

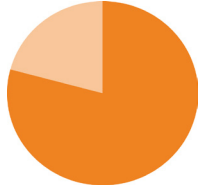
# HUNGER IN OKLAHOMA

## OKLAHOMA STATISTICS



**15.8%**

OVERALL STATE FOOD INSECURITY RATE



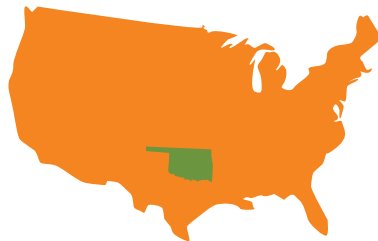
**22.2%**

STATE CHILD FOOD INSECURITY RATE



OKLAHOMA CONSISTENTLY RANKS AS

**ONE OF ELEVEN**



STATES WHERE FOOD INSECURITY IS ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

**621,370**  
TOTAL FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE

**3,943,079**  
2017 OKLAHOMA POPULATION

**"I can draw a bath.  
I can read a bedtime story.  
But I can't create food out of thin air."**  
- Tulsa Public Schools paraprofessional and unexpected custodian of three grandchildren.



**\$3.01**

AVERAGE COST PER MEAL IN EASTERN OKLAHOMA

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# COUNTY QUICK FACTS

## CHEROKEE COUNTY

48,599  
2017 POPULATION

476,288  
MEALS DISTRIBUTED FY2019



**11.1%**  
SENIORS LIVING IN  
POVERTY

**4.2%**  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
RATE AVERAGE

**\$3.27**  
AVERAGE COST  
PER MEAL

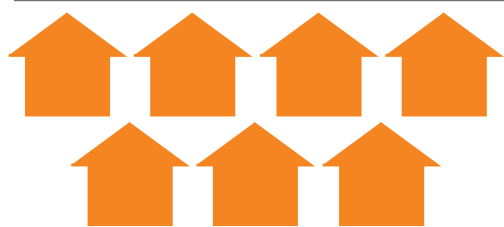
“There are many people in our community who hit a rough patch at times. One box of food at the end of a month won’t solve a financial crisis, but it may help someone and their family eat more securely while they work through that crisis.” -Sue Catron



**FOOD INSECURITY RATE** **17.2%**  
8,320 TOTAL FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE



**24.7%** **CHILD FOOD INSECURITY RATE**  
2,740 TOTAL FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN



### 7 PARTNER AGENCIES

- Bread of Life/Tahlequah Care
- Food Pantry, Inc.
- Cookson Hills Center
- Cookson Baptist Church
- DARP Inc.
- Help In Crisis Shelter
- Zoe Institute



For a map of Partner Agencies in your county with contact information and hours of operation, go to [okfoodbank.org/get-help](http://okfoodbank.org/get-help)

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