



■ DID YOU KNOW?

1 IN 5 IOWA CHILDREN
do not have enough to eat

1 IN 8 IOWANS
are food insecure

Food insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.

Food Bank of Iowa / Feeding America Map the Meal Gap

13.3% of all landfilled waste in Iowa is food waste. In Iowa, the estimated amount of

landfilled food waste increased **61% FROM 1998 TO 2011** and has become the most prevalent municipal solid waste material in landfills. Of the 43 municipal landfills currently operating in Iowa, **ONLY 4 HAVE INTEGRATED FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING** as part of their operation.

Iowa Waste Reduction Center

40%
of food in the US
today goes uneaten.

Americans are throwing
out the equivalent of
**\$165 BILLION
EACH YEAR**

Per the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Reducing food losses by just
15% would be enough food to
**FEED MORE THAN 25
MILLION AMERICANS**

Nearly **70,000** individuals in the Greater Des Moines metro are
FOOD INSECURE.