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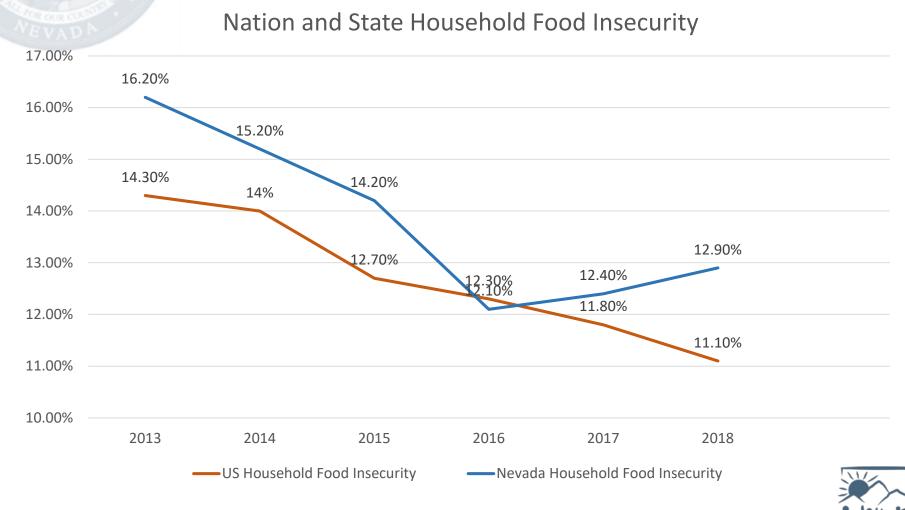
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### Food Insecurity: Defined

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines food insecurity as limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods or uncertain ability to acquire these foods in socially acceptable ways.



#### Pre-COVID- 19: National and State Household Food Insecurity Trends



#### Source: USDA ERS Household Food Security in the United States

#### Post COVID-19: Nevada Food Insecurity

A a recent Feeding America report indicated Nevada as one of the states with the highest rates of projected food insecurity for 2020 versus 2018, and ranked Nevada as number three for states with the highest project percent changes in food insecurity rate between 2018 and 2020.



#### Funds for a Healthy Nevada: Wellness Update

#### Subawardee Update:

- Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada
- Three Square Food Bank
- Money Management, International



Funds for a Healthy Nevada: Recommendations

**Continue initiatives that support self-sufficiency** and food security, including:

- Food assistance/food purchasing programs
- Program referrals and case management

#### **Require future initiatives:**

Focus on enhancing program evaluation and data collection/systems





# Questions?



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