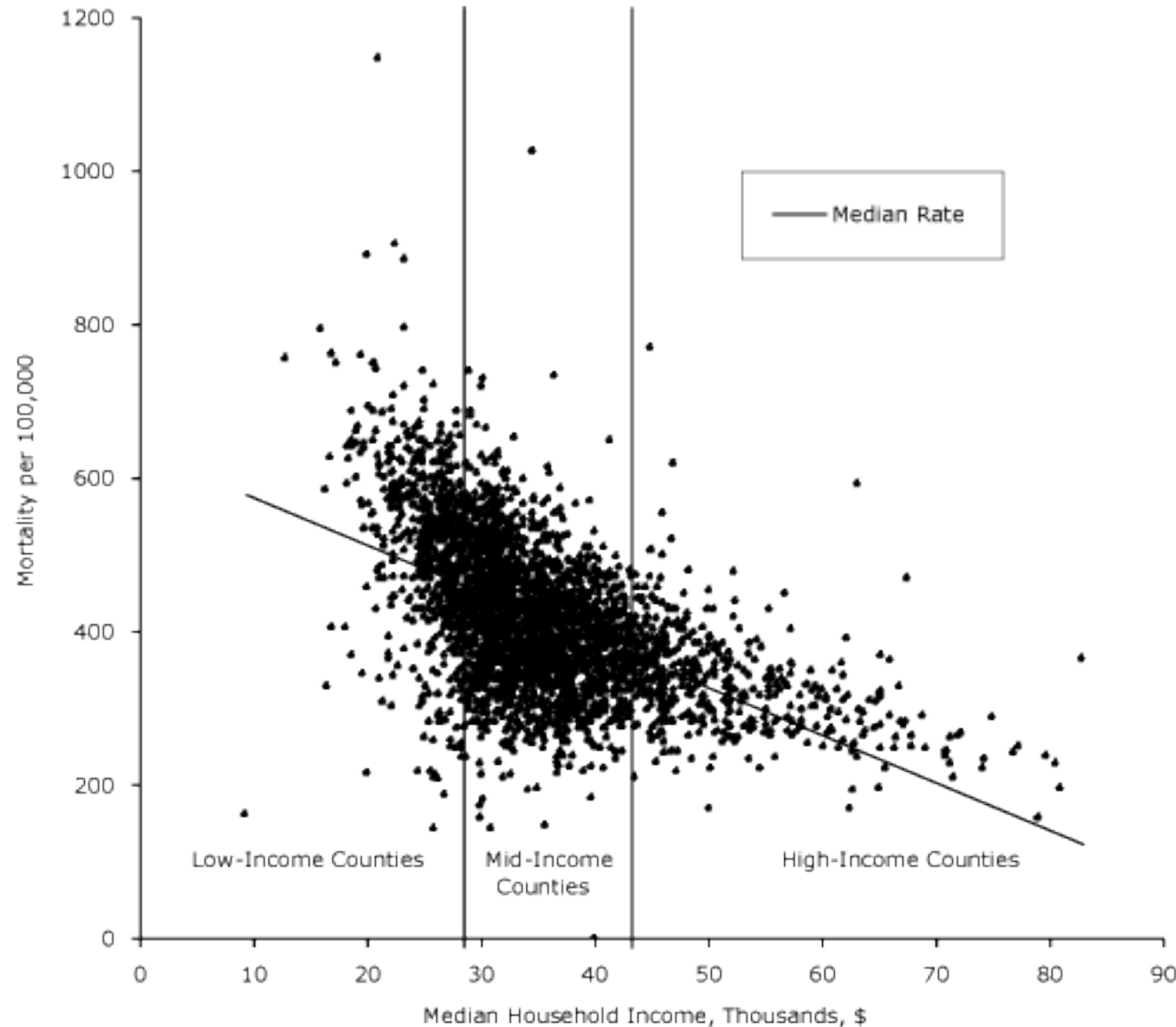
Sources: Map the Meal Gap (2014) and Hunger in America (2014)



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**Figure 1.** Cheng, PCD, 2012. Median annual household income and age-adjusted mortality per 100,000 population aged birth to 75 years, 2002-2006. Bars represent 25th (\$29,631) and 75th (\$39,401) percentile delineations of median household income for 3,139 US counties. Counties are grouped by median household income levels into low-income (n = 785); mid-income (n = 1,570), and high-income (n = 785) counties.

