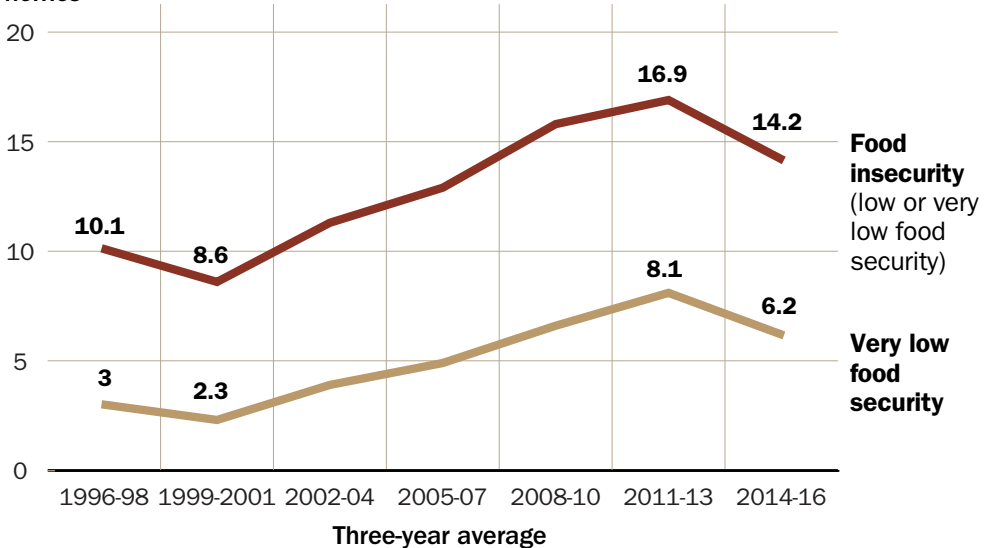


Post-recession, food insecurity among Missouri homes sees piecemeal decline

Although state rates have dipped below recession-level highs in the past few years, they haven't returned to numbers from the mid-'90s, when the government began collecting this data. According to the average from 2015-17, **about 13% of Missouri households are food insecure**, or without consistent access to nutritious food.

Percent of homes



Families in homes with **low** food security report eating lower-quality, less-varied or less-desirable food. Families in homes with **very low** food security had to disrupt their eating patterns and eat less — or possibly skip meals — during the last year.

Note: The ERS calculates state-level rates by averaging three years of data because, for some states, the sample size is too small to provide reliable estimates. New data will be available on the ERS website in September.