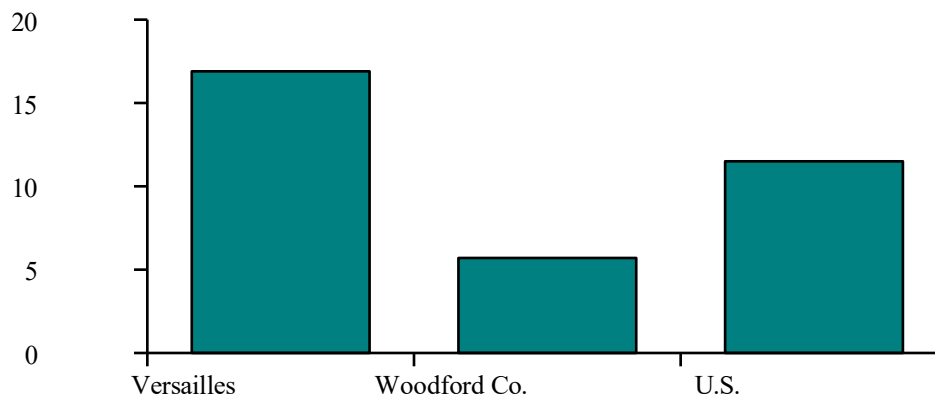


Food Insecurity In Our Community- NP Roundtable
**Most recent public data available, prepared for 09/19/2025 conversation*
Woodford County Library Community Room, 1-2 pm

City Snapshot (Versailles, KY)

Population (2023 est.)	≈10,382
Households	≈4,203
Median Household Income	\$58,834
Poverty Rate	16.9% (≈1,724 people)

Comparison: Poverty Rates



- **Woodford County (population 27,017)**
 - **Overall food-insecurity rate: 8.0%** (Map the Meal Gap / used in the University of Kentucky county profile; measurement referenced to 2021 data).
 - **SNAP recipients (July 2022): 1,707 persons / 781 households.**
Source: University of Kentucky “Kentucky: By The Numbers — Woodford County” (compiles Map the Meal Gap and ACS/SNAP data). [Kentucky By The Numbers](#)
 - WC’s **estimated 8.0%** food-insecurity rate is **substantially lower** than both the **Kentucky** rate (~16.6%) and the **national** rate (~14.3%). In short: **Woodford appears to be better off than the state and the nation on these measures.** [KBTN](#)
- **Kentucky (statewide)**
 - **Food-insecurity rate (2023, Feeding America Map the Meal Gap): 16.6%.**
Source: [Feeding America Map](#), Map the Meal Gap (state page / 2023 data).
- **United States (national)**
 - **Food-insecurity rate (2023, Feeding America Map the Meal Gap): 14.3%.**
 - **USDA national estimate (2023): ≈ 47 million people** living in food-insecure households (including ~14 million children) — the highest absolute numbers since 2014 and up from ~44 million the prior year. [Feeding America Map+1](#)

City of Versailles (population 2025 est.: ≈ 10,577. [Census Reporter, ACS](#))

- **Households: ≈ 4,203 households.** [Census Reporter](#)
- **Median household income (ACS 5-yr): \$58,834** (2023 dollars). [Census Reporter](#)
- **Poverty rate (ACS 5-yr): 16.9%** (≈1,724 people). This is materially higher than the Woodford County average and above the U.S. average. [Census Reporter](#)

City of Midway (population 1,768)

- Midway's poverty rate (~ **8.6%**) is well below Kentucky's state poverty rate (~ 16.6%) and also below many similar small cities in KY. [Census Reporter+2Data USA+2](#)
- Median household income in Midway (~ \$59,609) is slightly above or near the Kentucky median, but lower than U.S. median (~ \$78,538 in recent estimates) [Neilsberg+2Data USA+2](#).
- The relatively lower poverty rate suggests that Midway is better off on this metric than Versailles (which had ~ 16.9% poverty) and the wider county or state average.
- Because food insecurity tends to correlate with poverty, this lower poverty rate means Midway's food insecurity likely will be lower than in more impoverished places, though food insecurity is not perfectly predicted by poverty rate alone (**other factors like access, cost burden, and household dynamics matter**).
- Margin of error is significant for smaller places like Midway: for example, the poverty rate in ACS has "**±4.3%**" error in the estimate of 8.6%. [Census Reporter](#)

Historical context / trends

- **Local (Woodford):** The county profile compiled by the University of Kentucky uses Map the Meal Gap (the most commonly used local estimate). The cited Woodford figures come from the Map the Meal Gap estimates referenced for **2021**; smaller counties often show more year-to-year volatility in estimates. [Kentucky By The Numbers](#)
- **State & national trend (recent years):** Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap and USDA estimates both show **rising food insecurity** in the early 2020s (COVID economic effects, inflation, and changing federal policy interactions). Kentucky's rate has increased compared with pre-pandemic years (for example 2019 state rate ≈14.4% vs 16.6% in 2023). Nationally the USDA reports an increase in the number of food-insecure people in 2023 vs 2022. [Feeding America Map+2Feeding America Map+2](#)

Direct city-level food-insecurity rate?

- **There is no routinely published, authoritative "food-insecurity rate" specifically for Versailles city limits** from Feeding America / USDA / ERS. Most standard food-insecurity estimates are produced **at the county level (Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap)** or at census-tract/block groups for some access indicators — **not** at incorporated-place (city limits) level with a direct food-insecurity percentage. The Census ACS does publish SNAP/food-stamp receipt at place level (S2201), but USDA/Feeding America's modeled *food-insecurity* estimates are published by **county**. [Feeding America Map+1](#)

What we do know from nearby / county sources (useful for context / proxy)

- **Overall food-insecurity rate (2021 estimate): 8.0%; child food-insecurity: 7.8%.** (This is the county figure; Versailles is the county seat but the city population has higher measured poverty than the county average.) [Kentucky By The Numbers](#)
- **National / State context:** USDA/ERS and Feeding America show food insecurity rose in the early-2020s; national household food-insecurity prevalence in recent reports is in the low- to mid-teens percentage range (US ≈13–14% in recent years depending on source and year). Kentucky's rate has been higher than the national average in recent estimates. [Economic Research Service+1](#)

What this means: While Woodford County food-insecurity is **8.0%**, local indicators (school free/reduced lunch, local reports) suggest concentrated need inside the city,

Other Data: Within city limits (& associated indicators)

- The "State of Woodford County's Assistance Network" mentions that in Versailles approximately **22.2% of city residents live below the poverty line**. [UKnowledge](#)
- USDA's Food Access Research Atlas provides census-tract level data on low income + low access to healthy food ("LILA" tracts), which could cover parts of Versailles; but this doesn't give a food insecurity rate (i.e. % of people without enough food). [Economic Research Service](#)