

# THE STATE OF FOOD ACCESS IN MICHIGAN

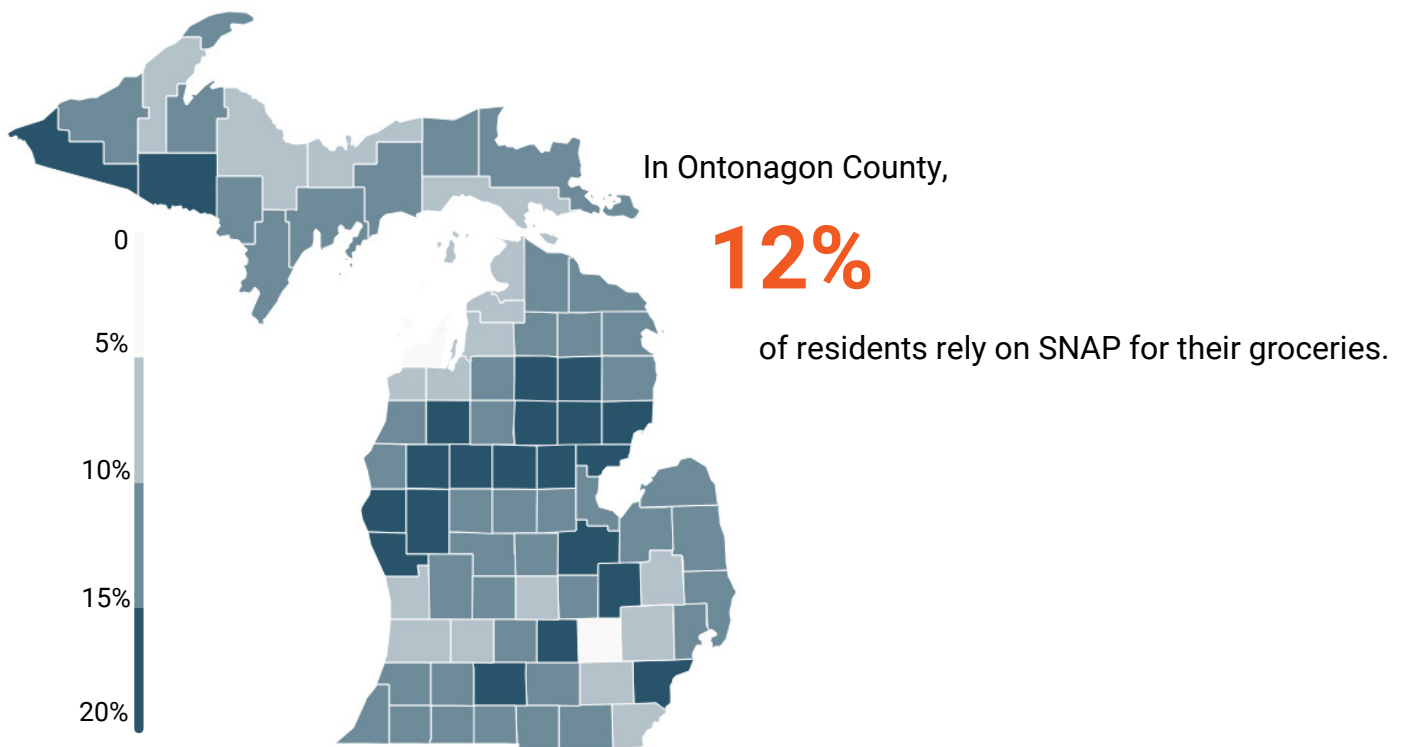
## Spotlight on Ontonagon County

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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 Ontonagon County costs

**\$3.51.**



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

**19%**

of each meal is still not covered.

Source: Urban Institute, 2025

