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St. Lawrence County Hunger Facts

19.7% of St. Lawrence County residents live at or below the federal poverty level, making the County one of the poorest in the state. Only Bronx County, at 29.5% is significantly higher.

Source: US Census data

Child hunger:

- 51% of the County's children qualify for a free or reduced-price school lunch and breakfast.
- 7,902 children receive a free or reduced-price lunch at school.
- Only 3,762 children, or 41% of those eligible, also receive a free breakfast at school.
- Only 13% of those eligible receive a free lunch during the summer months when school is out.

Source: Hunger Solutions NY

Food insecurity:

- 15,290 County residents, or 13.6% of the population, are food insecure
- 5,850 children live in food insecure households in St. Lawrence County
- Of the food insecure households, 34% have incomes too high for them to qualify for government assistance.

Source: Feeding America Map the Meal Gap

Food deserts are defined as census tracts where the community is both low-income and at least one-third of the population lives more than 10 miles from a grocery store. Using this definition, St. Lawrence County has eight census tracts that are food deserts. 6,862 people live in these food deserts.

Source: USDA

More than 15,000 County residents are enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly called Food Stamps).

Source: St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services