

THE STATE OF FOOD ACCESS IN MICHIGAN

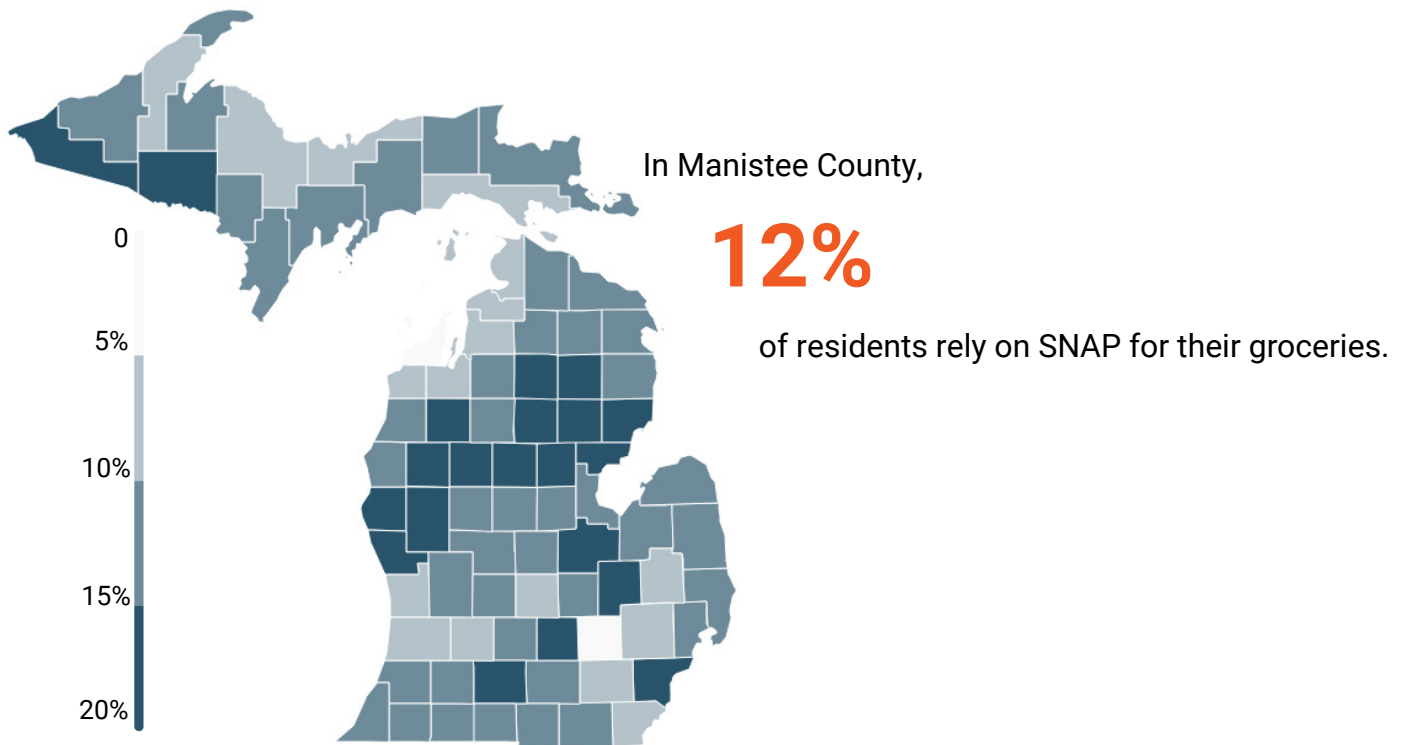
Spotlight on Manistee County

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All Michigan families should have access to the food they need, but cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a part of last year's federal megabill will exacerbate food insecurity in Michigan, threatening the 1.4 million Michiganders who participate in this effective and vital program.

People in every county in Michigan use SNAP to put food on the table.

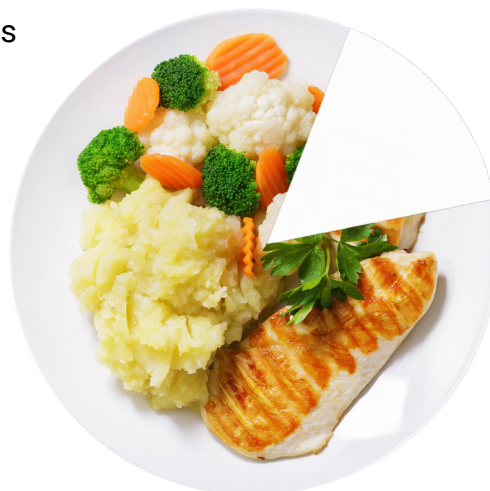
Percentage of residents who use SNAP (by county)



Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, 2025

A modestly priced meal
in Manistee County costs

\$3.38.



At a maximum of \$2.83 per person per meal, current SNAP benefits aren't enough to cover a family's nutrition needs anywhere in the state.

SNAP goes a long way toward helping families access healthy foods, but

16%

of each meal is still not covered.

Source: Urban Institute, 2025

