Greene County Public Health

Food Access Key Findings

2025 Greene County Community Health Assessment

Food access is a critical component of community health, impacting residents' quality of life and the local healthcare system. In Greene County, the availability of fresh, healthy, and affordable food is a significant concern, particularly for priority populations such as low-income families and those living in food deserts. Limited access to nutritious food can lead to poor dietary habits, higher rates of obesity, and related health issues, placing a strain on local health services.

How We Compare

Topic	Greene County, OH	Ohio	United States
Food insecurity[1] (2023) % of residents	13.7	15.3	14.5
Food stamps[2] (SNAP) (2024) % of households	7.4±1.4	11.6±0.2	11.8±0.05
Free school lunch eligibility[3] (2024) % of students	13.5	17.8	48.0
Households in poverty not receiving food stamps[2] (2024) % of households below the poverty line	62.5±8.5	56.3±1.4	60.2±0.2
SNAP retailers[4] (2025) per 10,000 residents	6.6	8.4	7.8
Grocery store density[5] (2023) stores per 10,000 residents	1.6	1.9	2.1

Food Insecurity

- Greene County has lower food insecurity than the state and country, at 13.7% vs 15.3% and 14.5%[1].
  - Food insecurity has risen among Black and Hispanic/Latino populations in the county from 2021 to 2023.

SNAP Retailers and Grocers

- Greene County has fewer households utilizing SNAP compared to the state, as well as more households in poverty not receiving SNAP.[4]
- The county has fewer SNAP retailers and grocery stores per 10,000 people than the state, with these retailers being focused in the northwest area of the county.[4,5]

Food Accessibility

- 77% of survey respondents felt that healthy food was available nearby, up from 80% in 2022
  - Consumption of recommended daily fruit servings increased from 15% to 30%
  - Consumption of recommended vegetable servings increased from 26% to 33%
  - For 25-35k income households, only 12.1% got recommended daily fruit servings and 14.5% recommended daily vegetable servings
- Respondents citing cost as a barrier to healthy food access increased from 21% in 2022 to 43%.
  - 60.2% for <15k inome households
  - 50% for 15-25k income households
  - 87.2% for 25-35k income households
  - 54.1% for 35-50k income households
  - 50.7% for 50-75k income households

Data Sources: 1.) Feeding America: Map the Meal Gap; 2.) U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey (ACS); 3.) National Center for Education Statistics: Common Core of Data (CCD); 4.) U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Economic Research Service: Food and Nutrition Service; 5.) U.S. Census Bureau: County Business Patterns