

# SNAP Fights Hunger in NYS Congressional District #18



SNAP fights hunger, reduces poverty, improves public health, responds to crisis, and bolsters local economies.

## Projected Impacts of COVID-19 on Food Insecurity

### In your district:

**Food insecurity is projected to increase by 50%.**

**Child food insecurity is projected to increase by 57%.**

*Estimate based on Projected Percent Increase in Food Insecurity Rate (2018 to 2020), Feeding America, published 2020*

This data was compiled prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and does not reflect its devastating economic impacts. Projections anticipate a significant increase in the number of people facing hunger.

### Prior to the pandemic, in your district:

**61,500 people faced hunger.**

23,750 of them were children.

*FFY 2018, Feeding America, published 2019*

**21,106 families used SNAP to buy food:**

79% were **working families.**

44% included **children.**

44% included a **senior.**

51% included a **person with a disability.**

*FFY 2018, USDA, published 2020*

**409 retailers accepted SNAP.**

*FFY 2019, CBPP, published 2020*



SNAP helps **low-wage workers** stretch their grocery budget and feed their families.



SNAP helps **children** stay healthy and perform better in school.



SNAP helps **seniors and those with disabilities** maintain good health and nutrition, reducing health care costs.



SNAP benefits are spent quickly and locally at **grocers and farmers' markets**, boosting the economy and sustaining jobs.