Feeding America estimates that **Columbia County has 6,860 food insecure people**

and **2,538** are not eligible for SNAP benefits

**2,400** are children

The USDA defines **food insecurity** as

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limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways
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Of the county’s **24,960 households**

**2,310** received SNAP benefits within a 12-month period

Average monthly SNAP benefits in New York State

- $255.16 per household
- $138.87 per person

**SNAP is not enough.**

Feeding America estimates an average meal cost of $2.79 in Columbia County, or about $250 per month. **Average NY SNAP benefits therefore cover less than 60% of food costs for an individual.**