

# Child Hunger in **NORTH ALABAMA**

More than a fifth of children in North Alabama face hunger each year.

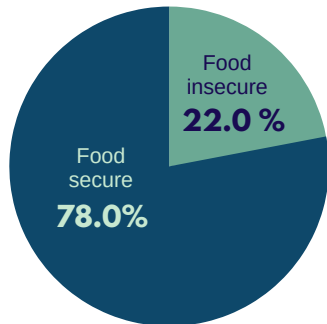
## Why it matters

Food insecure children are at increased risk of

- Depression/Anxiety
- Behavioral Problems
- Delayed cognitive development
- Obesity
- Performance in reading and math

## Current solutions

- 43% of children are eligible for free/reduced price lunches in the 2018-19 school year.
- 203 out of 347 of schools in North Alabama have backpack programs to provide weekend meals.
- 150 summer meal sites served 335,244 meals to 28,396 kids in 2018.



**This means there are 53,590 hungry kids in North Alabama**



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Source: Feeding America  
Map the Meal Gap  
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