

# Childhood Hunger Facts

Ionia county has 8,650 food insecure residents.

**3,310 of those are children!**

Montcalm county has 9,980 food insecure residents.

**3,760 of those are children.**

*Data Source: [www.feedingamericawestmichigan.org](http://www.feedingamericawestmichigan.org)*

Ionia County

**1 in 5**

Montcalm County

**1 in 4**

Children live in  
food insecure homes.

## Food Insecurity

**is defined as:**

The state of being without  
reliable access to a sufficient  
quantity of affordable,  
nutritious food.

# Hunger's Impact

## **Living with food insecurity:**

- ⇒ That child who doesn't have enough to eat isn't going to do as well in school,
- ⇒ And is likely to get sick more often,
- ⇒ Is less likely to graduate from high school and go on to college which will have a negative impact on their economic future.
- ⇒ If this happens, then twenty years from now, this child is much less likely to be able to earn enough to feed their family.



**IM KIDS**  
**3rd MEAL**

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