



# Assessing Food Security in Decatur

**Despite large-scale government programs, millions of Americans in the U.S. experience food insecurity: a lack of access to enough food for an active, healthy life.**

In addition, many people do not qualify for federally-funded food programs and need to rely on informal programs such as those offered through the network of Feeding America, the nation’s leading domestic hunger-relief charity. In the community of Decatur, Illinois, recent cuts in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the departure of several large corporations may be straining local resources to meet increasing demands for food in the community.

The proposed study aims to learn more about the needs of the local Decatur community through conducting in-depth interviews with community stakeholders and using census-tract level “Map the Meal Gap” information so that the community is better equipped to develop effective strategies to fight hunger. This project will enable community stakeholders to better develop effective strategies to fight hunger in their community.

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