**Figure 2.** Schroeder, NEJM, 2007.

## Food Insecurity = Higher Healthcare Costs

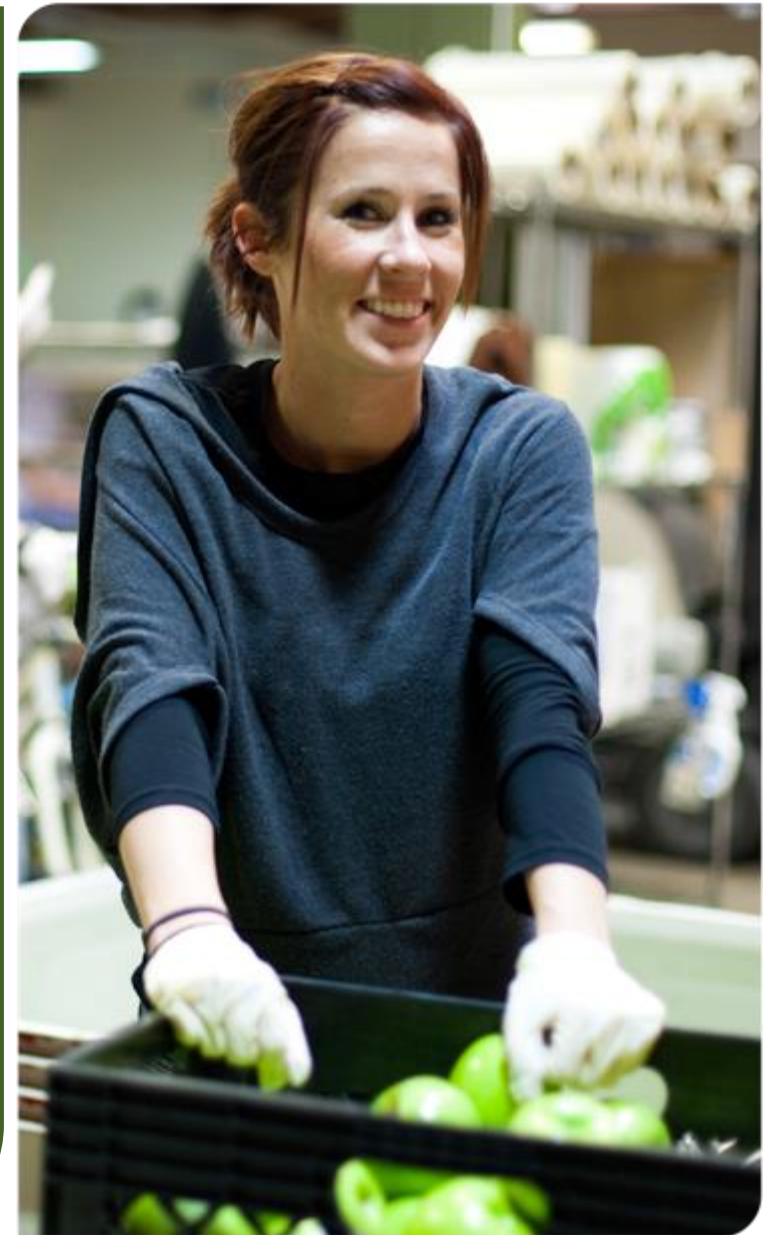
- More chronic disease treatment
- More diabetes hospitalizations
- More hospital readmissions
- High-Cost User status associated with food insecurity
- Food insecure patients cost health care system **\$1,863 more per year**, or ~ \$155 more per person per month



**Food Insecurity**  **\$77.5 billion in additional health care costs per year**



# The Opportunity



# Questions

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